

Caribbean Week of Agriculture Technical Seminar October 9th

Concept Note

Leveraging Technologies for Improved Food Security - (3.30 am to 5.30 pm)

Background/ Introduction

Under the theme “**Climate Smart Agriculture for a Sustainable Future**”, the Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) 2024 intends to highlight and coordinate efforts towards accelerating climate-smart mitigation and adaptative measures to reduce climatic impacts on food production systems. CWA 2024 will serve as an additional platform for promoting the engagement and collaboration between key private and public sector stakeholders and regional partners.

Consistent with pillar three – the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its implementing partner Improving Economies for Stronger Communities (IESC) will host a panel discussion on Wednesday October 9th entitled “Accessing Sustainable Market Opportunities”. The session will examine climate-smart agriculture activities in the Caribbean through the introduction of innovative yet simple and easy to manage hydroponic farming technology among others, that equally responds to the need for social inclusion for the most vulnerable members of society.

The 90 mins panel will receive presentations from representatives from the Taiwan Embassy in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator and a demonstration from Fork Farm.

The technical session will commence with a keynote speech by USAID’s ESC Global Development Director Mr. Steven Fondriest to set the tone for the remainder of the session.

Objectives

The Technical Seminar will:

- Provide details to the audience on the Climate-Smart Agriculture - Caribbean Regional Pilot project
- Interventions in SVG lead by the Taiwanese mission
- Demonstration on Fork Farm technology including the business case.

Target Audience

The target audience for the above captioned seminar are Policy makers, producers, exporters, development partners and national and regional institutions.

Proposed Agenda of Seminar

Moderator – Sandiford Edwards

Keynote speech – USAID ESC Global Development Director – Steven Fondriest

Panelist –Rep from Taiwan Mission, Kiesha Farnum (CCCA) and Josh Mahlik (Fork Farms)

Time	Activity
0.00 – 5.00 mins	Moderator provides overview of the session and introduces, Panelist and USAID’s ESC Global Development Director
5.00 – 15.00 mins	USAIDs ESC Global Development Director – Steven Fondriest
15.00 – 30.00 mins	Presentation from Taiwan Embassy
30.00 – 45.00 mins	Presentation from Caribbean Climate Change Accelerator
45.00 – 65.00 mins	Presentation from Fork Farms
65.00 – 85.00 mins	Moderator invites audience to ask questions.
85.00 – 90.00 mins	Moderator wraps and provides key takeaways.