

World Water Day 2010 Activities in the Caribbean

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C)

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean's (GWP-C's) video *"Water: Is there enough for tomorrow?"* a project done in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC) and GWP-C's partner the National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST) began airing on various television stations in Trinidad and Tobago from March 15th, 2010 and will continue to air throughout the week of World Water Day (WWD). The video *"Water: Is there enough for tomorrow?"* focuses on the importance and value of water conservation and incorporates the principles and benefits of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). The video has great relevance, in light of the current water crisis in the Caribbean region and in commemorating World Water Day 2010.

WORLD WATER DAY 2010 ACTIVITIES IN TRINIDAD

- GWP-C's partners, the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) and the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) of Trinidad and Tobago in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Services and other agencies will be hosting a two-day exhibition (March 22nd-23rd) commemorating WWD and World Meteorological Day 2010.
- WASA also has an exhibition in observance of WWD at the National Library of Trinidad and Tobago. The exhibition began on March 15th and will run until March 26th.

GWP-C's video *"Water: Is there enough for tomorrow?"* is scheduled to be shown at these two exhibitions.

WORLD WATER DAY 2010 ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA

World Water Day (WWD) 2010 will be commemorated on Monday, March 22nd under the theme *"Clean Water for a Healthy World."* The event will be held at the Mona Reservoir Grounds which is managed by the National Water Commission a GWP-C partner in Jamaica.

The Water Resources Authority (WRA) another GWP-C partner, in collaboration with other national agencies will lead a series of activities to celebrate the day. The participating agencies are as follows:

- National Water Commission (NWC) [GWP-C Partner]
- National Irrigation Commission (NIC) [GWP-C Partner]

- National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)
- Rural Water Supply Limited (RWSL)
- Ministry of Water and Housing (MoWH)
- Ministry of Health-Environmental Health Unit (MoH-EHU)
- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

The event will include two outside broadcasts from prominent radio stations in Jamaica as well as an exhibition celebrating WWD by at least six (6) agencies.

Other activities include:

- The launch of the “Water Quality Monitoring Programme” by two schools on the Salt and Hope Rivers in the World Water Monitoring Programme using kits purchased by the Water Resources Authority (WRA).
- Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the many partners and the Drivers River Watershed Community Management team (Integrating Watershed and Coastal Area Management (IWCAM) project).
- Hosting of the “Water Quality” Workshop for the Port Royal protected area.
- Radio and Television interviews.
- Quizzes on water quality for children visiting the exhibition with prizes for winners.

WORLD WATER DAY 2010 ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA

- In celebrating WWD in Guyana, GWP-C’s partner, the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) in collaboration with the World Wide Fund (WWF)-Guianas, issued a print advertisement which will be featured in various newspapers in Guyana on WWD. The advertisement contains key strategic messages about water conservation and access to safe/clean water. Please see the advertisement below:



World Water Day



Messages from GWI and WWF Guianas "Clean Water for a Healthy World"



Today marks the annual international observance of World Water Day. March 22 was designated World Day for Water by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992. Annually, nations devote this Day to implement activities that focus on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainability of freshwater resources.

Message from Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI)

Yearly, 1,500 cubic kilometers of wastewater is produced globally. In developing countries, 80% of all waste is being discharged untreated resulting in large scale water pollution. Additionally, population and industrial growth add to pollution and increased demand for clean water. Pollution adversely limits the water available for drinking and agricultural purposes, while creating health issues such as diarrhea. Only 3% of the world's water is suitable for human consumption. This limited percentage is slowly being depleted due to water pollution and the current El Nino crisis. Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) urges Guyanese to help in maintaining the world's fresh water. Take the WATER WISE pledge NOW!

GWI and WWF Guianas WATER WISE Pledge

I pledge to be water wise and utilize these conservation methods



Desist from washing my yard, driveway, pavement and vehicle (*Use a hard broom for your yard and a damp cloth for your car*)



Repair all leaks in my home (*a dripping faucet wastes 18 gallons of water per day*)



Designate one glass for my drinking water purposes (*save water by washing less utensils*)



Desist from using a hose or power jet spray. Buckets help you to manage the amount of water you use and curb wastage.



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Water is vital for both humans and the natural environment. Protecting water quality is also important for sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being. Preventing water contamination is generally

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cheaper than cleaning up water after contamination. Safeguarding our water quality can only be attained when we all become actively involved in reducing pollution and protecting our water

systems. We encourage all to play their part in ensuring there is safe water for all of us, by protecting the sources such as natural wetlands, river systems and water conservancies.

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- Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) along with the World Wide Fund (WWF)-Guianas and the Environmental Protection Agency of Guyana, will put on a five-day children's workshop based on the WWD 2010 theme "Clean Water for a Healthy World." The following is the press release which provides details on the event which begins on WWD, March 22nd:



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GWI, WWF – GUIANAS AND EPA JOIN FORCES FOR WORLD WATER DAY

Five Day Children's Workshop planned under the theme: "Clean Water for a Healthy World"

Friday, March 19, 2010 – Georgetown, Guyana: Guyana Water Incorporated, GWI, the nation's supplier of water and sanitation services, hosted a World Water Day Observance, in collaboration with World Wild Life Fund – Guianas and the Environmental Protection Agency, today Friday, March 19, 2010. The event also served to launch a five day workshop being held by GWI in partnership with the two entities for primary school children, ages 7-9.

The workshop which will commence on World Water Day, March 22, is being described by GWI's Chief Executive, Yuri Chandisingh as the best forum to create more awareness about the great strides being made by the Company to improve water quality. "We find that children are the best group to spread our message," stated the CE, "and while GWI has taken great steps to improve water quality, including the creation of several new iron removal plants, customers have a large part to play in ensuring that the water they consume is safe."

Commenting on the 2010 theme, "Clean Water for a Healthy World" the CE noted that "GWI regularly tests all of its production sites to ensure that water leaving our well stations and treatment plants is bacteriologically safe, however, customers must ensure that they practice proper hygiene to avoid contamination."

He further stated that this year's World Water Day theme is quite timely since GWI has stepped up its Education programme to foster awareness about the need for customers to practice basic water safety measures such as consistently cleaning containers used for storage including black tanks, buckets and drums. "Leaks also compromise water quality," stated the CE, "customers must partner with GWI to ensure that leaks are reported and repaired promptly to avoid contaminated water."

The five day workshop is an extension of GWI's ongoing "H2O Kidz n' Action" School Programme, and will involve students of St. Gabriel's Primary, St. Agnes, St. Sidwell's, Stella Maris and North Georgetown Primary.

At the ceremony WWF – Guianas Country Manager, Dr. Patrick Williams officially presented Hon. Minister Ifaan Ali with the entity's contribution to the workshop which included educational materials, tokens and prizes. The EPA will also aid in the workshop in the form of special presentations focused on water and the environment. GWI aims to utilize the upcoming workshop to further increase awareness about the on-going El Nino crisis, which continues to deplete sources of water supply utilized by the entity.

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WORLD WATER DAY 2010 ACTIVITIES IN DOMINICA

Based on the WWD 2010 theme "*Clean Water for a Healthy World*", GWP-C's Partner, the Dominica Water and Sewerage Company Limited (DOWASCO) have planned the following activities:

- Radio Address by Minister responsible for Water Resource Management in Dominica
- Radio Talk Show
- School presentations
- Public Service Announcements on Radio Stations {Please see these messages below}

Public Service Messages

Theme:

"Clean Water for a Healthy World"

1. Water quality is essential for our health. It touches on the health of our communities, food produced, economic activities, ecosystem health and biodiversity.
2. The protection of our water quality is a shared responsibility. Be a steward and not a polluter of our precious resource - clean water.
3. Our rivers enrich our culture through recreation, ecotourism, aesthetic pleasure and spiritual enrichment.
4. Clean water is essential for economic growth and development. It ensures people's health and secures their livelihoods.
5. People need clean fresh water in all aspects of their lives including in the home - for drinking, food preparation, cleaning and family care.
6. People need clean fresh water in all aspects of their lives including on the farm - for agricultural production, animal husbandry and aquaculture.
7. People need clean fresh water in all aspects of their lives including at work - for industrial processes and chemical manufacturing.
8. People need clean fresh water in all aspects of their lives including throughout society - for health care and public hygiene.
9. Keep our rivers clean. Dispose of hazardous waste properly, do not dump garbage on the streets or in our drains.

10. Protect our watershed and catchment areas. Avoid cutting trees and shrubs along the banks of our rivers.