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Caribbean Water Operators Confer in Antigua

Engineers, water and waste-water operators, water and waste laboratory analysts, stakeholders and other water and waste-water industry professionals from utilities across the Caribbean will gather in Antigua and Barbuda for the Third Annual Caribbean Water Operators Conference.

The conference will be held at the Jolly Beach Resort on June 27 and 28, to discuss matters relating to their professional and organizational responsibilities across the region.

The theme for the two-day conference is *Water Re-use: Contributing to Efficient Use of Water Resources for a Healthy Environment*.

The 2013 Water Operators Conference is jointly sponsored by the host utility -- the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA), the Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association (CAWASA) and the Caribbean Regional Fund for Waste Water Management (CRW) Project.

The opening session of the conference will be addressed by The Honourable John Maginley, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture as well as representatives of the sponsoring agencies. The feature address will be given by Mr. Don Degen of Water and Wastewater Solutions (WWWS) in Canada, who will speak on *International Perspectives on Water Re-use*.

The conference will aim to update the knowledge and skills of water and wastewater operators through interaction with fellow operators and professionals. It will also provide them the opportunity to access, view and share the latest ideas in technical equipment, technology, products and services with suppliers.

Caribbean operators will use this opportunity to share their experiences in preparation for the Operators Certification Examinations, as well as to showcase their presentation skills through professional presentations and competitive activities such as the Operators' Competition.

Among other issues to be considered by the delegates are: The Enabling Environment for Water and Waste Water Services, Water Quality in the Region, Application of Waste Water Re-use and Utility Development Issues.

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