

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Projects and Initiatives in the Caribbean

Title: Annual CWWA/GWP-C High Level Session-Ministerial Forum (HLS)

Organisation: Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) and the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C)

Aims and Objectives:

The High level Session (HLS) Ministerial Forum is a joint initiative of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) and the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C). It is an annual event which began in 2005 as a session within the CWWA's Annual Conference and Exhibition and has been recognized as a proactive approach to addressing the water resources management problems in the Caribbean in relation to the Millennium Development Goals. It brings together Caribbean water ministers and policy makers to engage in discussions on critical issues on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and to provide the necessary technical information to support decision making and the development and implementation of regional approaches and policies for water sector management.

Duration: Start Year: 2005 Completion Year: Ongoing

Additional Comments: This activity is an annual event

Estimated Cost (USD):

Funding Source:

CWWA; GWP-C; In the past financial support for the HLS has also been provided by the Global Environment Facility- Integrating Watershed and Coastal Areas Management Project as well as the Global Environment Facility-Caribbean Revolving Fund for Wastewater

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Key Words: High Level Forum of Caribbean Ministers; HLS or HLF; GWP-C and CWWA Annual High Level Forum; Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) and the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA); Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Water Resources Management

Geographic Coverage: The entire Caribbean region

Sectoral Focus:

Government Ministries with responsibility for Water Resources Management, other Government Ministries, Public Utilities, Private Sector Organisations, Water and Wastewater, Academia, Finance, Energy etc.

Target Beneficiaries: Government; Public Utilities; Policy Makers

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Outputs:

The HLS has inter alia yielded:

- At HLF 7, five Caribbean Ministers of Water from Nevis, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Kitts, endorsed key recommendations for better water management in the region. A Decision Paper with these recommendations was signed by the five Ministers.
- At HLF 8, nine Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water resources management including 2 Deputy Prime Ministers, committed themselves to addressing regional water security and building climate resilience in the Caribbean. The Ministers present at the Forum from The Bahamas, Anguilla, Barbados, Belize, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Nevis, St. Kitts, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines signed a declaration which recognises that high level political leadership is key for meeting water security and climate change challenges faced by Caribbean countries.
- At HLF 9, five (5) Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water resources management from Barbados, Anguilla, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Nevis and the Turks and Caicos Islands, and five (5) senior ministerial/ government representatives from Saint Kitts, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, Guadeloupe and Belize have endorsed recommendations for placing greater value on wastewater in the region and its role in the holistic management of water in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- The 10th HLF saw the highest attendance of Ministers with eleven (11) Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water resources management who signed a declaration committed themselves to taking the main discussions/ recommendations arising out of the Forum to their respective Cabinets.

Project Links and References:

<http://www.gwp.org/GWP-Caribbean/GWP-C-IN-ACTION/High-Level-Session-Ministerial-Forum-on-Water-/>

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Impacts:

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), formalising a collaborative relationship for addressing regional water priorities in 2013. By way of the MOU, the GWP-C has agreed to include the CARICOM as a key consultative partner in the development and execution of its Annual Ministerial High Level Forum. This means that the Forum's objectives will be more closely and clearly aligned with regional water development priorities.

The Annual HLF is an ongoing activity.

Sustainability:

Partnerships have contributed to the sustainability of the Annual High Level Forum (HLF); namely the partnership and collaboration between the GWP-C and the CWWA in executing the event each year. Additional other partnerships have also played a key role with other collaborative agencies such as Global Environment Facility's Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management (GEF-CReW) and the Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-RCU) over the years that have been committed to being a part of the HLF. One of the main limiting factors of the HLF's sustainability is the follow-up on the recommendations and decisions arising out of the Forum which takes significant work and cannot be fully executed solely the the two (2) main collaborating agencies, i.e. the CWWA and the GWP-C.

Lessons for the Future:

Information not available

Opportunities Arising from the Project:

Information not available

Further Comments:

Information not available