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CARIB AGRI NEWSLETTER

STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE-SHARING AND POLICY DIALOGUE ON CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Dear Subscribers,

Here's the latest update from the Carib Agri LISTSERV: a Forum started and managed by the Caribbean Sub-regional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in order to strengthen knowledge-sharing and policy dialogue on Caribbean Agriculture and Food Security.

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Kind regards,
Carib Agri Moderator,
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean



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LATEST UPDATES FROM FAO CARIBBEAN SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE (FAO SLC)

FAO resumes discussions on Agriculture and Food Security in the Caribbean

The FAO Caribbean Sub-regional Office re-launched its policy discussions on Caribbean agriculture and food security in the 1st week of December.

In the first discussion, participants highlighted the importance of nutritional education, political commitment and good policy-making as integral to ensuring the sustainability of the *School Feeding Programmes*.

The discussion ends today Friday, 11 December and will formally conclude with a re-cap on Monday 14 December.

The discussion sessions will take a three-week break and resume on 4 January, 2016. The questions for the next topic, which will focus on Governance and Food Security, as well as the schedule for next year, will be announced soon.

Caribbean Poultry Officials: Good biosecurity practices essential in reducing risk of disease spread of Avian Influenza Viruses to the region

Caribbean poultry officials are continuing to ensure that poultry farmers in the region are provided with up to date information on adequate disease prevention techniques, which should contribute to reducing the risk of Avian Influenza Viruses spreading to poultry farms in the Caribbean. Recently, over 50



Barbadian poultry farmers benefitted from a biosecurity workshop held on the island. Similar workshops will also be held in other Caribbean islands starting in January 2016.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Stakeholders meet to validate the Draft of Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy of The Bahamas



The development of the Policy is part of a larger cooperative project between the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine

Resources and the FAO. [Click here to read more.](#)

Regional Fisheries Management Organization in the Caribbean: a lucrative opportunity within reach or a distant dream?



A Regional Fisheries Management Organization for the Caribbean offers tremendous economic potential and benefits

amounting to a 20% increase in catches within 10 years and an additional 700 million USD generated for the region. However, the establishment of the Organization may be a lengthy process, much to the detriment of the region. [Click here to read more.](#)

Publication on Inclusive Business Models: Guidelines for improving linkages between producer groups and buyers of agricultural produce



This document is based on work done under the EU funded *All ACP Agriculture Commodities Project* (2008 to 2011). It worked in Africa, the Pacific and Caribbean. A case on the Caribbean is included. You can download a pdf version through the following link:

[http://www.fao.org/3/a-](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5068e.pdf)

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Report of the Regional Workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as a Tool for Responsible Fisheries and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Caribbean

The **Report of the Regional Workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) as a Tool for Responsible Fisheries and Sustainable Livelihoods in the Caribbean**, [is now available online.](#)

Some 50 hard copies of the report were distributed at GCFI 68 in Panama City. Workshop participants will receive a hard copy in December 2015.

If you are interested in receiving a hard copy, please send your mailing address to [WECAFC-](#)

Secretariat@fao.org with the name of the report in the subject line of the email.

Warm regards from Barbados
Raymon, WECAFC Secretary

NEWS FROM CANARI

Caribbean Natural Resources Institute calls for strong commitments to tackling climate change

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is calling on the global community to support CARICOM's position advocating for a cap on the world's temperature rise at 1.5 degrees Centigrade as part of their deliberations during the United Nations Climate Change Conference, taking place in Paris from Nov. 30 - Dec. 11, 2015.

[Click here to read more.](#)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) on Food Security and Nutrition launches a Call for Experts and an e-Consultation

The High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) on Food Security and Nutrition launches a Call for Experts and an e-Consultation on an Issue note of the Study: Nutrition and Food Systems.

At its 42nd session in October 2015, the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) decided that the HLPE will prepare a report on Nutrition and Food Systems, expected to be presented at CFS 44 in October 2017.

To prepare this report elaboration process, the HLPE is launching an e-consultation to seek feedback, views and comments on the following Issues Note on Nutrition and Food Systems proposed by the HLPE Steering Committee.

The proposed Issue Note is attached. To send comments, please visit the dedicated HLPE e-consultation webpage:

<http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/nutrition-and-food-systems>

**Vacancy from the Secretariat of the Pacific
Community: Call for Proposal for – Pacific Islands
Rural and Advisory Services Consultant**

If interested, please submit a proposal to carry out specific tasks as outlined in the Terms of Reference found [in the following link](#).

Proposals should be emailed to procurement@spc.int with the heading “RFP (15/122) – “Consulting Services for the Pacific Islands Rural and Advisory Services Consultant”, or sent by courier to:

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Procurement Unit – RFP 15/122

Private Mail Bag

Suva – Fiji Islands

**All proposals should reach the Pacific Community
before 4pm Suva Time, 15th January 2016.**
