

For Your Information



Dialogue 4 Development Forum 18 - 22 January 2016

2015 was a re-defining year for the Caribbean Action under the Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme (APP) - technical targets were re-set; operational systems were re-booted; partnership commitments were renewed; momentum for project implementation was regained - allowing for notable strides to be achieved in the 2nd half of the year.

2016 will be a defining year for the APP as we collectively work towards delivering the outputs and achieving the results. To set the tone for the year, APP Implementing Partners and their collaborators will convene and host a Dialogue 4 Development Forum to: (a) take stock of, and disseminate information from technical outputs to date, and (b) engage two key sets of beneficiaries - Ministry of Agriculture Planners and Youth in Agriculture.

Participation is by invitation and pre-registration. Official Invites to follow. A snapshot of the Forum and brief descriptions of the events are provided for your information. To find out more, please contact:

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Snapshot of APP Dialogue 4 Development Forum ~ 18 to 22 January 2016 ~ Grenada

| | Mon. 18 Jan. | Tue. 19 Jan. | Wed. 20 Jan. | Thu. 21 Jan. | Fri. 22 Jan. |
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| AM | [1] Meeting of the Agriculture Food & Nutrition Security Cluster | [3] Thematic Group & Priority Commodity Industry Forum | [4] Agriculture Planners Policy Forum (APPF) - Technical Meeting ----- Field Trip [1,2, 3] ----- [5] Youth in Agriculture (YiA) Forum | APPF - Policy Orientation & Training Programme | APPF - Policy Orientation & Training Programme cont'd ----- YiA Forum cont'd ----- APPF Field Trip |
| PM | [2] APP Technical Advisory Committee Meeting | | ----- YiA Field Trip | | |



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Mon. 18 Jan. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

[1] Agriculture Food & Nutrition Security Cluster (AFNC) Closed Meeting

The AFNC was mandated by the COTED to reduce overlaps among agencies involved in agriculture in the Region as well as to facilitate increased focus on priority activities within the Region. The APP has been supporting the coordination efforts of a core group of agriculture agencies, chaired by CARDI, which meets monthly to collectively support and promote the policies, strategies and programmes approved by the COTED and the Heads of Government for agriculture development. This meeting will be the fifth face-2-face (F2F) meeting since the APP started and the first F2F for 2016. The AFNC is supported in APP Component 1, under the responsibility of the CARICOM Secretariat.

Mon. 18 Jan. 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

[2] APP Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Closed Meeting

The TAC is one of the two main governance bodies of the APP project, established to provide technical guidance to the APP, through review and amendments, as required to the work programme details and implementation strategy, in collaboration with the Partners, and the technical outputs generated through activities implemented under the project. The TAC meeting will review the 2nd Annual (April 2014 - June 2015, July-September 2015 and the October-December 2015 performance reports and the 2016 work plan, as well as discuss operational aspects critical to implementation success. The TAC is managed by the APP Project Management Unit (PMU).

Tue. 19 Jan. 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

[3] Thematic Group & Priority Commodity Industry Development Forum Participation by Invitation

COTED has mandated establishment of regional coordinating mechanisms to oversee specific thematic or commodity-based development initiatives. These include the 4 Thematic Groups: Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems (CARICOM Secretariat), Business Development (IICA), Human Resources and Research and Development (CARDI) and Climate Change and Natural Resource Management (FAO), and 4 Priority Commodity-Based Industry groups: Roots & Tubers (FAO), Herbs & Spices (CABA), Small Ruminants (CARDI) and Fisheries (CRFM). The APP has contributed resources to support these groups to undertake their mandated coordinating role and strategic policy research development. The APP D4D Forum will provide the opportunity for these individual groups to meet, for the first time since their establishment, as a collective, to exchange information, identify synergies in current and planned activities and approaches and review the findings and recommendations of studies and assessments undertaken under the APP to inform the regional, national and industry policy responses and programming processes.

Wed 20 Jan. - Fri 22 Jan 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

[4] Agriculture Planners Policy Forum – Technical Meeting & Policy Orientation/Training Participation by Invitation

The APP D4D will provide Ministries of Agriculture Planners with a forum to engaged, outside of the usual COTED agenda on critical technical issues, including those being addressed under the APP, and in particular, the experiences and outcomes of the policy support delivered at the national level. It will also provide an opportunity for planners to 'refresh' their knowledge and understandings on matters related to defining policy priorities & targets for 2016, best practice instruments for policy implementation and valuing the true contribution of agriculture to economic development.

Wed 20 Jan. - Fri 22 Jan 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

[5] Youth in-Agriculture Forum Participation by Invitation & Pre-Registration

Youth is an important stakeholder group for the APP and the Components have included youth in its various activities thus far. Engagement with Youth in Agriculture (YiA) provide sufficient evidence that they ARE interested in exploiting business opportunities in agriculture and several have already braved the odds to start-up, do own research, innovate and, through trial and error, grow successful small businesses. There are several others who are searching for opportunities to learn from their peers and senior practitioners and support to also start, grow and expand their agri-based enterprises. This APP D4D will provide a dedicated platform, defined, designed and directed by youth and for youth in agriculture, aimed at promoting successful youth in agri-business and widening the YiA a network to provide hands-on youth to youth business exposure and grooming among other purposes deemed important to the youth.

The APP Dialogue 4 Development Forum also includes Field Trips and Youth Business Link-Ups.

IICA is the Executing Agency for the APP Caribbean Action, which ends in December 2016. The APP comprises 3 Components: 1 - Regional Agriculture Policy & Strategy, led by the CARICOM Secretariat, 2 - Applied Research, Technology & Innovation, led by CARDI, and 3 - Enterprise Development & Market Linkages led by IICA.