

## ABSTRACT

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### **THE CARIBBEAN WATER INITIATIVE AND ITS LASTING IMPACT ON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN GRENADA**

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The goal of the Caribbean Water Initiative (CARIWIN) was to promote Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the region. As one of the three Pilot Countries involved in the project, Grenada's CARIWIN experience now serves as a model for other countries in the region aiming to improve water resources management. CARIWIN in Grenada introduced the National Water Information System and ushered in IWRM, both of which fulfilled the promise of the 2007 Grenada Water Policy. Over six years, Grenada's water sector gained strengthened capacity through opportunities for professional development; new equipment and data collection capabilities; new decision-support systems; and international collaborations. This paper discusses these concrete measures toward IWRM in Grenada, the benefits that have been bestowed upon the people of Grenada, as well as considerations for continued strengthening of governance in the water sector in Grenada and in the Caribbean region.