1. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE PERIOD JUNE 2012 – MAY 2014

1.1 Meetings of the IHP National Committee

1.1.1 Decisions regarding the composition of the IHP National Committee
Turkish IHP National Committee will be close contact with Turkish National Commission for UNESCO.

Turkish IHP National Committee will be reorganized in a way to collaborate all of the related water institutions and Universities and Research centers. such as General Directorate of Water Management, Water Institute, General Directorate of Meteorological Services, Hacettepe University, International Karst Water Sources Research and Application Center.

1.1.2 Status of IHP-VII activities (including IHP-VIII activities if applicable)

Studies on adaptation of the Strategic Plan to Turkey is ongoing.

1.2 Activities at national level in the framework of the IHP

1.2.1 National/local scientific and technical meetings

Meetings held in the June 2012-May2014 period are as follows;


- D8 Water Cooperation Meeting With a Special Focus to Egypt and Nigeria, 21-22 February 2013.


- 3rd National Flood Symposium, 29-30 April 2013, İstanbul.

- Sharing Experiences for Karst Water Resources in the Middle East Workshop, 26-30 May 2013, Hacettepe University, International Karst Water Sources Research and Application Center, Ankara.

- 7th Hydrology Congress, 26-27 September 2013, Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta.
-First World Irrigation Forum, 29 September-5 Ekim 2013, Mardin.

-Water Safety and Turkey in the 21st Century Workshop, 12-13 December 2013, Middle East Technical University, Ankara.


-Irrigation and Drainage in the Changing World: Global Food Safety Challenges and Opportunities Meeting, 29 September-5 October 2014, Mardin.


1.2.2 Participation in IHP Steering Committees/Working Groups

1.2.3 Research/applied projects supported or sponsored

“Assessment of Risk and Uncertainty related to Coastal Aquifers Management in the Mediterranean: Country Report-Turkey” is under preparation within the context of the MedPartnership sub-component of the UNESCO IHP.

1.2.4 Collaboration with other national and international organizations and/or programmes

There is close collaboration with WMO, IAHS, and Medpartnership.

1.2.5 Other initiatives

**1.3 Educational and training courses**

1.3.1 Contribution to IHP courses

1.3.2 Organization of specific courses

Following courses were hosted;

-Course on Cooperation Opportunities for participants from Gabon, 11 September 2012, Ankara.

-Course on Cooperation Opportunities for participants from Burkina Faso, 20 May 2013, Ankara.
- More than 300 engineers have received training at The Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) from various countries such as Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Ghana.
- The Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) gave trainings to the personnel of the Azerbaijan State Water Company AZERSU in the years 2012 and 2013 mainly in the fields of water and wastewater treatment and management. Total personnel trained were 240.
- The Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) organized a training programme in water and wastewater management and technologies to a group of 9 senior officials from the Republic of Ghana Water Resources, Works and Housing Ministry between 28 April – 3 May 2014. The delegation also undertook site visits to the treatment facilities operated by the Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI) to observe the successful implementations and practices in place. Certificates were handed out to each participant at the end of the programme. The programme was carried out in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and it is the target to deliver similar training programmes to other countries in Africa.
- SUEN hosted a delegation of 6 senior officials from the Afghan Energy and Water Resources Ministry between 17 and 22 March 2014. The programme topic was Integrated Water Resources Management and was financed by the USA donor agency USAID.
- SUEN gave trainings to the engineers from several water and sewerage companies from Saudi Arabia in 2013 and 2014.

1.3.3 Participation in IHP courses

1.4 Cooperation with the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and/or international/regional water centres under the auspices of UNESCO

1.5 Publications

There are number of papers and books published in the field of water resources field.

1.6 Participation in international scientific meetings

1.6.1 Meetings hosted by the country

European Group of Basin Organizations EUROPE-INBO, 17-19 October 2012, Istanbul, Turkey.

1.6.2 Participation in meetings abroad

Hydrology Forum, 8-10 May 2012, WMO, Germany.

1.7 Other activities at regional level

1.7.1 Institutional relations/cooperation
There is close cooperation with Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Development, Scientific and Technological Research Center of Turkey, Universities, and other water related institutions.

1.7.2 Completed and ongoing scientific projects

2. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

2.1 Activities planned until December 2014

Completion of the reorganization and preparation of regulation are the main short term targets.

2.2 Activities foreseen for 2015-2016

12th Session of The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Meeting will be held in Turkey in 2015.

8th National Hydrology Congress will be held in Şanlıurfa in 2015.

It is planned to organize an education program related to UNESCO-IHP and IHE activities.

2.3 Activities envisaged in the long term

4th International İstanbul Water Forum will be held in İstanbul in 2017.