

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean Supports National Stakeholder Consultations in Jamaica for the Draft National Water Sector Policy and Implementation Plan

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) in partnership with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) is implementing a Water Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) for the Caribbean.

WACDEP aims to support the adaptation of Caribbean countries to climate variability and change through the implementation of better water policies, strategies, programmes and water-related adaptation actions defined in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Plan for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change.

Jamaica is one of the WACDEP focal countries in 2014 and the GWP-C is therefore providing support for activities carried out by national agencies and organisations which foster climate resilience in the Jamaican water sector. This includes the development of appropriate legal frameworks, policies, strategies and sectoral plans.

GWP-C commends the efforts of the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change who produced the recently completed Draft National Water Sector Policy and Implementation Plan for Jamaica, which emphasises climate adaptation aspects.



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We are therefore pleased to partner with the Ministry in the finalisation and adoption of the revised Water Policy, through our support of National Stakeholder Consultations throughout Jamaica in April, on the Draft Policy and Plan.

We also welcome the opportunity to work with our GWP-C network partners in Jamaica who are actively engaged in the policy document revision process. These organisations include: the Water Resources Authority, the National Water Commission, the National Irrigation Commission Limited, the Rural Agricultural Development Authority and the Rural Water Supply Limited.

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) was established in 2004 and is 1 of 13 Regional Water Partnerships of the Global Water Partnership (GWP). GWP-C currently has more than 80 partner organisations spanning the English, Spanish, French and Dutch Caribbean, as well as partners in North America. GWP-C is committed to working with its partners to build a water secure Caribbean.

For more information on the GWP-C WACDEP go to www.gwp-caribbean.org or send an e-mail to wacdep@gwp-caribbean.org



IWRM is a holistic approach to managing water that takes into account that different uses of water are interdependent. The approach is grounded in the understanding that water resources is an integral component of the eco-system, a natural resource, and a social and economic good.

The mission of the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) is to support Caribbean countries in the sustainable development and management of their water resources at the community, national and regional levels.

Established in 2004, GWP-C is 1 of 13 Regional Water Partnerships of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), a network of over 2500 partners worldwide, all working to foster **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)**.

Partners are the basis on which the GWP-C network is constructed and operates. GWP-C therefore works with its partners to promote and strengthen interaction and coordination at all levels and across different sectors to sustain IWRM in the Caribbean.

GWP-C has more than 80 partners from the following countries: Anguilla, Antigua, Aruba, The Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, The United States Virgin Islands, The United States of America and Canada.

Our Key Objectives

1. To promote IWRM as the approach to water resources management in the Caribbean region and to obtain national commitment towards IWRM implementation.
2. To improve water governance in the Caribbean through the promotion, enhancement and effective implementation of legislation, policies and programmes on IWRM.
3. To promote public participation in the management of water resources through capacity building and information sharing at the community, national and regional levels.
4. To establish proactive alliances in water resources management that are representative, gender sensitive and participatory at the community, country and regional levels.

Our Activities

Convening Power

- Annual High Level Session (HLS) with Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water and senior officials from various sectors. The HLS is a joint initiative of the GWP-C and its partner, the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA).

Advocacy

- Engages in and develops activities aimed at building awareness on the implementation of IWRM in the Caribbean.
- Promotes water security and climate resilience in the Caribbean.

Capacity Building

- Provides training and technical expertise in a range of water-related areas.

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