**World Water Day 2013 in Jamaica**

World Water Day activities in Jamaica will consist of an

exposition of the many agencies of the Ministry of Water,

Land, Environment and Climate Change (MWLECC) over two

days March 22 and 23-World Water Day and World Met Day

respectively. The Expo will have as its theme "Partnering

for Sustainable Development"

Preceding the Expo there will be an activity on the 21

March to mark International Forest Day and the 75th

anniversary of the Jamaican Forestry Department where a

public forum will be held to discuss the importance of

Forests to the Environment. This will be at the Terra Nova

All Suites Hotel starting at 4pm.

World Water Day will be celebrated around the theme

"Cooperation in Water-Buildng Partnerships" and will

include an exhibition at the MWLECC Expo, appearance on

Television Jamaica "Smile Jamaica" morning programme to

discuss water issues, an outside broadcast on radio from

the expo to deal with the matter of cooperation in water

among public and private sectors in the IWRM programme.

There will be discussion fora, an award ceremony for the

MWLECC climate change poster competition and other

activities.

In additon the National Water Commission will open some of

its water treatment facilities across the island for tours

by students to increase their knowledge of water supply

and the need for conservation especially during this dry

season. The National Environment and Planning Agency

(NEPA) will be planting trees in in three parishes and

will be hosting environmental awareness sessions at

several schools.

The Jamaica Conservation Development Trust will stage a

World Water Day lapaton at the Mona Reservoir on Saturday

starting at 6am to raise funds for the management of the

Blue and John Crow Mountain National Parks.

The Jamaica Environmental Trust (JET) an NGO will launch

its fourth annual Jamaica Environmental Action Awards.

Awardees will have demonstrated innovative and effective

efforts aimed at protecting Jamaica's environment

including water conservation. Nominations are open to

individuals and groups from public and private sectors.

Saturday World Met Day March 23 will include another

outside broadcast on radio from the Expo and the day will

be capped with presentations by Voices for Climate Change.