



Climate-proofing water investment in the Caribbean

Stakeholder briefing note

January 2015

Project information

Project name

'Climate-proofing water investment in the Caribbean'

Project purpose

The overall purpose of the project is to mainstream climate compatible development into core decision making and implementation within the Caribbean water sector.

Implementing agencies

Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and Global Water Partnership Caribbean (GWP-C) with support from the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).

Duration

January 2015 – January 2016

Key stakeholders

Regional agencies working on water issues including water resources, water services, disaster risk reduction, environment and land use planning. Regional and international funding agencies.

“ *Building resilience requires transformation change and mobilisation of scarce resources* ”
Implementation Plan (IP) for the Regional Framework

Summary

This briefing note provides an overview of the joint Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and Global Water Partnership Caribbean (GWP-C) initiative for *'Climate-proofing water investment in the Caribbean'*.

The overall purpose of the initiative is to mainstream climate compatible development (CCD) into core decision making and implementation within the Caribbean water sector. This will be achieved through:

- **Track A)** The identification of key opportunities and gaps for investment through the development of a Regional Climate Resilience and Water Security Investment Plan, and
- **Track B)** The identification and screening of pilot projects that can be taken forward for climate proofing.

This note provides information on the objectives and implementation schedule for each track.

Rationale for the project

The initiative is set within the context of the *CARICOM Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change* which sets the region's strategic approach for addressing climate change. The Implementation Plan (IP) for the Regional Framework identifies priority actions and highlights the water sector as the single most important cross-cutting issue for climate compatible development.

The initiative has been developed to address a number of high priority needs across the region including:

- **Increased coordination** amongst regional agencies working on water issues leading to a regional portfolio of prioritised, targeted interventions for CCD in the water sector
- **More effective leveraging** of domestic and international sources of finance, including specialist climate change finance
- **Practical examples** of how planned projects can be climate proofed, including the business case for climate proofing and accessing funds to take projects forward for implementation

Track A – The Climate Resilience and Water Security Investment Plan

The Climate Resilience and Water Security Investment Plan (CCReWSIP) will provide a coordinating mechanism for identifying water security priorities and facilitating their implementation. The implementation of actions within the Investment Plan will, support green growth and climate resilient development across the region.

The Investment Plan will be built around the broad regional priorities for water security, coordinating across the various regional agencies working on water issues. Detailed national needs will feed up into the Investment Plan through the regional priorities. The plan will provide a mechanism facilitating access to finance for investments in regional and national programmes for water security. The development of the Investment Plan will involve stakeholder engagement across a wide range of agencies working on water issues and agencies involved in channelling funding and finance. Once completed, the implementation of the actions in the investment plan and its periodic revision will be an ongoing process supported by GWP-C and CCCCC.

Track A – Investment Plan implementation schedule



Track B – Climate proofing pilot projects

In parallel to the development of the Investment Plan, two pilot projects will be identified, screened and taken forward for climate proofing. This will provide demonstrable examples of climate proofing of development activities and practical lessons.

The project team will identify a shortlist of 4-5 projects that are in the appropriate stage of development for climate proofing. These projects will be screened using the Caribbean Climate Online Risk and Adaptation Tool (CCORAL) tool to identify areas of climate-risk and opportunities for improving climate resilience. Terms of Reference for the climate proofing of two of the screened projects will be developed and implemented under a further project.

Track B – Pilot projects implementation schedule



Further information

For further information on the project please contact GWP-C at the following address

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C)

c/o The National Institute of Higher Education Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST), #8 Serpentine Road, St. Clair, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies

Tel: +868 628 1587, Fax: +868 628 2069

E-mail: info@gwp-caribbean.org

Website: www.gwp-caribbean.org