Reginald Andall retires from CARDI after an esteemed 39 year career

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago - After thirty nine (39) years, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute bids farewell to Mr. Reginald Andall on his retirement from the Institute.

Fondly known as Reggie, Mr. Andall joined CARDI in 1985 as a Country Team Member in the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded Farming Systems Research and Development Project in Grenada. Following the end of the project, he was appointed Scientist and later Agronomist with the Institute. In 2000, he was promoted to CARDI Representative in Grenada, a position he held until his retirement from the Institute. From 2001 to 2002 he also served as the CARDI Representative in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Among his many achievements Mr. Andall, would be remembered for his work in improving the productivity and marketability of the dwarf Golden Apple, Nutmeg and Soursop – three commodities of economic importance to Grenada. He also spearheaded work to improve the Roots and Tubers subsector. Of significance has been the extensive work he has done to promote cassava for value added product development. Today, CARDI Grenada still supplies cassava mash to bakeries for the production of composite bread. In the area of livestock, CARDI, together with partners under the stewardship of Mr. Andall contributed to development of the island’s goat industry. Perhaps one of Mr. Andall’s most notable contributions has been the production and supply of a range of quality planting material for vegetables, root crops and fruit crops to the farming community. This work remains important as it has also helped restart agriculture production after disasters like Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Most recently he has been involved in the promotion and adoption of Open Pollinated corn among famers in Grenada and training in nursery establishment and management.

In 2019, at the Institute’s 45th Anniversary celebration, Mr Andall was recognised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Forestry, Marine Resources and Cooperatives for his dedication and years of service to agriculture development in Grenada.
Mr. Andall is an incredibly humble and approachable person. We wish to express our gratitude to him for his invaluable contributions to our institute and the field of agricultural research and development. His dedication and expertise have left an indelible mark on CARDI in Grenada and across the Region. We at CARDI will miss his dependability, wealth of knowledge, expert advice and even his dry sense of humour.

Reggie has been a true CARDI stalwart and as he embarks on this new chapter of his life, we extend our best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

Thank you for your years of service and commitment Reggie!

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