

WW2BW PARTNERSHIP IN ARUBA

Introduction to WW2BW

Partnerships for sustainable development -- voluntary, multi-stakeholder initiatives aimed at implementing sustainable development -- were an important complementary outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg in 2002. At its 11th Session in May 2003, the Commission on Sustainable Development reaffirmed that these partnerships contribute to the implementation of intergovernmental commitments, recognizing that partnerships are a complement to, not a substitute for, intergovernmental commitments.

White Water to Blue Water (WW2BW) is a World Summit on Sustainable Development partnership led by the Caribbean Community, Comisión Centroamericana de Ambiente y Desarrollo, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United States of America.

The partnership is under the direction of an international Steering Committee representing governments, U.N. organizations, non-governmental organizations, universities and the private sector.

The primary objectives are:

- Strengthening national and regional institutional capacity to implement cross-sectoral watershed and marine ecosystem-based management;
- Facilitating closer cooperation and good governance within and among nations, regional agencies and civil society in coastal and marine resource management, water management, health, environmental protection, agriculture and urban planning; and
- Engaging business partners in the major growth sectors, such as tourism and shipping, to

promote best business practices, and to support regional activities in water shed and marine coastal management.

The WW2BW Initiative helps to implement many treaties and international commitments, with regard



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to biodiversity, sustainable development in small island developing states, and many protocols regarding ocean management, fisheries, and anti marine pollution agreements.

Its main thematic areas are:

- Integrated watershed management;
- Marine ecosystem-based management;
- Sustainable tourism; and
- Environmentally sound marine transportation.

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On Monday June 2, 2003 two officials from the US State Department and the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of the NOAA, presented the White Water to Blue Water Initiative to environmental organization, trade and industry representatives, government and government agency officials.

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E ALIANZA WW2BW NA ARUBA

Introduccion na WW2BW

Alianzanan pa desaroyo sostenibel – iniciativanan voluntario, cu participacion di varios grupo di interes cu e obhetivo pa implementa desaroyo sostenibel

E metanan principal ta:

- fortalece capacidad institucional nacional y regional pa implementa maneho di awa y ecosistema marino multisectorial;
- facilita cooperacion mas estrecho y bon gobernacion den y entre nacion, agencianan regional y sociedad civil den maneho costal y di recursonan marino, maneho di awa, salubridad, proteccion ambiental, agricultura y planificacion urbano, y
- involvi business partners den sectornan principal di desaroyo economico, manera turismo y transporte marino, pa promove "best business practices", y pa sostene actividadnan regional den e maneho di awa y di costa y recursonan marino.

E alianza WW2BW ta sirbi alavez pa implementa varios tratado y compromiso internacional, regardando biodiversidad, desaroyo sostenibel

den estadonan chikito insular den desaroyo, y multiple protocol tocante maneho di oceano, pesca y acuerdonan pa combati polucion marino.

E areanan principal tematico ta:

- Maneho integral di awa;
- Maneho di ecosistema marino;
- Turismo sostenibel; y
- Transporte marino ambientalmente acerta.

WW2BW introduci na Aruba

Dialuna 2 juni 2003 un oficial di US State Department y un representante di National Marine Fisheries

Service, un division di NOAA, a presenta e alianza White Water to Blue Water na ambientalista, representante di gremio comercial, gobernantenan y oficialnan di departamentonan di gobierno.

E iniciativa aki tambe ta funda riba e "US Third Border" Policy, cual ta reconoce e region di Caribe

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