

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Cartagena Convention Secretariat/Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP)

CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES 2023

Grant Funding for Short-Term Small-Scale Integrated Water Resources and Wastewater Management (IWWM) Projects in the Caribbean

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 30th, 2023

LOCATION: Jamaica, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Guyana, Grenada, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia, Belize, Suriname, St. Kitts and Nevis and Dominica.

ABOUT GWP-C

Formally launched in 2004, Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) is 1 of 13 Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs) of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Organisation. GWP was founded in 1996 by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) to foster Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). As the Caribbean arm of this global network, GWP-C works to support Caribbean countries in the sustainable management of their water resources at the community, national and regional levels by promoting, fostering, and strengthening IWRM in the region. GWP-C's vision is for a water-secure Caribbean. **For more information visit:** www.gwp-caribbean.org.

ABOUT UNEP CEP

Since 1972, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has served as the leading global authority on the environment. They work under the umbrella of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, identifying and addressing the most relevant environmental issues of our time. UNEP established the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) in 1981 as one of its Regional Seas Programmes in recognition of the importance and value of the Wider Caribbean Region's fragile and vulnerable coastal and marine ecosystems including endemic plants and animals. Countries of the region then adopted an Action Plan also in 1981, that led to the development and adoption of the Cartagena Convention on 24th March 1983. The Convention promotes the protection and development of the marine environment of the Region and provides the legal framework for the CEP.

The Caribbean Regional Co-ordinating Unit (CAR/RCU) was established in 1986 in Kingston, Jamaica and is the Secretariat for the Cartagena Convention and the Caribbean Environment Programme. Its projects and activities fall under three (3) programme areas: Assessment and Management of Environment Pollution (AMEP), Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW), and Communication, Education, Training and Awareness (CETA). For more information visit: <https://www.unep.org/cep/>.

BACKGROUND

GWP-C has a mandate to assist Caribbean countries in achieving long-term water security through the sustainable management of their water resources. This is achieved through the promotion and implementation of IWRM; a participatory approach to managing water resources that involves engaging all sectors of the economy and includes the planning and management of water supply, wastewater, and stormwater systems. GWP-C is committed to working with its partners to promote and strengthen interaction and cooperation at all levels and across different sectors to sustain IWRM in the Caribbean region.

UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat has a mission is to promote regional co-operation for the protection and sustainable development of the marine environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR). This is achieved through the development and implementation of programmes, projects and activities that support the implementation of country obligations to the Cartagena Convention and its three Protocols on Oil Spills, Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) and Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution (LBS).

OBJECTIVE

To implement innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management with a focus on nature-based solutions and use of wastewater as a resource.

SCOPE

GWP-C in collaboration with the **UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat** has re-opened the **Call for Concept Notes** for the implementation of **short-term, small-scale, innovative demonstration IWWW projects in the Caribbean**. Interested organisations registered in the following countries: Jamaica, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Guyana, Grenada, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia, Belize, Suriname, St. Kitts and Nevis and Dominica are eligible to submit a concept note.

Each project for the **implementation of innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management** must have a total cost of no more than **US\$20,000 (USD)** with a duration **no longer than six (6) months ending on or before February 29th, 2024**.

ACTIVITIES

For the grant funding for short-term small-scale IWRM projects in the Caribbean, GWP-C and the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat have established a simplified application and selection procedure.

Interested organisations are encouraged to prepare and submit the grant form that accompanies this call for concept notes. The proposal must address the following topic: Implementation of innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management with a focus on nature-based solutions and use of wastewater as a resource.

DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

Deliverables: The organisation will be required to develop a final report on all the deliverables outlined in the concept note inclusive of a financial statement and receipts.

Schedule: The organisation will be required to develop an activity-based timeline for their proposal, all activities must be implemented within the timeframe provided in the concept note.

ELIGIBILITY

To access the grant funding for short-term small-scale IWWM projects in the Caribbean, applicants must be registered in one of the eligible countries listed above. Submission of concept notes inclusive of a budget and timeline for the activities listed should be emailed to: simone.lewis@gwp-caribbean.org with a copy to kerron.martinez@gwp-caribbean.org by **July 30th, 2023**.

The concept note should include all financial costs to be borne by the partner for undertaking the assignment. We will be in contact with the applicants whose concept notes are under consideration two (2) weeks after the deadline date.