

UNESCO Contribution and Inputs to IFI New Strategy

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Global Space for Action

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030









Current UNESCO Water Actions

UNESCO's Intergovernmental Scientific Cooperative Programme in Hydrology and Water Resources since 1975

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAMME EIGHT PHASE (2014-2021) UNESCO-IHP-VIII: "WATER SECURITY Responses to Local, Regional, and Global Challenges"



- Risk management as adaptation to global changes
- Understanding coupled human and natural processes
- Benefiting from global and local earth observation systems
- Addressing uncertainty and improving its communication
- Improving the scientific basis to extreme hydrological events



Fostering Synergies Between UNESCO Natural Sciences Programmes

- Man and Biosphere programme:
 - Biosphere Reserves









International Geoparks and Geosciences Programme:

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Geopark: territorial entity focusing on

- Natural Resources
- Geological Hazards
- Climate Change
- Education
- Science
- Culture
- Women
- Sustainable Development
- Local and indigenous Knowledge
- Geoconservation





UNESCO Contribution of 3 Pilots Basins

- Davao River Basin, Philippines (Hydrology, Environment Life and Policy and Sustainability Science pilot site)
 - "Enhancing Resilience to Disasters of Urban Water Systems of Mindanao".
- Langat River Basin, Malaysia (Hydrology, Environment Life and Policy and Sustainability Science pilot site)
 - "Establishment of Sustainable Science Demonstration Project on Restoring and Managing Langat River, Malaysia for Future".

- Indus River Basin, Pakistan
 - "Strategic Strengthening of Flood Forecasting and Management Capacity of Pakistan and Afghanistan"





Thank you very much! s.khan@unesco.org