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IAHS PUB Initiative: A Historical Perspective and a Report Card.

In this presentation I will provide a personal perspective of the origins of the IAHS PUB initiative, the deliberations that ultimately led to development and ultimate acceptance of the PUB Science Plan. In particular I will describe the compulsions that led to the adoption of many of the underlying organizing principles and the science themes, and how these may have contributed to the wide acceptance of and excitement towards PUB internationally. Did PUB deliver on its promise? The answer is not obvious, and depends on one's perspective. A dispassionate assessment will be very valuable as the IAHS embarks on another decadal initiative focused on predictions under human-induced change. For my part, I will begin this needed discussion with my own personal perspective of the achievements of PUB so far.