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FAO at CWA 2016

Working together to end hunger, achieve food security,
improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
in the Caribbean

FAO Mobilises for Activity Filled Week

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will once more support the region's much anticipated Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) in its bid to achieve food security and end world hunger. This year's CWA will see FAO hosting three seminars, a Ministerial Caucus and mounting a booth at the Trade show and exhibition.

For many years FAO has worked closely with Caribbean institutions and governments to advance food and nutrition security through sustainable agriculture. FAO also seeks to enable inclusive agricultural and food systems as well as to enhance the resilience of livelihoods to disasters.

CWA is one of the region's premiere agricultural events held annually in the Caribbean and brings together Ministers of Agriculture from CARICOM, senior policy makers, private sector representatives, youth, women's group and farmers' representatives to discuss trending and key regional issues in agriculture and food security. The exhibition and trade show which is offered as part of the week-long event provides agro-processors and exhibitors with the opportunity to network and to establish regional markets for their products.

FAO is a member of the CWA Steering Committee and has been mobilizing its staff and resources to ensure the success of the event slated for October 22 – 28 in the Cayman Islands.



Seminar on Linkages between Trade & Transport Within CARICOM

8:30AM TO 12:30PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016, this seminar will be jointly facilitated by FAO and the CARICOM Secretariat. Stakeholders from the public and private sector will review some of the regional and national constraints and challenges that restrict intra-regional trade in agricultural products and how they are being addressed. Recent initiatives and investments by the private sector which aim to grow the regional market and increase the value and proportion of intraregional trade versus the total trade in agricultural products will also be highlighted. The need for a comprehensive and harmonized regional approach and inter-sectoral collaboration to support primary agricultural producers, increase the demand for and trade in Caribbean products while facilitating value added agro-processing industries will also be explored.