



## **Partnering to Promote the Integrated Management of Watersheds and Coastal Areas in Dominica**

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The importance of an integrated approach to the management of land and water resources and the need for collaboration amongst sectors and partners will be the focus of discussions at a workshop taking place at the Fort Young Hotel in Roseau at which a number of partners will be represented.

“Uncoordinated activities by international donors, projects, technical agencies, and others can result in duplication of efforts and a waste of valuable human and financial resources” according to Sasha Beth Gottlieb, Technical Coordinator of the Global Environment Facility-funded Integrating Watersheds and Coastal Areas Management (GEF-IWCAM) in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Caribbean Project.

GEF-IWCAM is one of the partners in this initiative. Other partners attending the Workshop are: DOWASCO, the Ministry of Public Works and Public Utilities, the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI), the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Caribbean WaterNet, and the Global Water Partnership – Caribbean (GWP-C).

Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) work in Dominica will be supported by GEF-IWCAM activities at the regional level, in areas such as the identification of ‘hot spots’ for future interventions, the development of Geographic Information Systems capability, and guidance on necessary legislation, policy and institutional structures to better enable integrated management of water resources.

Participants will discuss ways in which local stakeholders can establish proactive alliances in water resources management that are representative and participatory at the community, institutional and national levels. They will brainstorm as to how Dominica can align national programmes with similar initiatives in the region and internationally, thereby benefiting from wider experience and know-how. Possible steps to be taken by Dominica to improve water governance through the promotion, enhancement and effective implementation of legislation, policy programmes and institutional regulatory and administrative frameworks will also be discussed.

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