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National Water Financing Workshop

Stakeholders in St. Lucia to Receive Training in Water Financing

Over thirty (30) policy makers from Ministries of Public Utilities and Finance as well as from other government agencies, the private sector, NGOs, water and wastewater managers, legal practitioners and other stakeholders will be trained in Water Financing in a two-day workshop to be held in St. Lucia on May 28th and 29th, 2013 at the Coco Palm Resort.

The national training workshop entitled “*Economic and Financial Instruments for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)*” is being hosted by the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) in collaboration with the National Water and Sewerage Commission (NWSC) of St. Lucia.

Addressing stakeholders in an opening ceremony preceding the start of the Water Financing workshop will be Mr. Sylvester Clauzel, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology of St. Lucia. Other speakers will include Executives of the GWP-C and the NWSC.

Financing and good water governance are inextricably linked and play a pivotal role in improving the provision of water resources. The training workshop therefore aims to transfer knowledge and tools to participants to build their awareness on the economic and financial instruments for water financing and to teach them what is needed to implement valuable financing arrangements in the water sector.

With the training received over the two-day period, it is expected that stakeholders will be able to identify feasible strategies for affordable financing of water and wastewater infrastructure; be able to critically examine specific institutional and policy reforms that could enable increases of financial flows to the water sector; foster understanding and formulation of enabling mechanisms to finance development and maintenance works in the water sector; among other skills.

This is the first time that the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) is holding its Water Financing workshop in St. Lucia. Other installments of the training have been carried out by the GWP-C in Grenada, St. Kitts and Suriname.

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