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### Farewell Dr. Francis Asiedu



Dr Asiedu retires from CARDI after 28 years of dedicated service.

After 28 years of unstinting service, Dr Francis Asiedu will be retiring from the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).

Dr Asiedu, a national of Ghana moved to the Region in 1982, to take up a position of lecturer at the University of Guyana. After seven years at the University, Dr Asiedu joined CARDI Jamaica as a Senior Scientist in Animal Nutrition and Production. Since that time to present he has made an outstanding contribution and left an indelible mark on CARDI's research and development programme as both a researcher and manager.

As a researcher, Dr Asiedu is widely recognised for his pioneering research for development of small and large ruminants, swine and poultry enterprises in the Caribbean. Some of his notable achievements included the development of feed inputs and feeding systems technologies for ruminant livestock and swine from local agro and industrial by-products and forages; the adaptation of

molasses and urea blocks and ensilage technology for small farmers and the development of tech packs on feeding and production systems for sheep and goat production systems. He was also instrumental in the development and management of the Goat Breeders Society of Jamaica and the Caribbean Small Ruminant Network (CASRUNET). His work primarily in the small ruminant industry in Jamaica resulted in a 72% increase in meat production and a 66% increase in herd productivity between 1992 and 2000.

During his tenure as scientist and later as the CARDI Representative in Jamaica, Dr Asiedu represented the Institute with distinction at various high level meetings and undertook several consultancy missions to Africa, the Pacific, Latin America and Europe. He also served on several national and regional Boards and Committees. Under his stewardship and professional work ethic Jamaica continued to be one of the most consistently successful CARDI Country Offices.

In 2008, Dr Asiedu moved to CARDI Headquarters, Trinidad and Tobago to take up the position as Technical Services Manager where his primary responsibility was to lead the management and implementation of CARDI's very diverse research portfolio. During his tenure as Technical Services Manager he directly supervised the Institute's scientists and research assistants, deployed the use of various Information and Communication tools (ICTs) and simplified the Institute's administrative and financial systems for project implementation. Collectively these assisted in simplifying the project management process at CARDI which today, positions the Institute as a partner of choice in the implementation of agricultural research and development projects in the Region.

Dr Asiedu has been recognised at the national, regional and international levels for his contribution to research and development. He has received awards from the Goat Breeders Society of Jamaica and the Ghanaian Association in Jamaica for outstanding service and contribution to the development of agricultural science research in Ghana, Jamaica and the Caribbean. He has also been acknowledged for his dedicated service to CARDI.

Dr Asiedu leaves an enduring legacy, and as he moves onto the next phase we at CARDI are grateful for his exceptional and dedicated service to the Institute and the Region, his adopted home. We will miss his sound advice, cool temperament and hearty laugh.

Congratulations Dr Asiedu on a wonderful career and best wishes for a continued active life, good health and happiness. It has been a pleasure knowing and working with you.

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