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Inter-regional Session for the Caribbean and the Pacific Regions

Facilitating inter-regional cooperation for better water and sanitation provision through exchange of information and experience



Message from UN Special Envoy for Disaster Reduction and Water

H.E. Dr. Han Seung-soo

Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk
Reduction and Water

“**Small Island Developing States** are the most vulnerable to the threat of water-related disasters and will be impacted further due to **climate change**. We must urgently address **water and climate-related disasters**, particularly in SIDS and other vulnerable states to prevent catastrophes.

I sincerely hope that today’s session will kick off a set of **concrete activities** to facilitate **inter-regional cooperation** between Caribbean and Pacific water stakeholders, including between their respective **water and sanitation utilities**”

Common challenges for water and sanitation utilities in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions

- Physical Operational Challenges
- Capacity Needs
- Natural Disasters affecting the islands as a result of climate change



Content and Highlights of the Session

Presentations:

- Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Management
- Capacity Needs for water and sanitation utilities
- Water Operators' Partnerships (Belize/USA)
- Climate Change tool kit for small island states

Inter-regional Panel:

Facilitated by Mr. Ravi Narayanan, APWF

Panelists: PWWA, CWWA, CAWASA, ESCAP, WaterLinks, GWOPA/UN-Habitat

Main Outcome and Way Forward of the Inter-regional Session Caribbean/Pacific

Signature of a **Memorandum of Understanding**

The Pacific Water and Wastes Association (PWWA)

The Caribbean Water and Sewerage Association (CAWASA)

The Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA)

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme through the Global Water
Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)

« To facilitate Inter-regional cooperation to strengthen operators' capacity in Caribbean and Pacific countries to bolster the ability of water and sanitation service providers to play their full role in delivering and extending quality services for all »



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