

Caribbean Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP):

MILESTONES 2013-2015



The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) Water Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) is aimed at building climate resilience in the water sector.

The development of the Caribbean WACDEP was endorsed by Caribbean Water Ministers during the 9th Annual High Level Forum (HLF) in 2012, as a means of supporting the implementation of water-related actions within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Regional Framework and its Implementation Plan for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change. WACDEP is executed in partnership with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC).

WACDEP uses an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach to build climate resilience in the Caribbean water sector through the implementation of better water policies, strategies, programmes, and water-related adaptation actions as defined by the CARICOM Implementation Plan.

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

“Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems.” -

Global Water Partnership (GWP)



Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) is 1 of 13 regional arms of the Global Water Partnership. The GWP-C has more than 90 partners in over 20 Caribbean countries all dedicated to promoting and fostering an Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) approach in the Caribbean.

WACDEP Timeline & Milestones

WACDEP applies an IWRM approach to building climate resilience in the Caribbean water Sector. As such, WACDEP focuses on the following aspects:

- Regional Cooperation
- National Policies & Plans
- Investment Planning & Financing
- Demonstration Projects
- Capacity Building
- Knowledge Exchange

See Page 4 for further details on key WACDEP Milestones.

List of acronyms used in the timeline:

- CCCCC - Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre
- CCORAL - Caribbean Climate Online Risk & Adaptation Tool
- CReWSIP - Caribbean Climate Resilience & Water Security Investment Framework
- CDB - Caribbean Development Bank
- CWWA - Caribbean Water & Wastewater Association
- HLF - High Level Forum (of Caribbean Water Ministers)
- IFM - Integrated Flood Management
- IUWM - Integrated Urban Water Management
- IWRMI - Integrated Water Resources Management
- OECS - Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
- RWH - Rainwater Harvesting
- UNEP-CAR/RCU - United Nations Environment Programme-Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit
- UNFCCC-COP - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Conference of the Parties



December 2011

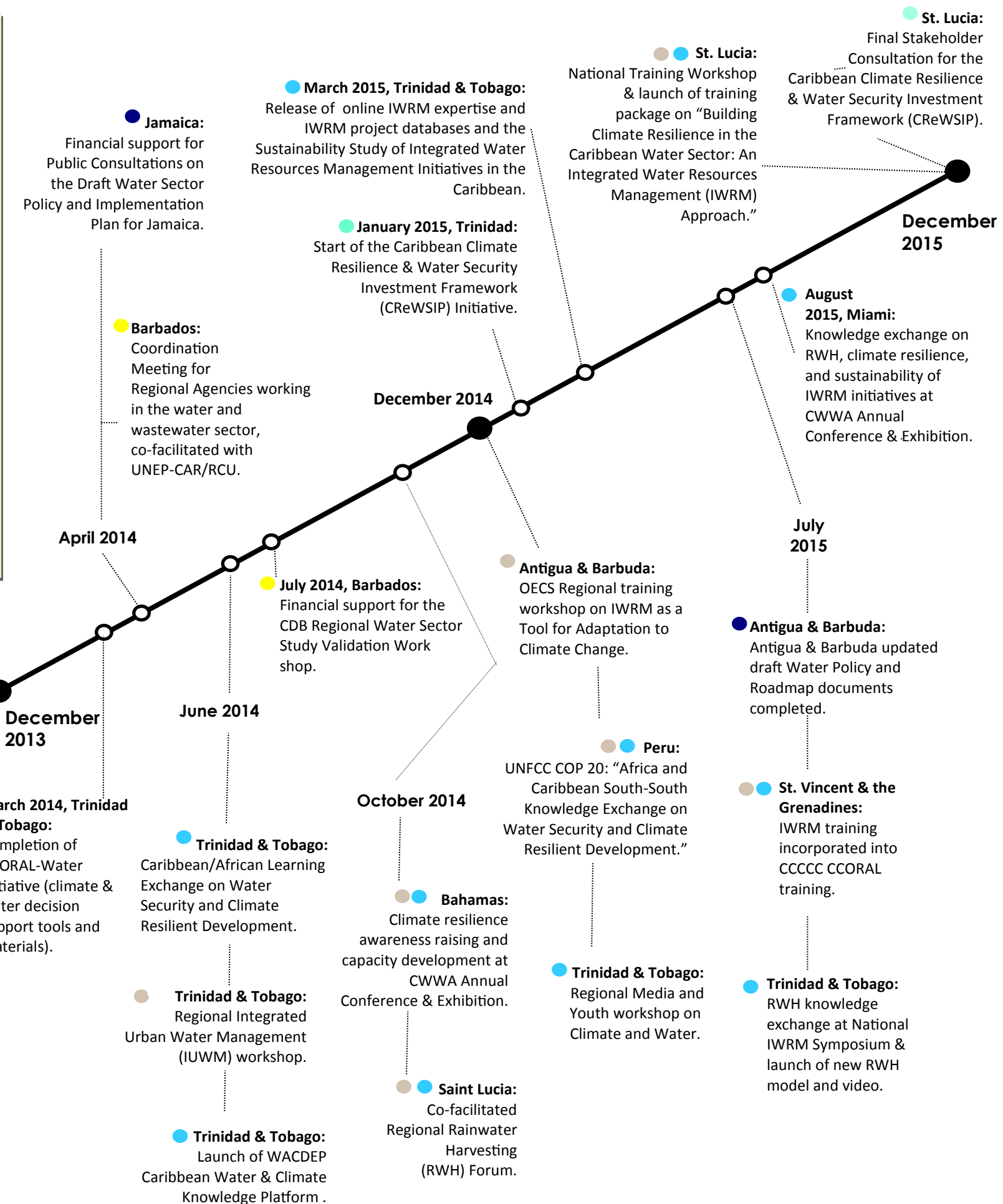
● **October 2012, Bahamas:**
9th Annual High Level Forum (HLF) of Caribbean Water Ministers endorses the development of the WACDEP.

December 2012

● **October 2013, Barbados:**
Official launch of GWP-C's WACDEP at the 10th Annual High Level Forum (HLF) of Caribbean Water Ministers.

● **November 2013, Guyana:**
Regional Training of Trainers workshop in partnership with Cap-Net/ Caribbean WaterNet on IWRM as a Tool for Adaptation to Climate Change.

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WACDEP Milestones

CCORAL-Water Initiative - The CCCCC has developed a Caribbean Climate Online Risk and Adaptation Tool (CCORAL), which is an online support system for climate resilient decision-making. GWP-C WACDEP's CCORAL- Water initiative has enhanced the water-related content for the online tool and produced a Sourcebook for the Caribbean water sector entitled "Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change." These products offer a framework for water sector planners, project developers and practitioners who seek to better manage climate risks.

Training Package on an IWRM Approach to Building Climate Resilience in the Caribbean Water Sector - This package includes videos, presentation slides and manuals. It utilises and builds on tools, resources from a GWP-C and Cap-Net/Caribbean WaterNet regional capacity building partnership, as well as, the GWP-C/CCCCC partnership on the CCORAL-Water Initiative. Training has already taken place through regional and national workshops and will be rolled-out in more countries in the near future .

National Policy Support - WACDEP has supported government agencies in developing and/or making adjustments to existing policies, strategies, and planning processes to ensure that water security and climate resilience aspects are incorporated.

Caribbean/African Learning Exchange on Water Security and Climate Resilient Development - This event brought together two GWP Regions (Caribbean and Africa) to share lessons on the development and application of WACDEP in their respective regions. The lessons learnt were incorporated into a knowledge product to help others working on climate and water issues. Lessons were subsequently shared with the global community at the UNFCCC COP 20 in Peru in December 2014.

Caribbean Climate Resilience and Water Security Investment Framework (CReWSIP) - This initiative provides a framework and coordination mechanism for regional agencies to partner and access funding for climate and water projects.

The Way Forward

In the near future, WACDEP will continue work in capacity building, investment planning, knowledge exchange, policy development, regional cooperation and demonstration projects.

WACDEP will also transition to an increased focus on the following critical IWRM areas:

- Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM)
- Integrated Flood Management (IFM)
- Ecosystem Services (ES)



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