



LEVERAGING SDG 6 FOR ACCELERATED
WATER INVESTMENTS IN CARIBBEAN
SIDS WORKSHOP

MINI ACTION PLAN

PREPARED BY : **ANTIGUA & BARBUDA**



ACTION 1: ESTABLISH AN IWRM NATIONAL AGENCY

At present, Antigua and Barbuda lacks a designated agency mandated to address Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). This institutional gap has significantly hampered the country's ability to effectively respond to pressing water-related challenges, especially in times of drought, pollution crises, and intersectoral water competition.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To coordinate, plan, and organize all IWRM-related activities through a centralized national body.

RATIONALE

Antigua and Barbuda is currently behind in terms of IWRM implementation. A dedicated agency would ensure that the country aligns with both regional and international water management standards while meeting domestic sectoral demands. Centralized coordination would also support better enforcement, resource allocation, and stakeholder engagement.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	Ministry of Agriculture
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	APUA, National Office of Disaster Services, Ministry of Health, Agriculture, Social Transformation, Tourism, Meteorological Department, Chamber of Commerce, Department of the Environment and UWI – Five Islands.
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	EC\$850,000 per annum
Financing Options	Consolidated Fund, Citizen Investment Programme (CIP), Donor Agency Funding
Timeline	18–24 months
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment, Institutions and Participation, Management instruments and Financing.
Related SDG Target	6.5.1 (IWRM implementation at all levels)

ACTION 2: SECURE EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR IWRM IMPLEMENTATION

While a dedicated IWRM agency is proposed, national resources alone will not be sufficient to sustain its operations. This action targets the attraction of external financing to ensure the agency can function efficiently and fulfill its mandate.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To carry out the agency's mandate in an effective and efficient manner by securing long-term financing beyond the Consolidated Fund.

RATIONALE

Government resources are currently stretched, and it is anticipated that staff for the new IWRM agency would need to be seconded from existing institutions. This model would not be sustainable without additional funding for tools, equipment, data systems, stakeholder engagement activities, and other operational necessities.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	Ministry of Finance and Department of the Environment
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	Ministry of Finance, Department of the Environment, OECS, UNEP, GWP, GCF
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	EC\$500,000 per annum
Potential Sources Of Financing	Donor agencies and international development partners
Timeline	Continuous
IWRM Dimension	Financing
Related SDG Target	6.5.1

ACTION 3: CREATE OECS POLICY DOCUMENT ON IWRM

Given the absence of a harmonized OECS framework on IWRM, this action seeks to develop a guiding policy document to assist member states — including Antigua and Barbuda — in aligning their national plans within a regional context.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To provide OECS countries with one coherent window for policy and legislative guidance on IWRM.

RATIONALE

Currently, there is no regional policy framework to define or unify IWRM actions across OECS territories. This lack of coordination creates inefficiencies and missed opportunities for joint action, funding, and knowledge sharing.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	OECS Secretariat
Key Coordinators & Collaborators	OECS Governments and Development Partners
Estimated Cost	EC\$500,000
Potential Sources of Financing	OECS Governments and external donor agencies
Timeline	18 months
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment and Financing
Related SDG Targets	6.5.1

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