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**NAWASA launches World Water Day Activities**

**Friday February 15, 2013:** The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) today launched its World Water Day Activities at its Boardroom on the Carenage, St. George.

World Water Day will be observed on Friday March 22nd 2013 under the theme: “Water Cooperation”. Activities planned are intended to involve all of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique with a special focus on gaining the participation of students and providing opportunity for them to have a voice on the issue of Water Cooperation.

This willbe facilitatedvia a **Poster Competition** which requires students between the ages of 9 - 15 to create visuals depicting examples of Water Cooperation in their communities, Water Cooperation in relation to economic benefits and economic benefits and Water Cooperation as it relates to preserving water resources and protecting the environment.

Poster entries will be accepted from World Water Day, March 22, 2013 and final submission deadline is July 1st, 2013. Judging will occur by August 16th, 2013 and Winners notified by September 2nd, 2013.

Prizes of a tablet computer, digital camera and art supplies will be allocated to the first, second and third place winners respectively.

All schools throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique are also invited to actively be a part of encouraging innovation and change in water practices via the **Water Use Efficiency Project.** For this project schools are required to identify areas within the school where water wastage exists and make a submission suggesting appropriate measures that may be taken to minimise excess consumption of water and to reduce wastage in those areas. Schools are especially encouraged to submit projects maximising the use of rainwater **or** grey water recovery and use.

The **Water Use Efficiency Project** competition is open immediately, February 15th, 2013 and the deadline for submissions is March 8th 2013.

Only one school will be chosen as the winner and NAWASA will work with that school to implement the project providing support in both cash and expertise.

For all customersthe popular **Free Reconnection Programme** will be repeated this year providing amnesty from the customary reconnection fee and the opportunity to develop a payment plan for any outstanding arrears.

**Internationally, World Water Day is observed annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The event is one of the biggest on NAWASA’s calendar. The Authority is excited about the possibilities for advocacy, education and change and look forward to active participation in this years’ activities.**

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