

Water Security & Waste Reduction

Sustainability in an Uncertain Climate

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About the CWWA

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 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, water and sanitation management and policies.



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The 29th CWWA Conference & Exhibition Welcomes You!

The 29th CWWA Annual Conference and Exhibition is scheduled to take place for the first time ever on a virtual platform between 19th October and 23rd October, 2020. The 'new normal' which we have all had to adapt to, has created a space for transformation, modification and innovation of the way our conference is presented to you.



It is therefore with great pleasure and much anticipation that the CWWA in collaboration with its many partner organizations and sponsors shower you into a new era of capacity building, training and alliance in the water and waste sectors across the Caribbean region. This unforeseen development has changed the landscape of the **CWWA** Conference and Exhibition experience allowing for more international involvement at minimal costs. Our 2020 conference promises to be a memorable experience for all participants.

The CWWA's First Virtual Conference and Exhibition has opened a world of opportunities for collaboration, information exchange and an all- round easier way for us to reach each other!

About Our Virtual Conference

Our fully-virtual conference promises all aspects of the in-person conference and more – Technical Sessions, Seminars, Plenary, High Level Fora, as well as Virtual Meet ups, and games! We've planned a packed week of information dissemination, while also including the Caribbean sunshine. From Caribbean steelpan music, to Technical Tours highlighting the Caribbean Water and Waste sector projects, we've brought this year's conference to you in a compact, portable conference platform that allows you access and involvement wherever you are on any device – in the Caribbean or Internationally, at work or on-the-go.







About our Conference Platform - Whova

Whova is an event organizing app that is top rated and has won the Best Event App at the Best Technology Awards 2019. It also holds a place in the Top 100 Software Companies globally in and among DropBox, PayPal and Adobe and others. It has been used for corporate events by Microsoft, IKEA, the United Nations and many other prominent businesses and multinational corporations.

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We chose the best experience for you! You have the ease of communication and interaction, ability to view sponsors and exhibitors profiles, be on schedule with all the sessions, receive reminders for sessions that you are interested in and a whole lot more!

Available on any device

Great ROI for Sponsors and Exhibitors

Real-time exchange of information and ideas

VUser friendly

Vin-app messaging

Receive notifications on session start

Exhibit, interact & access on-demand replay of sessions up to 6 months post-conference

Conference Theme 2020

The 29th CWWA Conference will focus on "Water Security and Waste Reduction: Sustainability in an Uncertain Climate" The most substantial components of the Caribbean's future are hinged on the development of the Water and Waste Sectors.

The Caribbean economy, through the agriculture, tourism, energy and manufacturing sectors are dependent on water as a driver for development. Equally, 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 management including access and water sector resilience creates the avenue for long-term economic growth, improved public health and overall national sustainability. Waste is an issue across the Caribbean region given the limited land space and natural resources of our SIDS. If not properly dealt with, waste poses a threat to public health and the environment. It is a growing issue linked directly to the way society produces and consumes. Waste management is one of the essential utility services underpinning society, particularly in urban and suburban areas as well as in the coastal environment. Ensuring proper sanitation and solid waste management sits alongside the provision of potable water, shelter and food as essential to society and to the economy.

How to Download and access our event in WHOVA



How to Download the Whova App

The Whova event app is for free for event attendees. To download the app, please follow ANY of the steps below:

Open up the Apple Store or Google Play on your mobile device, and search for "Whova". Or, visit <u>here</u> in your mobile device's web browser. When you have found Whova, tap to download and install the Whova app.

How to Sign In

1. Sign in options

Enter the email address you used for event registration Or, use your social media account

2. Create password and type in your name.

3. Profile editing

Other attendees will see this and network with you, so make it look good. You can edit it later; click your profile picture (or a default headshot image) at top-left corner of the event "Home."

How to Download and access our event in WHOVA

4. Access the event main page

The app will take you to your event page automatically if organizers updated the app with your registration information.

If your event doesn't show up automatically, search for it.

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High Level Forum for WATER

The 16th High Level Forum of Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Water will convene in the week following the presentation of technical sessions. The forum will be virtually attended by Ministers with responsibility for water, water utility companies, 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 again take the spotlight as partners present the work in progress based on the RSAP Implementation Plan, the impact of the pandemic and the continued deliberations by senior decision makers in their national planning framework.

Also on the agenda for 2020 are non-revenue water reduction training and modeling, disaster planning and business continuity with an example from the recent Bahamas experience with Hurricane Dorian and the Caribbean Water Utility Insurance Company (CWUIC) proposal.

The 16th High Level Forum will take place on the 27th & 28th October, 2020





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High Level Forum for WASTE

The 4th High Level Forum of Caribbean Ministers with responsibility for Waste Management is scheduled to take place Wednesday 4th to Thursday 5th November, 2020.



This forum will bring together Ministers responsible for waste management, solid waste companies, regional entities and experts and development partners. Despite meeting for only four years, the High-Level Forum for Waste has contributed to the development of a Regional Waste Management and Action Plan which addresses serious challenges in waste management in the region and proposes solutions through different projects with regional institutions and agencies. The CWWA remains committed to developing a Regional Collaboration on the waste agenda, adding value to waste management and securing public health. This forum is expected to bear fruit as decision makers ponder on initiatives to benefit the Tourism Sector, COVID impacts and resultant initiatives and exploring the Waste to Energy possibilities in the region.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION 2020 - The 'New Normal' of Exhibitions!

Despite the drawback from not being able to meet face to face this year at a physical conference and exhibition, the virtual exhibitor showcase has many advantages, such as:

Lead generation before and up to 6 months after conference



Detailed analytics

Customised site with videos, pictures, links to own website, etc.

24/7 access from

anywhere in the

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world from any device

including mobile phones

Live meetings and one on



No transport of equipment, customs, immigration challenges

Reduced cost of exhibiting

Don't

underestimate the power of this virtual reality!

Technical Presentations, Seminars and Panel Discussions

The week of 19th – 23rd October will be focused on hearing from technical experts, academics and water and waste sector professionals across the Caribbean on the work that they have done over the course of the year. There will be several technical presentations, seminars and pre-conference workshops that are set to spread knowledge, develop capacity and build the strength of the sectors regionally. These presentations fit into the overall conference theme previously mentioned and are based on 6 thematic areas which are as follows:

1) Water Security and Integrated Water Resources Management for the Development of Caribbean Nations

2) Waste Reduction and the Circular Economy: The Caribbean Approach3) Effective Financing, Governance and Leadership for Sustainable Water andWaste Sector Development

4)Optimizing the Water and Waste Sectors to Ensure the Needs of Women and the vulnerable

5) Next Generation Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience for the Water and Waste Sectors

6) Exploring the Nexus between Water, Waste and Other Key Sectors

This year there will be two Plenary Sessions to represent each sector and will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday morning of the conference week.

Special Event : Close of Presentations & Virtual Social

After stimulating your mind all day, CWWA's special events are known for creating a jolly atmosphere to unwind, network and enjoy the tropical warmth.

Friday 23rd October at 2-3PM

Don't miss the closing of presentations after which is our Virtual Mixer – "Sip 'n chat" where we encourage you to de-stress and wind down after an entire week of hard work!

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Conference Registration

(USD)

Category	Member	Non-Member	
EARLY BIRD- On or before August 1, 2020	\$100	\$150	
STUDENT	\$60	\$60	
REGULAR - After August 17, 2020	\$150	\$200	
LATE - After September 20, 2020	\$180	\$240	
TECHNICAL SESSION PRESENTER's RATE	\$100	\$100	
GROUP REGISTRATION RATE*	\$100 per person		

*No Less than 10 persons for Special Group Registration Rate to apply

Contact Us for More Information

Send an email to <u>cwwaconference2020@gmail.com</u> for further information.

<u>Click here to Visit our Conference</u> <u>2020 website</u>

