

## The Annual High Level Forum (HLF)



### HLF Themes (2005 - 2015)

The High Level Forum (HLF) is an unmatched event, being the only Meeting of Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water resources management to date.

The HLF affords Ministers and senior officials involved in water resources management, a unique opportunity to share experiences and ideas for addressing water issues affecting the region and individual countries.

The Ministerial Forum is a joint initiative of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) and its partner, the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) which began in 2005 as a session within the CWWA's Annual Conference and Exhibition.

The 11<sup>th</sup> HLF takes place on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Miami, Florida and is being organised by the CWWA and the GWP-C in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility – funded Caribbean Regional Fund for Wastewater Management (GEF CREW) Project. The Forum takes place under the theme *“Connecting Water to Climate, Economic Growth and Development within the Post-2015 Development Agenda”* and forms part of the CWWA's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition which is being held in partnership with the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

**HLS 1 (Barbados)** - IWRM and Effective Water Governance

**HLS 2 (Tobago)** - Challenges and Opportunities in IWRM in the Caribbean

**HLS 3 (St. Kitts)** - IWRM Planning and Policies in the Caribbean

**HLS 4 (Jamaica)** - Water Financing

**HLS 5 (St. Thomas, USVI)** - Building a Water Secure Region: A Caribbean Response

**HLS 6 (Grenada)** - Water Crisis in the Caribbean: The IWRM Response

**HLS 7 (Guadeloupe)** - Water Management Financing in the Caribbean: Pricing, Efficiency, Equity and Sustainability

**HLS 8 (The Bahamas)** - The Water and Energy Nexus in Caribbean Development

**HLS 9 (Barbados)** - Water and Sanitation and the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Addressing Wastewater Policy and Financial Challenges in the Caribbean

**HLS 10 (The Bahamas)** - Caribbean Water Security: Risks and Opportunities

**HLS 11 (Miami, Florida, USA)** - Connecting Water to Climate, Economic Growth and Development within the Post-2015 Development Agenda

# The 11<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum:

## Connecting Water to Climate, Economic Growth and Development within the Post-2015 Development Agenda

On September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the United Nations will hold a Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs follow and expand on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which expire at the end of the year and will be “the global community’s plan of action” for all dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) for the next fifteen (15) years.

On the heels of establishing this new universal Agenda; Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for water resources management, will have the opportunity at the 11<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum (HLF) to share and discuss critical regional water and climate issues. Both water and climate change are reflected as priorities in the soon to be confirmed SDGs, with Goal 6 being “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and Goal 13 being “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.”

The 11<sup>th</sup> HLF takes place at an appropriate time to allow for discussion and collaboration on water and climate matters to help shape the sustainable development agenda of the region.

This year’s Forum is forward-looking with a goal of producing concrete outcomes and harmonised recommendations to guide national and regional efforts in operationalising water, wastewater and climate goals and targets for sustainable development.

