

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

MINI ACTION PLAN

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ACTION 1: STRENGTHENING WATER GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION

This Action Plan focuses on creating a coordinated water governance structure through the national IWRM proposed steering committee. It will enhance decision-making, reduce inefficiencies and support evidence-based management of water resources



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To establish a unified and effective water governance framework that promotes integrated decision-making, transparent allocation of water resources, and enforcement of water-related policies.

RATIONALE

Water management in Trinidad and Tobago is fragmented, with overlapping responsibilities across several sectors. Strengthening governance will ensure coherent policies, improved compliance, and stakeholder involvement—key to achieving SDG 6.5 (IWRM implementation).

Name Of Action	Strengthening Water Governance and Institutional Coordination
Leading Entity	Water Resources Agency (WRA), Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA), Ministry of Public Utilities (MPU), Ministry of Planning, Development & Economic Affairs (MPDEA), Ministry of Agriculture Land & Fisheries (MALF)
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	MPU, MOWT, MALF, UWI, and Ministry of Planning and Development.
Geographical Scale	Nationwide/Islandwide.
Estimated Cost	US \$3M.
Potential Sources Of Financing	PSIP, UNEP, GEF, GWP-C, and Green Climate Fund.
Timeline	2 to 3 years.
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment.
Related SDG Target	SDG 6.5.

ACTION 2: ENHANCING WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

This plan aims to secure water resources and adapt to climate risks by protecting watersheds, enhancing groundwater recharge, and implementing flood and drought management measures. It ensures sustainable water availability even under changing climate conditions

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To increase the availability and reliability of water resources through sustainable management, climate adaptation, and protection of critical watersheds and aquifers.

RATIONALE

Seasonal water shortages, watershed degradation, and climate change impacts threaten water availability. Building water resilience ensures sustainable supply for domestic, agricultural, and industrial use, supporting SDG 6.4 (efficient water use) and 6.6 (protection of ecosystems).

Leading Entity	Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) / Water Resources Agency (WRA)
Coordinators & Collaborators	MPU, MPD, NGOs, CBOs, Adopt a River Project (AARP), and Corporate T&T.
Estimated Cost	US \$1M
Financing Sources	PSIP, UNEP, GEF, GWP-C, and Green Fund.
Timeline	2 to 3 years.
IWRM Dimension	Institutions & Participation.
Related SDG Targets	SDG 6.4: Substantially increase water-use efficiency. SDG 6.6: Protect and restore water-related ecosystems.

ACTION 3: PROMOTING WATER CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This plan drives behavioural change and active public participation in water management. It encourages households, schools, and businesses to adopt conservation practices, supports smart metering, and empowers communities to take ownership of local water resources.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To cultivate a water-conscious society through education, behavioural change campaigns, and community participation in water conservation initiatives.

RATIONALE

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Leading Entity	WASA/WRA, MPU, and Environmental Management Authority (EMA).
Coordinators & Collaborators	WASA, EMA, MPD, MPU, Ministry of Education, NGOs, and CBOs.
Estimated Cost	US \$2.5M
Financing Sources	PSIP, UNEP, GEF, GWP-C, Green Fund, and Water Pollution Rules Remittances.
Timeline	3 years.
IWRM Dimension	Management Instruments.
Related SDG Targets	SDG 6.3 (water quality) and 6.b (community participation).