

## About IWRM AIO SIDS project

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- Website:** <http://aio-iwrn.org>
- Page on Mauritius:** <http://aio-iwrn.org/where-we-work/mauritius/>
- Our Youtube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbBrETf6iv2b4tBLcII-iig>
- Our Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/Water4Islands/>

### Description:

Two oceans, six countries, three distinct languages: it may seem like the nations of Cabo Verde, Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, São Tomé & Príncipe and Seychelles have little in common, but as Small Island Developing States (SIDS), they face very similar challenges when it comes to the management of waste and water resources.

The six countries – located in the Atlantic and Indian oceans (AIO) – differ profoundly in size and level of economic development, but all six share problems relating to the scarcity and contamination of freshwater supplies; over-exploitation of groundwater resources and increasing pressure on agricultural production.

In response to these challenges, the Global Environment Facility has funded a full-sized project that recognises and addresses the urgent need for comprehensive Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and improved Water Use Efficiency (WUE) in the SIDS of the Atlantic and Indian oceans. The so-called IWRM AIO SIDS project is designed to strengthen the commitment and capacity of the six participating countries to implement an integrated approach to the management of freshwater resources, with a long-term goal of enhancing their capacity to plan and manage their aquatic resources and ecosystems on a sustainable basis.