



LEVERAGING SDG 6 FOR ACCELERATED WATER INVESTMENTS IN CARIBBEAN SIDS WORKSHOP

MINI ACTION PLAN

PREPARED BY : **GUYANA**



ABOUT THIS MINI ACTION PLAN

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 .

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 achieve Cabinet approval of a modernized National Water Policy to promote sustainable water management.

RATIONALE

The National Water Council (NWC) has been revived after decades and is now leading the update of Guyana’s water governance framework under the 2002 Water and Sewerage Act.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	National Water Council
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	Hydromet, GWI, EPA, UG, NDIA, etc
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	USD 500,000
Potential Sources of Financing	Government of Guyana (GoG), Donor Funds
Timeline	18 months
IWRM Dimension	Enabling Environment
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 comprehensive watershed management plans for major river basins.

RATIONALE

Basin-level management is fragmented and lacks integration. Structured plans will ensure water quality and resource protection.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	National Water Council
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	Hydromet, RDC, Communities, Ministry of Housing and Water, EPA, UG
Geographical Scale	Basin level
Estimated Cost	USD 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 a centralized water data system to support planning and evidence-based decision-making.

RATIONALE

Multiple agencies collect water data, but without a centralized system, monitoring is inefficient. A national database will support better coordination and governance.

KEY DETAILS

Leading Entity	Hydrometeorological Service
Key Coordinators/Collaborators	GWI, GGMC, EPA, UG, NDIA, BoS
Geographical Scale	National
Estimated Cost	USD 1,500,000
Potential Sources of Financing	Government of Guyana (GoG), Donor Funds
Timeline	2 years
IWRM Dimension	Management Instruments
Related SDG Target	6.5.1 (3.1a, 3.1b, 3.1c, 3.2a, 3.2b, 3.2d,3.2d)

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