



31st Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition

“Recovery and evolution: Regional Actions for Global Sustainability in the water and waste sectors.”

In October 2019, at the St. Kitts Marriot Resort, when then President Mr. Mark Barnett met with the incoming Executive Council, we could not imagine that it would be the last time a CWWA Executive Council would meet. Since then, we have faced a global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, which crippled travel, economies, and the “normal” way of life around the world. We were forced to social distance and all our countries endured lockdowns and stringent restrictions.

In 2020, with Ms. Sara-Jade Govia emerging as our leader and President, we clung to the opportunity to take our Conference virtual under her stewardship. Mr. Wayne Williams, our freshly minted Executive Director, assisted by our capable Operations Officer, Mrs. Anuradha Jagdip-Maharaj, paved the way to us hosting our very first virtual Conference and Exhibition. In 2021, the global pandemic continued to rage around the world and a Cayman Island team led by Dr. Gelia Frederick-van Genderen alongside the CWWA Secretariat hosted the second virtual Conference and Exhibition. Additionally, by Conference 2021, the CWWA transitioned to a new Constitution establishing a Board of Directors to replace the Executive Council. Therefore, for two years neither this entity nor the membership have been able to meet face to face until now. Unfortunately, President Ms. Sara Jade Govia proceeded on Leave and President-Elect Mr. Marlon Daniels took up the mantle.

On the Friday 8th July 2022, our President (Ag.), Mr. Daniels along with our PRO, Mrs Angela Franklin, were able to visit the Secretariat led by Executive Director, Mr. Wayne Williams.



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They were able to meet our Finance and Administrative Assistant, Ms. Michelle Rosales and our Communications and Marketing Officer, Mr. Jerome de Lorme. Operations Officer Mrs. Anuradha Jagdip-Maharaj, was on some much needed leave. The challenges and shortcomings, faced by the Secretariat were discussed and will pave the way for a recalibration of our overall operations and were noted for inclusion in our deliberations of the task ahead.

The first Board of Directors under the new 2021 Constitution of CWWA met in person, for the first time since being elected in October 2021, on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July, 2022 in Trinidad and Tobago where we are headquartered. Treasurer, Mr Ronald Roach and Director Miss Louise Alfred joined the meeting virtually. The main objective of this meeting was to engage in meaningful discussion and decision-making towards the development the CWWA Strategic Plan 2023-2025, which will guide and streamline our annual Work Plan and Work Programmes over the next three years. This takes into consideration our new Constitution, risks such as a global pandemic and the shift in global dynamics, and priority areas such as resource mobilisation and growth of the Association for the benefit of its members. The WASA CEO met with the Board briefly on the 10th July, strengthening the relationship between CWWA and WASA.

The interaction and productivity experienced during this meeting is only the tip of the iceberg as we endeavour for the continued growth of the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association and its membership.



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We look forward to seeing you at the Atlantis Hotel, Bahamas for the 31st Annual CWWA Conference and Exhibition, 17th - 21st October, 2022.

