Webinar

Strategies and Responses of the Caribbean to Food Security during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Friday, December 4, 2020, Blackboard Collaborate

8:00 am
- Welcome remarks: Dr. Felix Huertas González, Chancellor, Universidad Ana G. Méndez (UAGM), Carolina Campus
- Introduction to the webinar: Dr. Wilfredo Colón, Chair and CEO, Caribbean Food Crops Society, Professor, Department of Science and Technology, UAGM, Carolina Campus

Government

8:20 am
- Introduction of keynote speaker by Mr. Barton Clarke, Executive Director, Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Honorable Sabota Ceasar, Minister of Agriculture of St Vincent and the Grenadines and Chair of the CARICOM Agriculture Food and Nutrition Security Cluster

9:00 am
- Introduction of keynote speaker by Dr. Edward Evans, Professor of Food and Resource Economics, Center Director, Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC), University of Florida
- Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, Barbados Ambassador to China, Former Director General IICA

9:40 am
- Introduction of keynote speaker by Mrs. Janina Segura, Executive Director, Centro para el Desarrollo Agropecuario y Forestal (CEDAF)
- Dr. Eladio Arnau, Executive Director, Instituto Dominicano de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (IDIAF), Dominican Republic

Industry

10:20 am
- Introduction of keynote speaker by Dr. Héctor S. Tavarez, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, College of Agricultural Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
- Mr. Angel Santiago, President and CEO, Caribbean Produce Exchange, Inc. San Juan, Puerto Rico
According to FAO (2020), the Covid-19 pandemic could result in increased hunger and poverty in the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). Prior to the pandemic, the region’s food security was already at risk. With the pandemic the main risk is not being able to guarantee access to food in a population under sanitary security measures and in many cases who have lost their main source of income.

This conference will present specific strategies and responses from government, private sector, academia, and non-government organizations in dealing with food security issues during the Covid-19 Pandemic.