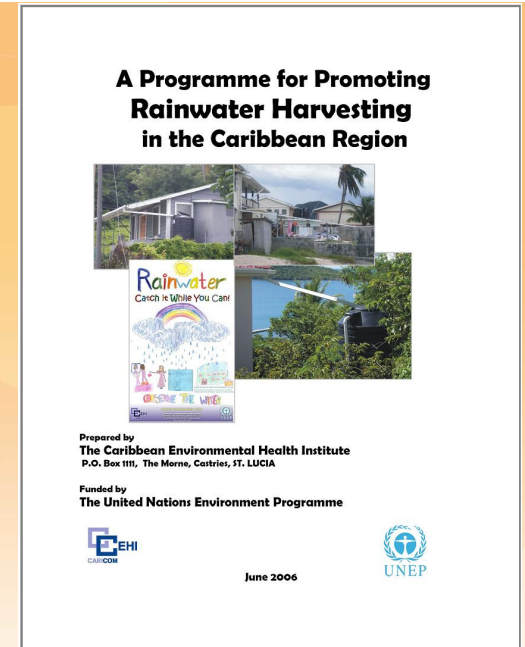


Regional Rainwater Harvesting Programme



Rainwater harvesting (RWH) Knowledge Network Forum

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Programme objectives, outcomes

- *Objective*
 - *Contribute to the conservation of the water resources of Small Island Caribbean States through adoption of sustainable water management and conservation technologies.*
- *Outcome*
 - *Capacity for implementation of rainwater harvesting for household and commercial purposes strengthened and support policies and incentives developed and mainstreamed into national development strategies and policies*



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National level actions

- Component 1: Awareness Raising
- Component 2: Capacity Building
- Component 3: Legislative and Policy Formulation
- Component 4: Infrastructural Development



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Component 1: Awareness Raising

- Objectives
 - To enhance positive public awareness on the practice of RWH
- Key actions
 - Workshops and seminars for public and policy makers
 - Radio public service announcement productions (excluding broadcast cost)
 - Video feature productions (excluding broadcast cost)
 - Printed material production
 - Website development and management
 - School awareness programme (primary and tertiary levels)
 - Public and commercial house surveys
 - surveys (annually and at end of programme)



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Component 2: Capacity Building

- Objectives
 - To develop and improve national competency in developing (design and construction) and operating RWH systems
- Key actions
 - Technical training seminars.
 - Training workshops on operation and maintenance of RWH systems (communal RWH systems).
 - Technical exchanges.



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Component 3: Legislative and Policy Formulation

- Objectives
 - To promote integration of RWH within national IWRM plans through policy and legislative reform
- Key actions
 - Legislative and policy reviews
 - Design incentive regime for RWH
 - Stakeholder workshops



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Component 4: Infrastructural Development

- Objectives
 - To optimize RWH systems to increase the quantity and improve quality of water
- Key actions
 - Stakeholder consultations
 - Technical studies
 - Project development & funding procurement
 - Training workshops - O&M for new investments

Regional level actions

- Formal ratification and endorsement of a lead regional agency for the promotion of the regional RWH strategy;
- Get recognized at regional level (COTED agric; environment; health); link to post MDGs development agenda; SAMOA Pathway – 2nd Qtr 2015
- Establish partnership arrangements with relevant Caribbean agencies to strengthen outreach and advocacy efforts; assist with resource mobilization in execution of various components of the regional strategy;
 - Joint MOU among agencies; include south-south cooperation; to be drafted for circulation – IWECO and IWLEARN Phase 4 to assist; draft by 1st Qtr 2015
- Development of a website for the capture and dissemination of best practices in RWH;
- Development of a toolkit by the GWP to be included as an additional educational resource;
- Promotion of the RWH initiative through integration with the irrigation support components of the regional FAO School Feeding and School Gardening programmes;



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Regional level actions (cont'd)

- Collaboration and coordination with the Government Information Services of the respective territories to assist with the national broadcast of the public awareness programmes;
- Coordination of monitoring of the level of success of national RWH programmes;
 - Link to the MOU; make part of role of partners
- Negotiate with the Caribbean Water and Sewerage Association (CAWASA) to include RWH as a component of their certification programme;
 - Relevant to small water supply systems; exists already. Apply alternative certification process
- Build capacity within relevant Caribbean agencies and develop a skills bank to provide technical assistance in RWH to territories; (use GWP-C platform)
- Development of model RWH applications for the Caribbean based on research and



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