



**CARIBBEAN WATER AND
WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION**

2025 RECAP

CWWA

VISION

To become the preeminent Association of Professionals, practitioners for water and waste sectors in the Caribbean.

MISSION

CWWA brings together the water and sanitation community in the Caribbean towards the protection of public health and the promotion of sustainable development. Through collective leadership, CWWA positively influences advancements in technology, education, science, management, and country and regional policies in the water and sanitation field.

CWWA 2025 Calendar of Activities

CWWA has presented our calendar of activities for 2025, offering a concise overview of the key events that have been shaped by the Association's strategic plan. The activities reflect project deliverables and initiatives in collaboration with UNEP, IDB, World Bank, and others.

Additionally, our flagship event, the 34th Annual Conference and Exhibition, is featured.

JANUARY

Promoting Regional Water Information Management Systems



As part of an ongoing project partnership with the GEF CReW+, the CWWA conducted a series of consultations with stakeholders from eight participating Caribbean countries involved in the development of Water Information Management Systems (WIMS). This initiative is part of a broader GEF CReW+ project to strengthen Integrated Water and Wastewater Management across the Wider Caribbean Region (WCR). Countries involved included Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago

FEBRUARY

Practical Applications of ICS for Water Utilities Webinar

On February 6, 2025 the CWWA hosted a webinar on the application of the Incident Command System (ICS) for water utilities in collaboration with the Health and Safety & Disaster Management Specialist Group, CAWASA, and Operators Without Borders. The session built on the ICS 100 training delivered in September 2024 and explored how ICS supports coordinated emergency response and operational resilience within utilities.

FEBRUARY

Online Workshop: Regional and International Approaches to Wastewater Management



Online Workshop

Regional & International Approaches to Wastewater Management:
Exploring Innovative and Low-Cost Management Alternatives & Wastewater Reuse

LEARNING TOPICS

- ✓ Integrated Water and Wastewater Management (IWM)
- ✓ Policy & Regulatory Environment
- ✓ Climate Resilient Planning & Infrastructure
- ✓ Data Management

Date: Tuesday, 18th February 2025
9:00am - 3:00 pm (AST)
Register via zoom link attached

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Financed by: GEF, IDB, UN, GIZ, QAS

On February 18, 2025 the CWWA, in collaboration with the GEF CReW+ and the Institute of Marine Affairs of Trinidad & Tobago, hosted a virtual workshop entitled **“Regional Approaches to Wastewater Management: Exploring Innovative & Low-Cost Management Alternatives & Wastewater Reuse”**. Key topics included Policy and Regulatory Reform, Integrated Water & Wastewater Management, Climate Resilient Planning and Data Management. The Workshop was facilitated by Professor Kiran Tota Maharaj

(Royal Agricultural University) and Dr. Ronald Roopnarine (University of the West Indies). All participants received CPD rated Certificates upon completion.

CWWA-CARICOM Collaboration: Food for Lunch Webinar

In support of our ongoing drive to strengthen regional collaboration, the CWWA Secretariat partnered with the Agriculture & Agro-Industry Department of the CARICOM Secretariat, to deliver a webinar on 28 February, highlighting sustainable water management practices in agriculture. The webinar was open to stakeholders across the region and focused on addressing water resource challenges and promoting climate-resilient approaches to support regional food security.



SAVE THE DATE 28 FEB
Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm ECT

FOOD FOR LUNCH: LIVE-Webinar

The Exploring Sustainable Water Management Practices in the Caribbean - An Agriculture and Food Security Perspective

Moderator:
KERIAH SCANTLEBURY
Youth Advisory Body Representative, Barbados

Panelists:

DR. RONALD ROOPNARINE
Deputy Dean and Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Food and Agriculture
The University of the West Indies (The UW)

ANGELA FRANKLIN
Hydrologist
Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI)

TREVOR THOMPSON
Project Manager
The Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management in Caribbean SIDS (PISLM-CSDS)
SOILCARE

DENEZIA S. WEST
Representative
The Agriculture Alliance of the Caribbean

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MARCH

Regional Utilities Creditworthiness Workshop

The World Bank in collaboration with the CWWA, hosted a training workshop in Kingston, Jamaica over the period 12-14 March 2025. Senior representatives from eight regional Water Utilities participated in the three day workshop which focused on improving the creditworthiness and financial profile of Caribbean water utilities covering governance, financial and operational management, investment planning, and accessing commercial financing, helping utilities strengthen financial sustainability and attract investment.



CWUIC Mutual Aid Agreement Stakeholder Consultation: 24–25 March

CWWA in collaboration with the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) hosted a stakeholder consultation workshop with seven participating Caribbean Utilities to launch the Response Component of the Caribbean Water Utilities Insurance Collective - Segregated Portfolio (CWUIC-SP). The workshop also facilitated a review and feedback session for the disaster and emergency response document toolkit.

CWUIC-SP is a regional programme to improve disaster preparedness, response, and recovery among participating Utilities.



APRIL



WWSG Webinar – Water Reuse: Applications, Opportunities and Challenges – 8 April

CWWA's Wastewater Specialist Group hosted a webinar exploring opportunities and challenges related to water reuse in the Caribbean, highlighting its potential to improve water security, support agriculture, and promote sustainable resource management.

Learning Event – Planning for and Responding to Emergencies – 15 April

CWWA hosted a virtual learning event with the Health and Safety & Disaster Management Specialist Group and CAWASA. Presenters shared experiences and lessons learned from disaster preparedness planning, offering insights into improving emergency response strategies within water utilities.

Workshop on Strengthening Monitoring and Reporting of SDG 6 – 30 April

CWWA hosted a technical workshop supporting countries in strengthening monitoring and reporting for SDG 6 indicators, focusing on improving data management, reporting processes, and regional collaboration in the water and sanitation sector.



MAY

CWUIC Training – WASA, Trinidad and Tobago

Over the period 1-5 May, 2025 members of the Emergency Response Team of the Water and Sewerage Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (WASA) participated in the CWUIC capacity assessment and emergency preparedness training workshop. The workshop was hosted by the CWUIC Response Team and the CWWA with training provided by Mr. Garth Vincent of CH Consulting.



Water Loss Specialist Group Webinar – 15 May

CWWA's Water Loss Specialist Group hosted a webinar featuring technical presentations from the 33rd CWWA Conference, sharing knowledge on water loss reduction strategies and utility performance improvement.

Global Water Summit: 12–14 May

In May, three Caribbean Water Utility Leaders and the CWWA attended the Global Water Congress in Paris, France. The Water Utility Leaders from NWC, Jamaica, BWS, Belize and WSC, Bahamas also participated in the Global Water Leaders Co-Development Workshop, connecting with global leaders to discuss innovation, financing and sustainable water management while strengthening international collaboration.



MAY

Chlorine Safety Webinar – 28 May

CWWA hosted a webinar on chlorine safety facilitated by ANSA Chemicals. The session focused on best practices for the safe handling, storage, and use of chlorine in water treatment operations, strengthening occupational safety across utilities.

CIMH: 2025 Wet Season CARICOF

Ms. Sweeta Beharry, Programme Officer, CWWA attended the 2025 Wet Season Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF) and Early Warning Information Systems Across Climate Timescales (EWISACT) partners meeting over the period 19-23 May 2025. The series of meetings were hosted by the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) as mechanism to promote meaningful engagement with regional partners through and support the integration of climate and weather information into water sector planning and disaster preparedness. This forum was for the upcoming Wet season.



CWUIC Training - BWS, Belize & WSC, Bahamas

The CWUIC Utility Training Workshops continued with Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) and the Water and Sewerage Company (WSC) Bahamas, over the period 20-22 and 25-29 May 2025 respectively. The CWWA and CWUIC Response Team coordinated the Workshop which was again facilitated by trainer Mr. Garth Vincent.



JUNE

Business Continuity Webinar – 12 June

CWWA hosted a webinar on Business Continuity Planning facilitated by Mr. Greg Solecki. The session focused on strategies to maintain essential water and wastewater services during emergencies and operational disruptions.

Accelerating Wastewater Management in the Caribbean – ProBlue Initiative Launch: 21–25 June

The World Bank, CWWA, and the GEF CReW+ Project launched a new regional initiative to accelerate wastewater management in the Caribbean. A regional workshop in Saint Lucia brought together stakeholders to review challenges, explore innovative solutions and financing mechanisms, and begin developing a regional action framework.



8th Caribbean Water Conference (CAWASA): 25–27 June



CWWA participated in the 8th Caribbean Water Conference in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which brought together regional water professionals to share knowledge and discuss sector challenges and innovations.

JULY

CWUIC Training – NWC, Jamaica & SWM, Suriname

CWWA in collaboration with the CWUIC Response Team hosted the the CWUIC Capacity Assessment and Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop for the National Water Commission in Jamaica, over the period 29 June -3 July 2025 and the Suriname Water Company over the period 8-10 July 2025. These sessions serve to enhance operational readiness and disaster response coordination.



CWWA Conference Media Launch – 17 July

The official Media Launch for the 34th CWWA Conference was successfully held on 17 July at the Biltmore Hotel in Belize.

The event brought together key stakeholders, partners, and media, the event set the stage for an impactful conference, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation in advancing the water and waste sectors across the Caribbean.



AUGUST

SSFA Activity 6 – Wastewater Reuse Stakeholder Consultation – 20 August

CWWA hosted a regional stakeholder consultation to support the development of Regional Guidelines for Wastewater Reuse Standards. The session gathered national input on existing practices, needs, and capacity gaps to help shape a harmonized regional approach to safe wastewater reuse.

SEPTEMBER

Global Water, Energy & Climate Change Congress: 9–11 September



Over the period 9-11 September 2025, Ms. Laurayne Lucky, Executive Director, CWWA represented the Caribbean at the 2nd Global Water, Energy & Climate Change Congress (GWECCC) in Bahrain. Ms. Lucky was invited to participate in Leadership Roundtable and high-level Panel Discussion on climate resilience, water security and global partnerships. She also participated presented on Groundwater Management and Innovation in the region



OCTOBER

34th CWWA Annual Conference & Exhibition

20th - 24th October 2025

San Pedro, Belize

“Engineering Progress Together: Collective Action for a Connected Region”

The conference included pre-conference workshops, a wastewater plenary session, technical presentations, tours, and opening and closing ceremonies. The three-day exhibition showcased water and waste management products and services from across the region. It also featured four days of high-level ministerial meetings, including forums on water and solid waste.

The CWWA Conference & Exhibition is crucial for promoting sustainable development in these sectors, with the next event scheduled in Grenada from October 12th to 16th, 2026.



NOVEMBER


World Toilet Day & WWSG Symposium – 18 November

CWWA's Wastewater Specialist Group organized a one-day symposium called "Resource Recovery: From Waste to Resource." This event showcased innovative methods for wastewater treatment and explored the potential to reclaim valuable resources such as energy, nutrients, and treated water. It was held in honor of World Toilet Day on November 19th.

CIMH: 2026 Dry Season CARICOF

Ms. Laurayne Lucky, CWWA Executive Director, attended the 2026 Dry Season Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF) and EWISACT partners meeting from 19–23 November 2025. Hosted by CIMH, the meetings aimed to strengthen regional engagement and support the integration of climate and weather information into water sector planning and disaster preparedness, particularly in preparation for the upcoming dry season.

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