

World Water Day 2012 Activities in the Caribbean

GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP-CARIBBEAN (GWP-C)

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) will commemorate World Water Day (WWD) 2012 through the following activities:

1. On March 5th, 2012, Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) launched its first “Media Awards on Water” in observance of WWD and to inspire Caribbean journalists to report more on water issues in the region. The competition which runs until April 10th, 2012 challenges Caribbean journalists in the areas of print, television radio and multimedia to produce original material on the 2012 WWD’s theme “Water and Food Security” or several other water related themes outlined within the competition’s guidelines, including Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).
2. GWP-C will be participating in the Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) of Trinidad and Tobago’s WWD Exhibition on March 21st, 2012. Apart from commemorating WWD which is celebrated on March 22nd each year, the event is also being held in observance of World Forestry Day on March 21st and World Meteorological Day on March 23rd, 2012. GWP-C along with the WASA; the Ministry of Forestry; the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Services; various water agencies; government agencies; and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Trinidad and Tobago, will have exhibition booths at the event.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN ANTIGUA

In observance of World Water Day (WWD) on March 22nd, 2012, GWP-C’s partner, the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) has planned the following activities:

1. A WWD address by the Minister of Public Utilities of Antigua or his designate.
2. A WWD Fun Walk hosted by the APUA’s Health Safety and Wellness Committee and the Water Business Unit. The Walk is aimed at sensitising persons on the plight of many who have to walk long distances to obtain potable water.
3. A “Water Conservation” presentation will be given at two secondary schools on Friday, March 23rd, 2012.
4. A tour of the APUA’s water treatment facilities at Fryyes Beach in Antigua by three schools as well as presentations to assist them with their Caribbean Examinations Council (C.X.C.) school-based assessments.
5. An exhibition to commemorate WWD at the Sandals Resort in Antigua, inclusive of a presentation.
6. Presentation to hotel guests and members of the public at the Grand Pineapple Hotel in Antigua.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN GRENADA

In observance of World Water Day (WWD) on March 22nd, 2012, GWP-C's partner, the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) - Grenada Chapter will adopt the St. Martin's Home for the Aged in the area of Crochu, St. Andrew's on WWD. On that day, the CWWA will assist with the Home's water and wastewater needs, repairing of pipes, plumbing fixtures and the installation of a water tank to harvest rainwater.

To commemorate WWD, GWP-C's partner the National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) have planned the following activities:

1. A Free Reconnection Promotion - On WWD only, disconnected domestic customers will be offered free reconnection.
2. A Conservation March - On March 23rd, a march in observance of WWD will take place. The march which will start in the area of Grenville and end in Victoria Park, St. Andrew will culminate in a cultural event at the Park with various schools from across the country. The event aims to engage students of all ages in water conservation discussions and reinforce the essential practice of water conservation and also inspire students to use innovative ways to conserve water. Prizes will be awarded to the best organised school; the best banner; the best placard; and the best march past portrayal.
3. A Facebook Competition - A trivia competition about WWD, water conservation, food security and NAWASA. To participate, persons must visit the NAWASA's facebook page and post the answer to the question of the day.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA

In observance of WWD 2012, various water stakeholders in Guyana participated in a panel discussion on "Water and Food Security" for broadcast on local television. The event was coordinated by GWP-C's partner the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) and comprised of panelist from GWI, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF-Guianas), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO).

On WWD, GWI in conjunction with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), PAHO, WWF-Guianas, EPA, FAO and the Ministry of Health will host a special symposium aimed at educating high school students on "Water and Food Security."

The symposium will involve in excess of fifty (50) students from various high schools in Guyana and will expose them to a series of interactive presentations and activities highlighting the importance of water conservation and protection of freshwater resources with the overarching theme of preserving freshwater supplies to maintain food security. Honourable Ministers Irfaan Ali and Leslie Ramsammy attended the launch of the symposium and urged the students participating to spread the message of protecting our freshwater resources.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA

GWP-C's partner, the Water Resources Authority (WRA) of Jamaica has planned various activities in observance of World Water Day (WWD) 2012. These activities include:

1. An open day/exhibition on the 2012 WWD theme "Water and Food Security." The exhibition will focus on rainwater harvesting as an alternative to piped water and live outside broadcasts will be done on Radio Jamaica and Power 106.
2. Features in two daily papers (the Jamaica Gleaner and Observer) with editorial content provided by stakeholders such as the Water Resources Authority (GWP-C Partner), the National Water Commission (GWP-C Partner), the National Irrigation Commission (GWP-C Partner) and the National Environment and Planning Agency.
3. Interviews on several radio and television morning programmes such as Calling Farmers, Smile Jamaica on Television Jamaica (TVJ) and CVM at Sunrise.
4. In an attempt to target children, an episode of the television programme "Kids Say" which airs on Television Jamaica (TVJ) focused on the importance of water and water conservation. On "Kids Say" children from across Jamaica speak openly on various topics.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

GWP-C's partner, the St. Kitts Water Services Department (WSD) is hosting a week of activities from March 18th - 24th to celebrate World Water Day (WWD) 2012. The following is a list of the scheduled activities by the WSD:

1. Ministerial speech/statement on the commemoration of WWD 2012 in St. Kitts and Nevis on television and radio stations.
2. WSD staff will be engaging the community by visiting both primary and secondary schools on "Water and Food Security."
3. WSD staff will also make appearances on various radio and television programmes to speak about the importance of water and its link to food security.
4. WSD will host a joint activity with the Department of Agriculture and Taiwan Technical Mission at an agro-processing facility in the area of Needsmust. The event will include:
 - Guided tours of the agro-processing facility.
 - Sampling of local juices produced at the facility.
 - An information booth with posters and brochures.
 - Meeting key staff from both the Water and Agriculture Departments.
 - A feature demonstration of water conservation practices and irrigation technologies.
5. A guided tour to Stonefort water source.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN ST. LUCIA

The following is a list of activities planned by the Water Resource Management Agency (WRMA) of St. Lucia to commemorate World Water Day (WWD) 2012:

1. Advertisement on WWD 2012 and surrounding water issues to be published in the Voice newspaper.
2. Articles from water related agencies regarding “Water and Food Security” to be published in the Star, Voice and Mirror newspapers.
3. WWD rubber stamp to be used at the General Post Office on all outgoing mail in order to promote public awareness.
4. Delivery of public address on WWD on March 22nd, 2012 by St. Lucia’s Minister of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology.
5. Presentations to be made to students at the Dennery School by March 31st, 2012.
6. Radio announcements to be made regarding WWD on March 22nd, 2012 on Radio St. Lucia.
7. A 15-minute radio interview for the “Agriculture-In-Focus” programme to be aired on Radio St. Lucia.
8. A 30-minute Government Information Service (GIS) programme to be shown on local television where panelists will discuss water and food security.
9. A 30-minute interview on “Discourse” to be aired on Choice TV on March 20th, 2012.
10. A discussion on water and food security on “NewsSpin” to air on WWD on Radio Caribbean International (RCI) in St. Lucia.

WORLD WATER DAY 2012 ACTIVITIES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

To celebrate World Water Day (WWD) 2012, GWP-C’s partner, the Women, Gender and Water Network will be hosting an interactive workshop and puppet show for children under the theme “Gender, Climate Change and Water.” The activity will take place on March 23rd, 2012 at the Matelot Community Roman Catholic Primary School in Trinidad.

Also in Trinidad, GWP-C’s partner, the National Institute of Higher Education Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST) will be visiting primary and secondary schools in rural areas on WWD to share information on water conservation. The school visits fall within the framework of a NIHERST project aimed at establishing rainwater harvesting systems for more than ten (10) primary and secondary schools in rural areas in Trinidad.