



## The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean Journalists Network on Integrated Water Resources Management

The Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C) is the Caribbean arm of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Organisation, a global network of partners all working toward 'A Water Secure World.'

GWP-C is guided by the core values of the global network: *Inclusiveness; Openness; Transparency; Accountability; Respect; Gender-sensitivity; and Solidarity.*

In abiding by these core values GWP-C endorses a Journalists Network that:

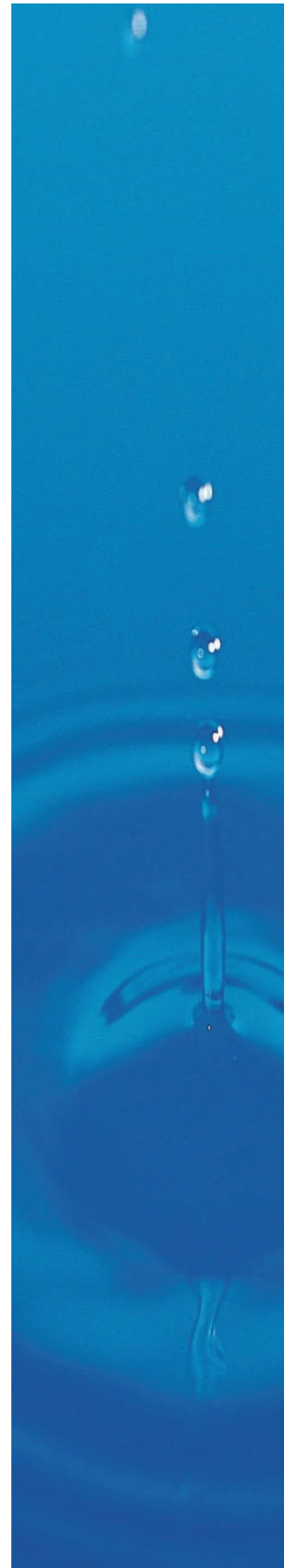
- Reports fairly on issues.
- Is ethical in reporting or disseminating information.
- Is professional in its activities.

### The GWP-C Journalists Network:

- ◆ The GWP-C Journalists Network is a body of journalists from the Caribbean region that are empowered to build awareness on water related issues in their country and/region. The Journalists Network provides a system of communication and support that ensures that journalists are informed on water and key development issues so that they can better communicate these topics to the general public and other audiences.

### Reasons for a Caribbean Journalists Network on IWRM:

- ◆ Journalists/Media practitioners are pivotal players in the dissemination of information to the general public and key water stakeholders such as decision-makers/policy makers who can affect change.
- ◆ Often times crucial information on water resources management and the impacts of related development challenges such as climate change, do not reach people at the community or grassroots level. The media can therefore help in raising awareness on water resources management and its many related areas that affect society daily.



- ◆ Greater knowledge sharing by media on water related issues can trigger greater knowledge among the public.
- ◆ The media has the tools to enhance awareness on IWRM linkages to sustainable development among the public and other key audiences.

### **Benefits of Membership:**

- ◆ Journalists have access to information and resources which builds their technical understanding and expertise.
- ◆ Journalists feel more empowered to write and report on water resources issues.
- ◆ Creates opportunities for cross and inter-regional linkages with other journalists in the Caribbean and globally where experiences and lessons learnt can be used for greater knowledge sharing.
- ◆ Quality outputs by journalists (articles, case studies) are used for research and reference by others.
- ◆ Inclusion of journalists in GWP-C's activities (IWRM training workshops, national and regional fora on water etc.).
- ◆ Access to global knowledge, expertise and experiences through the GWP network.

### **About Membership:**

- ◆ Membership to the GWP-C Journalists Network is free.
- ◆ A member must be a journalist (assigned to a media house or freelance) but operates in his/her personal capacity as a member of the Journalists Network.
- ◆ A member should be willing to incorporate building greater awareness on water and related development issues in their work.
- ◆ A member can invite or recommend other journalists in the region to be part of the Journalists Network.
- ◆ A member should advise the GWP-C Secretariat if/when there are any changes to their contact details.

### **Withdrawal:**

- ◆ A member can withdraw from the Journalists Network at free will. Any decision to no longer be a member of the Network should be communicated to the GWP-C Secretariat via a written notice or e-mail.

