

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **The CARIWIN Sensitization and Field Mission In the pilot countries of Jamaica, Grenada and Guyana**

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## **PURPOSE**

This trip was undertaken by Kailas Narayan, Sr. Hydrologist at the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology, Barbados and Apurva Gollamudi, Professional Associate at the Brace Centre for Water Resources Management, McGill University, Montreal in February 2007.

The main purpose of the mission was to meet with CARIWIN project partners in Jamaica, Grenada and Guyana; ascertain their commitments and determine their expectations from the project. Inputs from partner agencies were instrumental in finalizing site locations, identifying pilot communities, and updating the work plan for the first year of the project. The mission was also a first opportunity after the CARIWIN project launch, for McGill and CIMH personnel to visit site locations and interact with local communities to make them aware of the project.

Follow up actions were drawn out based on discussions with lead government agencies in each country, and changes in pilot communities have been incorporated into the new project implementation plans.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- i. Ascertain each country's expectations from project (short and long-term)
- ii. Confirm commitment of partner agencies towards project targets and timelines
- iii. Review and set specific targets for the year 2007-08 and incorporate into the existing work plan
- iv. Finalize pilot community to be involved with project in each country
- v. Obtain a list of equipment required by each country
- vi. Identify site locations for equipment installation in each country

## **MISSION OUTPUTS**

- i. Lead and affiliate partner agencies and organizations in Jamaica, Grenada and Guyana were sensitized to the objectives of CARIWIN, and their role and expectations over the project were laid out.
- ii. The lead agencies – WRA in Jamaica, Min. of Agriculture in Grenada, and Hydromet Service in Guyana – confirmed their time and work commitments to CARIWIN. A written confirmation is to be sent to CIMH.
- iii. The work plan for the first year was discussed, and tentative dates for the training courses, workshops and site installations were finalized in consultation with partner agencies.
- iv. The St. Cuthbert's Mission was confirmed as the pilot community in Guyana. In Grenada, Calivigny was identified as the pilot community, and confirmation is expected soon. Three communities were identified in Jamaica – Mile Gully /

Warwick Castle ; Trinityville ; and Rio Cobre – of which 1 will be chosen by the WRA.

- v. Site visits were used to assess existing hydrometeorological equipment and data collection systems at pilot locations. Based on the visits, one site in Jamaica (Rio Cobre), and two in Guyana (in the East Demerara Conservancy) were identified to equip with an automated gaging station for technician training purposes. The agro-meteorological station at CARDI will be the pilot site location in Grenada. The countries have been asked to prepare an equipment list and submit to CIMH, which will be approved based on budget allocations.
- vi. A 2 day water quality testing workshop was proposed by GWI in Guyana. Subject to approval and procurement of kits, this workshop has been tentatively scheduled in May 2007 or in October 2007.

## **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

### Common

- Circulate updated list of people involved from McGill / CIMH / DC's
- Follow up on final site identification
- Follow up on final community identification
- Follow up with countries on equipment lists, and order equipment
- Develop training course outlines, and circulate course outlines to all agencies
- Gender assessment study report to be sent out to the partner countries
- Ensure work record templates go out to everyone
- Send final work plan to partner institutions / countries
- Setup procedures for transfer of funds to CIMH
- Setup official CARIWIN website

### Jamaica Specific

- RWP to decide and inform CIMH on pilot community for project
- WRA to decide and inform CIMH on pilot site for project

### Grenada Specific

- Calivigny to be confirmed as the pilot community
- Request Min of Ag to contact NaDMA as another partner institute
- GrenWP to provide an education proposal with budget

### Guyana Specific

- Obtain Mr. Rahaman's speel into videocam for CIDA/AUCC
- Follow up with GWI on water quality kit proposal
- GWI to send proposal for Water Quality (WQ) kits and training session
- Min of Ed to provide a budget proposal for water education program for farmers / Amerindian community
- Min of Amerindian affairs to provide budget for WQ workshop travel costs