



10th HIGH LEVEL FORUM (HLF) OF CARIBBEAN MINISTERS OF WATER

*Caribbean Water Security – Risks and Opportunities*

Paradise Island, The Bahamas

October 9 - 10, 2014

**Recommendations of the 10<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum (HLF) of the Caribbean Ministers with Responsibility for Water**

**Recognising** the vital importance and priority that water should occupy in order to ensure long term water security as a driver of economic and social development and building **adaptive capacity and resilience to climate change impacts** in the Caribbean region;

**Reaffirming** the significance accorded to water and wastewater in the SAMOA Pathway and the Post 2015 Development Agenda;

**Mindful of** the importance and increasing urgency of addressing the crisis of water scarcity, wastewater management and the health challenges they pose in the Caribbean region,

**Noting** the significant achievements of the High Level Forum (HLF) over the last decade in raising awareness on the important role of water to the national development of Caribbean countries;

**Recognizing** that high level political leadership is key for meeting water security challenges faced by the Caribbean countries;

**Reaffirming the** COTED Decision on Water Management issues, 17-18 April 2008;

**Mindful also** of the need to mobilise external financial resources to establish strategic plans and programmes to implement the Decisions reached at the HLF and the need to strengthen our regional and international partnerships;

**Acknowledging** the participation and contribution of the Overseas Territories to the HLF and their challenges experienced in accessing funding

We, the Ministers with responsibility for water in our respective countries together with our regional partners recognise the summary of the proceedings hereby:

1. **Commit** ourselves to make all necessary efforts to convey to our Cabinets the recommendations made at the HLF;

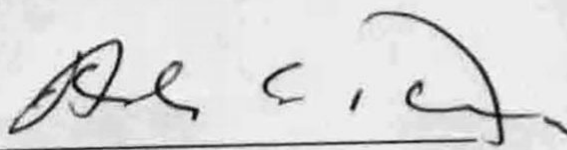


2. **Request** the GWP-C, CWWA and UNEP RCU and its Partners (hereinafter called the Facilitating Partners) to convene a Closed Ministerial Session within the HLF for Caribbean Ministers of Water for the purpose of collaboration on matters related to water;
3. **Request** the Facilitating partners to prepare an Informational Note including but not limited to joint investment, research and development and procurement for the guidance of Ministers in making representation to their Cabinet;
4. **Request** the Facilitating Partners to provide human resources to support the CARICOM Secretariat in the implementation of the decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> HLF as appropriate;
5. **Request** the Facilitating Partners to convey the recommendations of the 10<sup>th</sup> HLF to CARICOM for the purpose of presenting them to the COTED and ensuring that water is represented as a critical portfolio;
6. **Request** the Facilitating Partners to initiate a process to establish a CARICOM Ministers of Water within the COTED with the necessary linkages to COHSOD that will provide political leadership, policy direction and advocacy in the provision, use and management of water resources for sustainable social and economic development of the CARICOM member states.


**Done on 10 October 2014, Nassau, Bahamas**

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

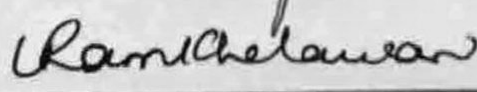
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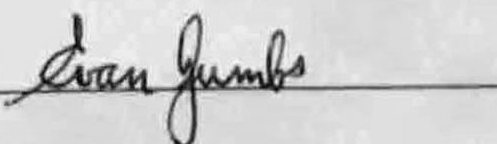
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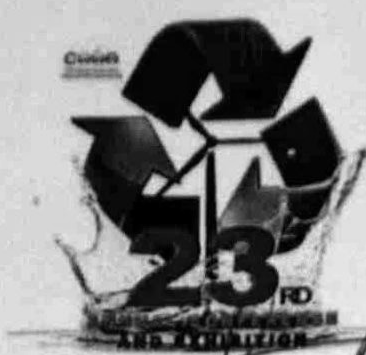


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