

INTERNATIONAL FLOOD INITIATIVE

In Close Collaboration with:



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



International
Hydrological Programme



World
Meteorological
Organization



International Strategy
ISDR
for Disaster Reduction



UNITED NATIONS
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A Joint Initiative

UNESCO and WMO, building on past cooperative successes, launched the International Flood Initiative (IFI) to address existing management gaps through a holistic approach and to provide a platform for further collaborative efforts. IFI is also working in close collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU), the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR). UN agencies working on other aspects of flood management will also be invited to contribute to the initiative.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE INTERNATIONAL FLOOD INITIATIVE (IFI) PROMOTES AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO FLOOD MANAGEMENT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS OF FLOODS AND USE OF FLOOD PLAINS WHILE REDUCING THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC RISKS.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the initiative is to build the capacity necessary to understand and better respond to flood hazards, vulnerabilities and benefits.



IFI'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Living with Floods**
- **Equity**
- **Empowered participation**
- **Inter-disciplinarity and Trans-sectorality**
- **International and regional cooperation**

Administration

Management Committee (IFI-MC):

UNESCO, WMO, ISDR, UNU, IAHS, IAHR, IIASA , ICLR & ICHARM

Advisory Committee (Secretariat at ICHARM):

UNESCO-IHP, WMO-CHy, UN/ISDR, UNU

The secretariat is based in the
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IFI Establishment

Predatory meeting Tsukuba-2004



IFI-AC meeting Paris-2006



The first meeting of the Management Committee and Advisory Committee of the International Flood Initiative (IFI) was held on 26 January 2007 at WMO, Geneva. The draft plan of the IFI was officially adopted and ICHARM started to work as the secretariat of the IFI.

FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF IFI

VULNERABILITY

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE AND PARTICIPATION

PEOPLE-CENTERED EARLY WARNING AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT