

**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:**

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** June 30, 2021  
**STARTING DATE:** July 15, 2021  
**LOCATION:** [GWP-C Partner Countries](#)

### 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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (SPA), 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).

## OBJECTIVES

Implement activities in the geographical context of the Caribbean region based on the topics listed below:

1. Hydrogeological Mapping
2. 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
3. Capacity building (related to IWRM)
4. Feasibility assessments to include gender into national policy
5. Other (related to IWRM)

## SCOPE

GWP-C in collaboration with the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat has opened a **Call for Concept Notes** for the implementation of **short-term small-scale IWRM and IWWM projects in the Caribbean**. Each applicant should submit a concept note for a project in the Caribbean country where the partner organisation is based (Refer to [GWP-C Partner Countries](#)).

### **Option 1**

Each project based on **hydrogeological mapping, capacity building (related to IWRM), feasibility assessments to include gender into national policy, and other (related to IWRM)** must have a total cost between **€1,000 (EUR) and €5,000 (EUR)** and should be implemented in the current year with a duration no longer than five (5) months (completion date no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**).

## **Option 2**

Each project for the **implementation of innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management** must have a total cost of no more than **€25,000 (EUR)** with a duration no longer than nine months (completion date no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**). GWP-C partner organisations in the following countries are eligible to apply: Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

## **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 one-stage application and selection procedure.

Interested applicants are encouraged to prepare and submit the grant form that accompanies this call for concept notes. The proposal must address one (1) of the following topics:

1. Hydrogeological Mapping
2. 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
3. Capacity Building (related to IWRM)
4. Feasibility assessments to include gender into national policy
5. Other (related to IWRM)

## **DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE**

**Deliverables:** The partner organisation will be required to develop a final report including a financial statement. For projects involving hydrogeological mapping, implementation of innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management, details on the finished product are expected.

**Schedule:** The partner 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 IWRM projects in the Caribbean, applicants must be a GWP-C partner organisation. Submission of concept notes inclusive of a budget and timeline for the services required should be emailed to:

[simone.lewis@gwp-caribbean.org](mailto:simone.lewis@gwp-caribbean.org) with a copy to [kerron.martinez@gwp-caribbean.org](mailto:kerron.martinez@gwp-caribbean.org) by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

**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 within two (2) weeks following the deadline date. The applicants whose concept notes are under consideration for the **implementation of innovative decentralised, rural community-based interventions for wastewater management** will be contacted to submit a more detailed proposal for consideration.

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