

Caribbean Week of Agriculture Technical Seminar October 8th

Concept Note

Supporting Sustainable Climate Smart Approaches and Capacity Development - (9.00 am to 10.30 am)

Background/ Introduction

Through the 2030 U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis, (PACC 2030), the United States Government is supporting partners in the Caribbean to address the unique and evolving climate, energy, food security, and capacity challenges facing the Region. Launched by Vice President Harris during the Summit of the Americas in June 2022, PACC 2030's objectives are based on four pillars: (1) Improving Access to Development Financing, (2) Facilitating Clean Energy Project Development and Investment, (3) Food Security and Enhancing Local Capacity for Climate Adaptation and Resilience, and (4) Deepening Collaboration with Caribbean Partners.

Consistent with pillar three – Food Security and Enhancing Local Capacity for Climate Adaptation and Resilience, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will host a panel discussion on Tuesday October 8th during the Caribbean Week of Agriculture entitled “Supporting Climate Smart Approaches and Capacity Development” to explore the various interventions funded by USAID and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to advance food security in the Region.

The 90 mins panel discussion will consider the interventions as part of USAID's Caribbean Agricultural Productivity improvement Activity (CAPA) and the Caribbean Resilient Economies and Sector (RESET). Additionally, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service which links U.S agriculture to the world will present on its work to promote global food security.

The technical session will commence with a keynote speech by the US Deputy Chief of Missions to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean to set the tone for the remainder of the session.

Objectives

The Technical Seminar will:

- explore USAID's CAPA & RESET support for Climate Smart Agriculture in the region
- provide an opportunity to promote how partners are using USG assistance to support CSA in SVG and the region including the response to Hurricane Beryl.
- Introduce the USDA FAS initiatives to promote regional food security sighting intra and extra-regional case studies / success stories.
- consider policy frameworks necessary to encourage and incentivize sustainable capacity building interventions for regional food security and agriculture transformation.
- promote investment/co-funding partnership opportunities for consideration by Member States and other development partners to advance sustainable climate smart approaches and capacity development.

Target Audience

The target audience for the above captioned seminar are policy makers, development partners and national and regional institutions. As an adjunct, producers and buyers and agricultural students are equally expected to benefit.

Proposed Agenda of Seminar

Moderator – Durwin Humphrey

Keynote speech – United States Deputy Chief of Missions - Karin B. Sullivan

Panelist – Mervyn Farroe / Steven Fondriest, Sandiford Edwards (CAPA), Patricia Shako (RESET),
USDA/FAS Rep

Time	Activity
0.00 – 5.00 mins	Moderator provides overview of the session and introduces, Panelist and Deputy Chief of Missions
5.00 – 20.00 mins	DCM - Karin B. Sullivan delivers Keynote Address
20.00 – 30.00 mins	Each Panelist provides a short opening statement (3mins each)
30.00 – 60.00 mins	Moderator engages panelist in discussion with specific pre-agreed questions.
60.00 – 75.00 mins	Moderator invites audience to participate in discussion.
75.00 – 85.00 mins	Moderator invites panelists to present closing comments.
85.00 – 90.00 mins	Moderator wraps and provides key takeaways.