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# Background:

The CReW is a four-year project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was established in 2011 and will end in July 2015.

It aims:

* To provide sustainable financing for the wastewater sector
* To support policy and legislative reforms, and
* To foster regional dialogue and knowledge exchange amongst key stakeholders in the WCR.

There are thirteen participating countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) is based in Jamaica, at the offices of the IDB and at UNEP’s Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit which is Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention (UNEP CAR/RCU).

# Talking points:

* Example focussed on the Jamaica’s pilot.
* Jamaica’s financing mechanism under CReW is a Credit Enhancement Facility – Importance of the K-factor which ensures some level of sustainability. Brief description of approach, challenges, how overcome.
* Successfully established and first generation projects underway.
* Introduce Jamaica NEPA´s plans for the replication/institutionalization
* Critical success factors identified by NEPA: availability of funds; cost of funds; wide stakeholder participation; fiscal space; political commitment.
* Introduction of other pilots in relation to these in terms of relative strengths and weaknesses.
* CReW+ proposed design/components informed by lessons learned in CReW to look at broader suite of solutions including. reclaimed water etc.