



Attention: News Editors

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NWC PLACES IN TOP 4 OF GLOBAL WATER LEADER AWARDS

The National Water Commission (NWC), Jamaica's premier potable water service provider, placed fourth (4th) in the Global Water Award in the category of Water Leader of the Year 2019 in London, England organized by Global Water Intelligence (GWI), a world leading publisher on water sector issues.

The global water awards recognizes excellence across the entire international water industry within several categories, and rewards those initiatives in the water, wastewater, and desalination sectors that are moving the industry forward. The NWC, as a result of its innovative approach in non-revenue water (NRW) activities being undertaken with co-management partner, MIYA, received this prestigious placement among other countries such as Argentina, Turkey and Uganda. Most noteworthy of NWC's achievement under this programme, were the drastic results attained in NRW which recorded a movement from 61% to 48% in Kingston and St. Andrew (KSA) for 2018.

In highlighting the depth of these awards, an official from the GWI commented that "the Global Water Awards 2019 celebrated the stories of positive disruption in the water sector in 2018, recognizing the pioneers and innovators who pushed the industry to greater heights in the last year. This year's shortlist represented truly outstanding quality and to be nominated is an exceptional achievement".

In commenting on the awards, NWC President Mark Barnett indicated that the NWC was humbled and pleased by the positive global recognition even as it is continuing to face many immediate challenges but remains committed to fixing Jamaica's long-standing potable water issues.

The Global Water Award ceremony took place on April 9, 2019 at the Natural History Museum in the United Kingdom.

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