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ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA FOR CARIBBEAN AAACP DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

Barbados, 29-30 September 2011

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1. Proposed Workshop Programme/Agenda

It is proposed to structure the agenda as follows:

- A general presentation of programme expected and actual results,
- A Case story to illustrate programme approach and results achieved
- Testimonials on a set of successful innovative programme activities, followed by
- a conclusion session.

These are detailed below.

Session 1: Overview of Expected and Actual Results.

This session serves as background as well as to introduce the agenda. It will recall the expected results of the AAACP, major achievements, and the various main approaches used to attain them. The overview of approaches used by the AAACP will aim at (i) demonstrating the innovative character of programme and (ii) whetting the appetite of participants as to the rest of the workshop programme.

This session will have as documentary support a report commissioned by the CU on the subject, with specific focus on the Caribbean region.

Session 2 will be the first case story.

It will seek to demonstrate, starting from the core programme mandate of supporting participatory strategy development, how the programme also

- came in support of strategy implementation and of national commodity programmes through a coherent package of complementary interventions (including cross-cutting themes);
- fostered inter agency collaboration
- developed synergies with or complemented other activities outside the AAACP if applicable
- promoted alignment on priorities of beneficiaries, etc.

Lessons learnt from implementation will also be identified and shared.

For the Caribbean region, the first case story will relate to support to the Jamaican Agriculture Sub-Sector Strategy Fruits & Vegetables, Herbs & Spices Roots & Tubers with a special focus on roots & tubers.

An overall presentation of complementary interventions in support of the sector roots and tubers (20 minutes) will open the session.

The main presentation will be complemented by remarks from a three-member panel (Lead IO, CARDI, another beneficiary – 10 minutes each).

A plenary debate will follow for the remaining 40 minutes.

Session 3: Capacity building of Producer Organisations

It is proposed that Case Story 2 show cases training of producer organisations . *The Caribbean Farmers Network* would be invited to share its experience under the AAACP (20 minutes) before a floor debate.

Sessions 4 and 5 will move to a more thematic approach. To maximise participation of beneficiaries, the subject will be broached by a mixed panel (made of value-chain representatives and implementing agencies), before being opened up to plenary debate.

Session 4 will deal with the challenges of enhancing the functioning of agricultural commodity markets in the Caribbean. This following will be covered:

- Market Information Systems
- Improving policy formulation
- Improving buyer-farmer linkages

A panel presentation is envisaged (three members including one from the Pacific, ten minutes each), followed by plenary debate (about one hour).

Session 5: Innovative Financing and Risk Management

This would be essentially a sharing of the joint/complementary work of WB-ARMT, FAO and UNCTAD in the areas of supply chain finance and risk management, including on:

- Factoring/receivable discounting
- Training on Coffee Price Risk management & Design on Weather Insurance: Coffee Industry Board (CIB).
- Regional Weather Risk management Strategy in Caribbean: IICA

This will take the form of a panel presentation (three members, 10-12 minutes each) followed by plenary debate (Between 45 mins to one hour).

Session 6: This session on Day 2 will be a full two-hour slot reserved for non-AAACP development partners to (i) present their ongoing initiatives in the commodity sector, notably diversification initiatives; (ii) identify links with AAACP work and (iii) to indicate areas of interest under the AAACP for potential follow up.

There will be a maximum of five (5) short presentations of 10-12 minutes each, with five minutes “Q & A” after EACH presentation, and more general interaction (30 minutes), at the end of all presentations.

Session 7 can be construed as running from the end of Session 6 through lunch to 4pm. This is an open slot (formally from 2.30 pm to 4pm) for a “market place” to encourage interaction among development partners to identify concrete possibilities of collaboration/cooperation and have preliminary discussions thereon.

The final session will run from 4.30pm to 6pm on Day 2. This final session will seek to summarise the major achievements of the AAACP, recall the success stories that can be replicated, underline major lessons learnt in terms of programme implementation. It will also identify, hopefully as concretely as possible, potential follow-up by development partners that may have emerged during the meeting.

This session is foreseen as a panel session made up of CARDI and representatives of development partners likely to be involved in any follow-up and will be chaired jointly by the EU and the ACPS.

DRAFT PROGRAMME (24 Aug 2011)

DAY 1	
08.00 – 8.50	Registration
09.00 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony
10.00 – 10.30	Group Photo & Refreshments
Session 1 10.30 – 11.30	<p>Chaired by EU Rep</p> <p>The AAACP: Expected and Actual Results, and Overview of Approaches Used (Presentation by AAACP Coordinating Unit)</p>
Session 2 11.30– 13.00	<p>Chaired by ACPS</p> <p>Case Story 1: Presentation of case studies/stories which seek to show how programme results have been successfully met in the region for a given sector. Fruits & Vegetables (Jamaica), Herbs & Spices (Grenada), Roots & Tubers (CARDI/CFC) 20 minute presentations then plenary debate</p>
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH
Session 3 14.30 – 16.00	<p>Chaired by IICA</p> <p>Case Story 2: Capacity Building of Producer Organisations Use of established peers to train producers : the case of CAFAN (15-20 minutes) Presentation from a Pacific Producer Association Followed by floor debate</p>
16.00 - 16.30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 4 16.30 – 18.00	<p>Chaired by Ministry of Agriculture, Barbados</p> <p>Enhancing the Functioning of Agricultural Commodity Markets This would cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Information Systems • Improving policy formulation • Improving buyer-farmer linkages • Commodity Exchange <p>We propose a panel presentation (three members, UNCTAD, CARICOM, Producer Association followed by plenary debate (about one hour).</p>

DAY 2	
Session 5 09.00 – 10.30	<p>Chaired by CDB</p> <p>Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Agriculture:</p> <p>This would be essentially a sharing of the joint/complementary work of the WB-ARMT, FAO, UNCTAD and CFC in the areas of supply chain finance and risk management, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factoring/receivable discounting • Training on Coffee Price Risk management & Design on Weather Insurance: Coffee Industry Board (CIB). • Regional Weather Risk management Strategy in Caribbean: (Ministry of Agriculture, Antigua) • Lessons learned from provision of grants for agricultural initiatives in the Caribbean (CFC) <p>Panel presentation (four members, 10-12 minutes each) followed by plenary debate (about 45 minutes).</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Refreshments
Session 6 11.00 – 13.00	<p>Chaired by CARICOM</p> <p>Session for non-AAACP development partners to (i) present their ongoing initiatives, (ii) identify links with AAACP work and (iii) indicate areas of interest under the AAACP for potential follow up.</p> <p>About five (5) short presentations of 10-12 minutes each, with ten minutes interaction after EACH presentation, and more general interaction (20 minutes), at the end of all presentations and associated Q&A.</p>
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH
Session 7 14.30 -16.00	Open session for interaction between funding agencies and development partners
16.00 – 16.30	Tea/Coffee Break
Session 8 16.30 – 18.00	<p>Chaired by AAACP CU/CARDI</p> <p>Conclusions and Recommendations, with indications on next steps</p> <p>Presentation of draft indicative findings (Aaron Parke)</p>
19.00 – 21.00	RECEPTION