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Knowledge Sharing Session on Tools and Resources for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Caribbean

Caribbean Partners in Water and Wastewater to Launch New Tools and Resources to Benefit the Region's Water Sector

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C), the United Nations Environment Programme, Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP-CAR/RCU) and the Global Environment Facility's Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management (GEF CReW) are partnering to host a Knowledge Sharing Session on New Tools and Resources for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the Caribbean.

IWRM is an holistic approach to managing water that takes into consideration that different uses of water are interdependent. IWRM means that water allocations and management decisions consider the effects of each use on the other. Essentially, the approach is grounded in the understanding that water resources are an integral component of the ecosystem, a natural resource, and a social and economic good.

The Session will be held in Barbados at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel on April 29th, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and forms part of a two-day Regional Meeting of Partners in the Water and Wastewater Sector in the Caribbean led by the GWP-C, the UNEP-CAR/RCU and the GEF CReW.

The regional agencies hosting this unique Knowledge Sharing Session aim to highlight and launch recently developed Caribbean IWRM knowledge products which focus on tools geared toward building climate resilience in the Caribbean water sector, as well as, resources for wastewater sector professionals.

This includes products developed under the Caribbean Climate Online Risk and Adaptation Tool (CCORAL)-Water initiative, a joint collaboration between GWP-C and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network. The Session will also showcase wastewater videos and materials from the GEF CReW, an effluent discharge database and other resources.

Representatives from more than fifty (50) regional and national agencies in water and wastewater management are scheduled to attend the Session.

The media is invited to the Knowledge Sharing Session. For more information on the event contact:

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