



# **Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association**

32nd Annual Conference and  
Exhibition

Information Brochure

# Background on CWWA



The Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) is a regional Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) established by an Act of Parliament in Trinidad & Tobago in 1991. The CWWA is a grouping of water and sanitation professionals in the public and private sectors focused on key issues such as water resources management, the protection of public health and the promotion of sustainable development. Through collective leadership, CWWA positively influences advancements in technology, education, science and water and sanitation management and policies.



CWWA Board of Directors

# Guyana Hosts The 32nd Annual CWWA Conference & Exhibition



The 32nd Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition is scheduled to return to the beautiful country of Guyana between the period 23rd and 27th October, 2023. In 2017, Guyana hosted the 26th Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition; It is therefore with great pleasure and much anticipation that the CWWA returns to host this event under the auspices of the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, including: the Ministry of Housing and Water, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and the Ministry of Finance. The 2023 CWWA Conference and Exhibition promises to be a memorable experience for all participants.



Flashbacks to 2017



# Conference Theme

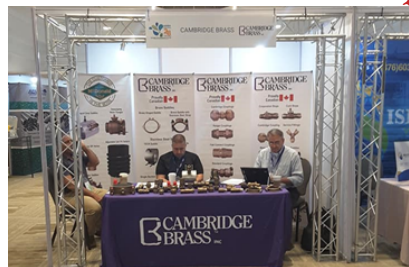


The theme for the 2023 edition of the CWWA Conference is “**Accelerating Change in the Water, Wastewater and Waste Sectors**”. The most substantial components of the Caribbean’s future are hinged on the development of the Water and Waste Sectors. Water is a core mechanism pushing economic development in Agriculture, Tourism, Energy, Health and Manufacturing. Socio-economic progress is reliant on healthy human capital. Women, children and the elderly are affected disproportionately by lack of access to clean water and basic sanitation; and are at higher risk of exposure to water and sanitation related diseases. Improved water and sanitation practices initiate substantial health gains and economic benefits for citizens. Financing is one of the most unparalleled challenges facing the Water and Waste Sector. Pursuing capital improvement projects, building climate resilience, employing modern technology and innovations, improving sector capacity and competencies, engaging in research and development and performing comprehensive stakeholder engagement all require significant investments. Change is a critical component to progressing this Agenda, a change in behaviour, a change in perspective and a change in priorities.

# Exhibition



The exhibition is a significant aspect of this event each year thanks to the numerous sponsors and exhibitors committing their support. On average 60 exhibitors participate by showcasing their products and services in the water and waste sectors and interacting with Utility companies and other participants. It is an excellent space for networking and increasing business opportunities. The Exhibition brings together over 400 participants from the Caribbean, Latin America, North America and Europe. This event serves as an opportunity for participants to exchange information and experiences and gain exposure to cutting edge technology, products and services in a very dynamic environment. The Exhibition will run from 24th to 26th October 2023.



# 19th High Level Forum on Water



The 19th High Level Forum (HLF) of Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Water will convene during the CWWA's 32nd Annual Conference and Exhibition. The forum will be attended by Ministers with responsibility for water, Water Utility Heads, regional and international Donors and development partners. The Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) for Governance and Building Climate Resilience in the Water Sector in the Caribbean will take the spotlight as decision makers discuss on its ongoing implementation as well as future plans for sector development. The 19th HLF Forum for Water will be held on Tuesday 24th to Wednesday 25th October 2023.



# 7th High Level Forum on Wastewater



The 7th High Level Forum of Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Waste Management is scheduled to take place in Guyana from Thursday 26th October to Friday 27th October, 2023. This forum will bring together Ministers responsible for Waste Management, Solid Waste Companies, Regional entities and experts and development partners. The High Level Forum for Waste had its beginnings at the 2017 Conference in Guyana and the CWWA remains committed to developing the waste agenda, adding value to waste management and securing public health. This forum is expected to bear fruit as decision makers discuss and develop initiatives to benefit the Sanitation sector.



# First High Level Forum for Finance Ministers



This year's Event will also feature the first meeting of Caribbean Ministers Responsible for Finance, noting that one of the main obstacles to facing sector development and appropriate management is adequate financing. It is expected that some of the key issues within the region will be tabled for discussion with an aim to developing solution oriented financing options. The Forum will be held on Monday 23rd October 2023.





# Technical Presentation



The Technical Sessions feature work, studies and research aligned to the Conference thematic areas, from academics and practitioners in the sector, both within the region and internationally. The technical sessions create the opportunity to share ideas, lessons learnt and knowledge gained. The following are the Conference Thematic Areas for 2023:

- 1) Policy, Governance & Finance as the Foundation for Sustainable Management.
- 2) Leaving Just Our Footprint: Integrated Solid Waste Management.
- 3) Every Drop Counts in a Climate Resilient Caribbean.
- 4) Making Water for All Achievable through Innovation & Technology.
- 5) Looking at the Whole Picture: Integrated Water Resources Management.

The Technical Sessions will be held on Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th October 2023. Over 60 presenters are expected to participate with contributions on the outlined thematic areas.





## Opening Ceremony

Monday 23rd October - Opening Ceremony: This is a business formal cocktail reception to officially open the Conference and Exhibition.



## Cultural Night

Tuesday 24th October – Cultural Night: This is a casual event that showcases the culture, music, and cuisine of our host country, Guyana.



# Closing Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony



Thursday 26th October – Closing Ceremony and Awards Cocktail: This event features the distribution of the Ron Williams and Ivan Rodrigues awards, the water and rum tasting competition and the Flag Passing Ceremony to the host for the 2024 Conference and Exhibition.



## Technical Tours

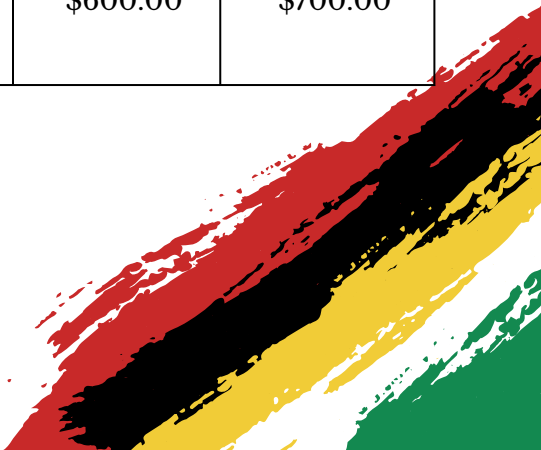
Friday 27th October – Technical Tours: This is the day that we take you on some technical tours. You get to see another aspect of Guyana.



# Conference Registration Rates



Category	Members	Non-Members
Early Registration* on or Before July 31, 2023	\$450.00	\$550.00
Student Registration* (Early, Regular and Late fee the same)	\$100.00	\$150.00
Registration* On or After August 1, 2023 and by August 31, 2023	\$550.00	\$650.00
Late Registration* On Site	\$600.00	\$700.00





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