To Category II Centres under the auspices of UNESCO and Chairs and UNITWIN Networks

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**Director of the Division of Water Science
Secretary of the Intergovernmental
Hydrological Programme**

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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour to invite you to the 26th session of the Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), which will take place at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 5 to 7 June 2024. This session will be preceded by a Scientific Colloquium entitled "Fifty years of evolution of hydrological science: from science to implementation" on 3 June, and a meeting of water-related category 2 centres and UNESCO Chairs on the future of hydrology, as well as a Structured Financing Dialogue, on 4 June. Information on these events will be provided separately.

The provisional agenda for the 26th session of the IHP Council is enclosed for your attention. During this session, the Council will review the progress of IHP-IX after the first two years. It will also review cooperation on water issues within the UN system and the international water agenda. The Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the IHP and 60 years of water sciences at UNESCO in 2025 will also be an important topic.

The Rules of Procedure of the IHP Intergovernmental Council are available online at the following internet address: https://www.unesco.org/en/ihp/council/rules. The documents for the session will be made available on IHP's website in advance of the Council session.

We would be grateful if you could transmit the names and official addresses of your designated representatives to the IHP Secretariat (e-mail: ihp@unesco.org) by 24 April 2024 at the latest and register them imperatively via Indico through the link https://indico.un.org/e/26th-session-IHP-Intergovernmental-Council, to allow the preparation of a provisional list of participants before the session.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Abou Amani

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