



**LEVERAGING SDG 6 FOR ACCELERATED
WATER INVESTMENTS IN CARIBBEAN
SIDS WORKSHOP**

MINI ACTION PLAN

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ACTION 1: REVISION AND APPROVAL OF GUYANA'S NATIONAL WATER POLICY

There are several overlapping legislation, bodies and ministries, each with its own mission and interests. To create clear jurisdiction and authority (harmonization of policies), policy reform is necessary. Additionally, the development of an IWRM plan and the establishment of a water resource unit. The National Water Council was resuscitated in 2024, with the key role focused on the development, amendment, implementation of a National Water Policy to coordinate, promote, manage and ensure sustainable management of water resources in Guyana.



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To ensure the revision and Cabinet Approval of a National Water Policy to ensure the sustainable management of the water resources in Guyana.

RATIONALE

Guyana has legislation (Water and Sewerage Act 2002) which addresses the establishment of the National Water Council which was tasked with the development of a National Water Policy to guide the Government Agencies and coordinate the sustainable management of water resources in Guyana. The NWC has finally been resuscitated after being inactive for several decades, and a draft National IWRM Policy and Roadmap was developed in 2013. With the NWC, THIS Policy can be reviewed, amended, updated and approved

Name Of Action	Approval of National IWRM Policy
Leading Entity	National Water Council
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	Hydromet, GWI, EPA, UG, NDIA, etc
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	US \$ 500,000
Potential Sources Of Financing	Government of Guyana (GoG), Donor Funds
Timeline	18 months
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment (Policies, Plans and Laws to support IWRM)
Related SDG Target	6.5.1 (1.1a, 1.1b)

ACTION 2: WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS

Develop and update Watershed Management Plans for major watersheds using a cross-sectoral approach to ensure integration stakeholder participation and representation of interests at all levels of society.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To develop watershed management plans for major watershed to ensure water security and ecosystem protection.

RATIONALE

Guyana has many rivers, however the management at the national and sub-basin level is fragmented. There is also a range of activities that can have significant impacts on the quality of water resources. Therefore, the need to develop WMPs for key watersheds to ensure localized management, protection of the resources.

Name Of Action	Watershed Management Plans
Leading Entity	National Water Council
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	Hydromet, RDC, Communities, Ministry of Housing and Water, EPA, UG
Geographical Scale	Basin level
Estimated Cost	US\$ 250,000
Potential Sources Of Financing	Government of Guyana (GoG)
Timeline	2 – 5 years
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment
Related SDG Target	6.5.1 (1.2b)

ACTION 3: DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES DATABASE

Centralized database, consolidating water resources data across the country and sectors.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To establish and maintain a national water resources database to support decision-making.

RATIONALE

Water resource data is available from multiple Agencies within the country, however there is a need for a centralized database to benefit all stakeholders. This centralized database would allow for identification of available data, and identification of gaps to guide future monitoring programmes.

Name Of Action	National Water Resources Database
Leading Entity	Hydrometeorological Service
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	GWI, GGMC, EPA, UG, NDIA, BoS
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	US \$ 1.5 million
Potential Sources Of Financing	Government of Guyana (GoG), Donor Funds
Timeline	2 years
IWRM Dimension	Management Instrument
Related SDG Target	6.5.1 (3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, 3.2b, 3.2d,3.2d)