

**Regional Consultation Meeting of CABI's Member
Countries in the Americas and the Caribbean**

Chemicals & Waste Management in the Caribbean

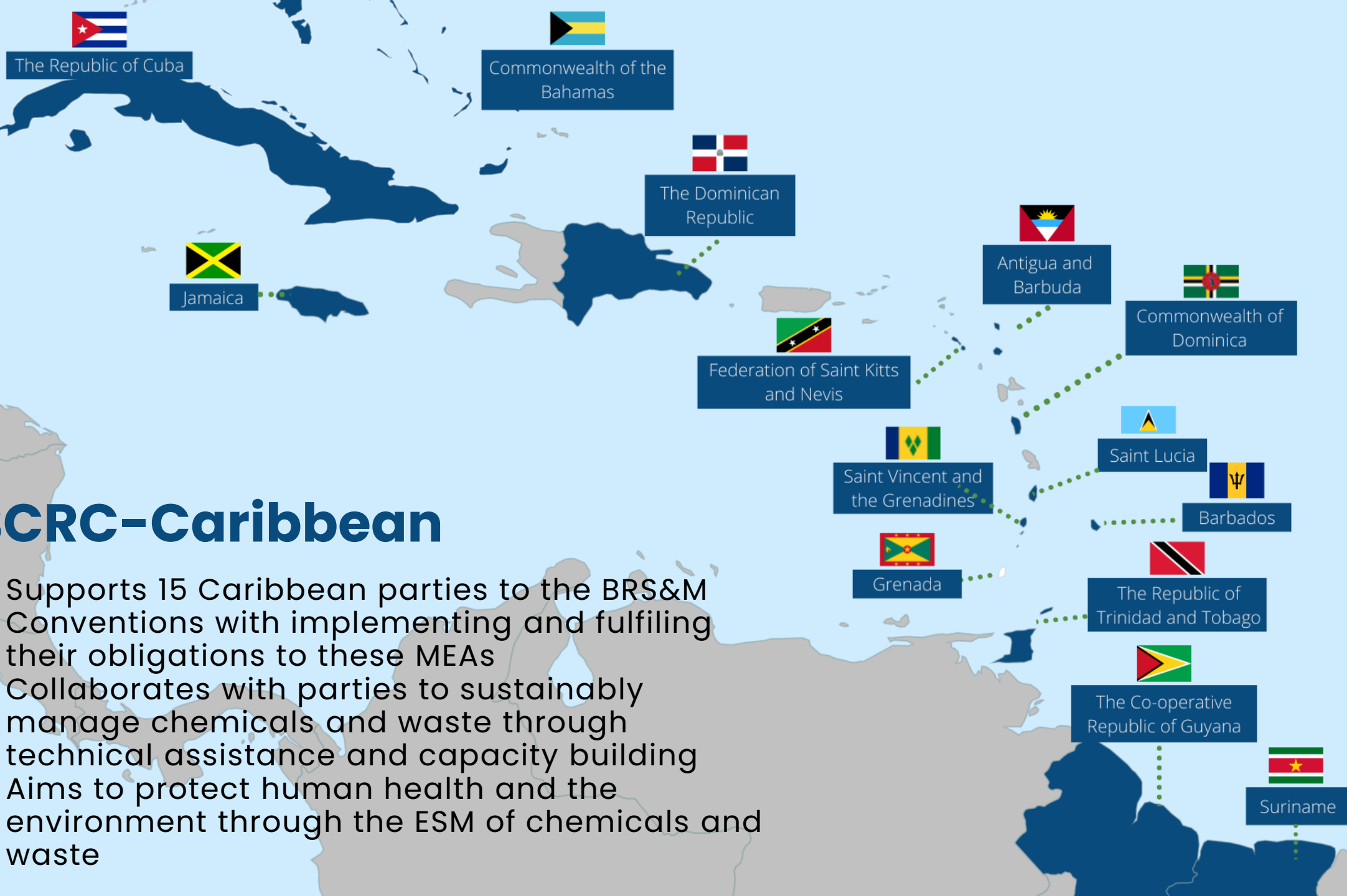
A BCRC-Caribbean Perspective

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The BCRC–Caribbean

- Supports 15 Caribbean parties to the BRS&M Conventions with implementing and fulfilling their obligations to these MEAs
- Collaborates with parties to sustainably manage chemicals and waste through technical assistance and capacity building
- Aims to protect human health and the environment through the ESM of chemicals and waste

The BCRC–Caribbean’s Core Work



Training and Capacity Building

- Based on the regional and national needs and priorities.
- training sessions on national reporting requirements of the Conventions.
- Information exchange and knowledge transfer among Caribbean parties and through other regional centres, for global reach.



Preparation of Project Proposals

- To donors for implementation of project activities which have not yet started
- for additional projects/ activities based on the identified country needs



Stakeholder Engagement

- Engagement of focal points in countries served to facilitate dissemination of information and capacity building
- Engagement with government representatives to facilitate informed decision making and create buy in for national implementation of outcomes in national operations
- Private sector and civil society engagement

The BCRC- Caribbean's Project Portfolio



**Development to
Catalyze Actions and
Commitments at the
National and global
Level including in the
Marine Environment**



**Implementing
Sustainable Low and
Non-Chemical
Development in Small
Island Developing
States (ISLANDS)
10279, 10472, 10258**



**GEF 11176 -
Elimination of
Hazardous
Chemicals from
Support Chains in
TTO**



**Global Development,
Review and Update of
the National
Implementation Plans
under the Stockholm
Convention on POPs**



**Global Chemicals
Monitoring
Programme**



**Capacity building on
the Rotterdam and
Stockholm
Conventions for
Caribbean Countries**



The BCRC- Caribbean's Project Portfolio

**Building the
Foundation for a
comprehensive
framework for sound
chemicals
management in SLU**

**Energy Efficiency
through the
Development of Low
Carbon RAC
Technologies in TTO**

**Improving
Techniques for EOL
Gas and Equipment
Management in the
RAC Industry**

**GEF 11729 – ICOAST
PPG TTO**

REGIONAL CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

- **Fragmented Regional Coordination**
 - Need for stronger collaboration and coordination among regional centres - e.g. MOU with SCRC Brazil
 - Need for collaborative work, sharing experiences, resources and lessons learnt among Parties - consider stronger mechanisms for cooperation
- **Limited regulatory and institutional capacity (work done to support through GEF ISLANDS)**
 - Shortage of trained personnel, technical expertise and infrastructure
 - In most instances, entities responsible for the environment carry multiple portfolios
 - weak regulatory oversight



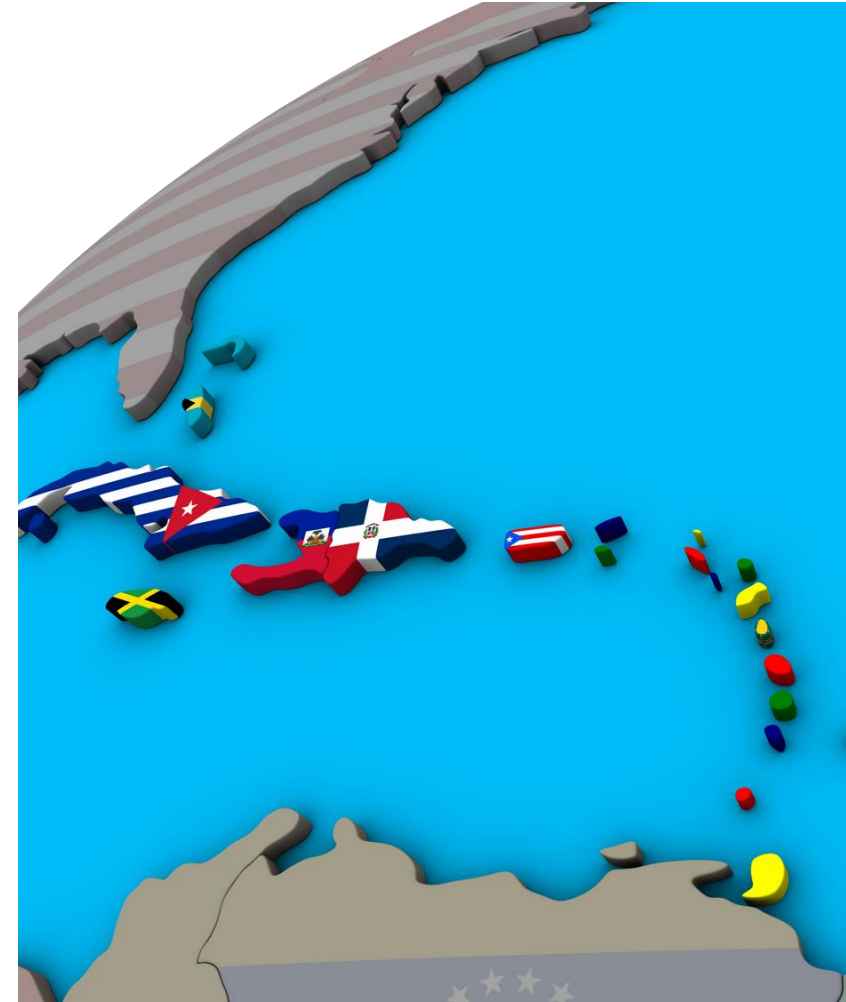
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- **Financial Constraints**
 - Limited national avenues for funding allocated to chemicals and waste management
 - Funding opportunities typically through grant funding and projectized approach with the support of the BCRC-Caribbean
 - Post-project challenges include actioning next steps based on project outcomes at the national levels
- **Technological gaps**
 - Limited access to financial mechanisms to support purchase of updated machinery/technology



REGIONAL CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

- **Geographic and logistical challenges**
 - Need for economies of scale - small land areas and limited space for sound management of chemicals and waste
 - Remote locations increase the cost and complexity for transporting waste especially hazardous material
 - Geographically prone to natural disasters which can disrupt waste systems and generate large volumes of debris



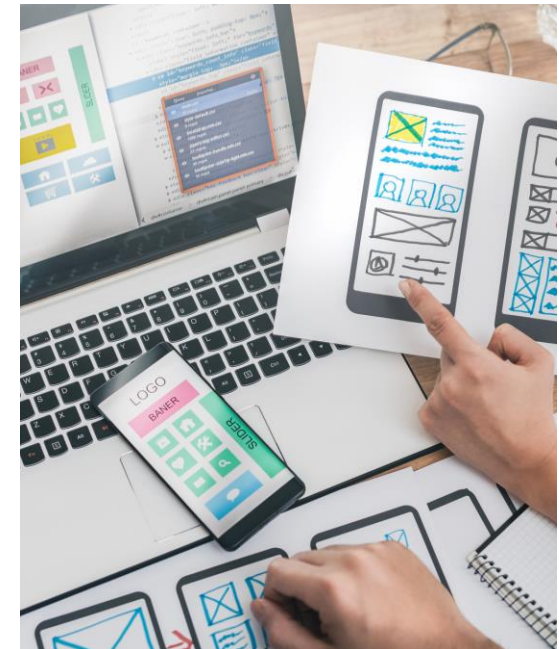
INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT PESTICIDE RISK REDUCTION

- Training in **pesticide risk assessment** in six sectors, and guidance documents development - May 2026
 - E-learning course to be launched in 2026
- Development of **biopesticides registration manual** and training course - March 2025
 - E-learning course to be launched in 2026
- Training in **good labelling practices for pesticides** - July 2024
 - E-learning course to be launched in 2026



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- Development of **Effect Case Action Global Tool** for pesticides/HHPs - May 2026
- Development of **Pesticide Stock Management System (PSMS App)** to support regional authorities in the management of stockpiles - June 2026
- Delivery of a regional training programme on the development of **Consumer Risk Assessments for MRLs** - June 2026



THANK YOU!
¡GRACIAS!
ANY QUESTIONS?
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