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Caribbean Dialogue on Water and  
Climate



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## GENESIS

Agency Stakeholders meeting called to discuss coordination of water and water related projects in the Caribbean, CEHI, January 2002

OAS, CSC, World Bank, FAO, UNEP, CPACC, OECS/NRMU (now ESDU), CEHI, CWWA, CBWMP, NOAA, UNDP, CDB, CIDA

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## Coordination:

- Project on Integrating Watershed and Coastal Areas Management in Caribbean SIDS
- The, ACCC, the MACCC and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
- CSC, CBWMP, CWWA, NOAA, OECS ESDU, CIDA, SOPAC, OAS, FAO, UNEP
- Others

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Primary Partners: CEHI, OAS, SOPAC

Funding Support : International  
Secretariat of the Dialogue on Water  
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## Objectives

- Exchange of information and experiences of the Pacific and Caribbean SIDS
- Sharing of expertise
- Promote political commitment to achieve improved policies, institutional frameworks and approaches of the water sector to CC and CV

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## Objectives (*cont'd*)

- Build capacity to address the challenge of climate change and variability re water
- Promote inter-regional collaboration between the Caribbean and Pacific SIDS
- Enhance public awareness about the climate and water linkages/impacts

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Activities and outputs: The Dialogue will feed into theme sessions at the 3rd World Water Forum Kyoto, Japan, March 2003

- Public awareness campaign
- Interactive website
- Case studies
- SIDS Issue Paper on Water and Climate

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## Outputs and activities (*cont'd*)

- Pilot projects
- Best practice and lessons learnt
- Proposals for critical action
- Networking between the regions
- Synthesis of data and trends



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Just Completed Events:  
22-24 July, 2002, Dominica

Workshop on Mainstreaming Adaptation to  
Climate Change (MACC): Integrated Resource  
Management

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Launching of the Caribbean Dialogue on Water  
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## Upcoming events:

- High Level Consultation on Water Resources Management in the Pacific (Fiji 29 July to 3rd August) organised by SOPAC, the ADB & Ors.
- CDWC Stakeholder Consultation at the 1st Caribbean Environmental Forum and 11th Annual Conference of the CWWA, 7-11 October 2002, St. Lucia (with the participation of SOPAC)

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## Dominica Stakeholders Workshop

- Non-traditional partners e.g. CAFRA, CNIRD, CCA, CFA, CPDC; CWWA;
- FAO, CARDI, CIMH, CEHI, OAS, MACC/RPIU; OECS/ESDU, COIP, NOAA, UNCCD
- Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry, Water Authorities, Focal points for UNFCCC communications and MACC Project

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- Integrated Development Planning Framework
- Island Systems Management approach (IWCAM, Ridge to Reef)
- Integrated Resource Management (IRM)

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- Need to determine critical entry points in Water Resources Management for infusing CC and CV scenarios e.g.
  - Policy re-alignment
  - Institutional capacity building and enhancement
  - Systems development (decision support systems)
  - Research and Information
  - Technology adaptation
  - Downscaling of models
  - Governance and civil society participation

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## The Future:

- Beyond Kyoto, a stronger voice for SIDS in the development arena on Climate and Water
- Identification of a strategic approach to Water Resources Management in the context of CC and CV
- Identify concrete actions required
- Develop a basket of projects to be presented for donor, development and technical assistance agencies for support

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Washington , September 2002

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

