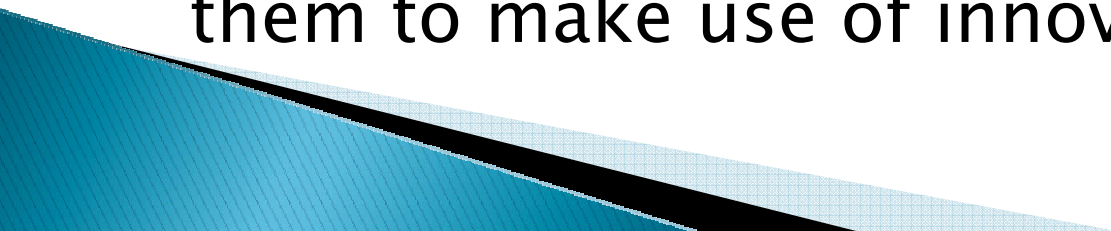




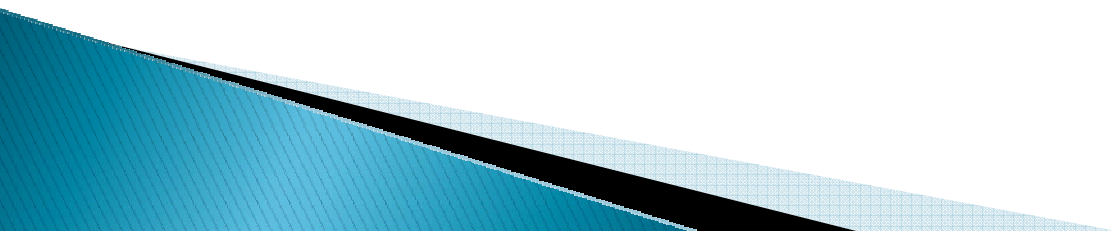
Youth and Agriculture

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Background to Youth and Agriculture

- ▶ Potential for agriculture
 - ▶ Accessibility of fertile land
 - ▶ Ability to provide food security and healthy food to the Caribbean on a sustainable basis
 - ▶ Existing and not existent policies that attract youth to invest in agriculture and stimulate them to make use of innovative technology
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What is the perception young persons regarding agriculture?

- ▶ Young people see agriculture as a rural way of life
 - ▶ Not modern, not a lot of money to make, beneath regular standards
 - ▶ No need for formal education
 - ▶ Avenue to start your own business
 - ▶ An easy way to provide for family?
 - ▶ No support for small farmers
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Challenges

- ▶ Access to land
 - ▶ Financing
 - ▶ Climate change
 - ▶ Project planning
 - ▶ Interest
 - ▶ Market
 - ▶ Sustainability
 - ▶ Education and training
 - ▶ Legislation
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Discussion

- ▶ What do you think is the role of young people in agriculture?
 - ▶ How can we get them interested in Agriculture?
 - ▶ What are the opportunities in your countries?
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