

Agriculture Donor Conference

**VENUE: CROWNE PLAZA TRINIDAD, PORT OF SPAIN
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 2 JUNE 2007**

TRANSFORMING CARICOM AGRICULTURE

Ensuring Food Security and Rural Development in CARICOM

	<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
<i>FRIDAY 1 JUNE 2007</i>		
8:00am – 5:00pm	Arrival and Registration of Participants	Foyer of Festival Ballroom
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Cocktail Reception hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago ¹	Poolside
<i>SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2007</i>		
8:00am – 8:30am	Registration of Participants	Foyer of Festival Ballroom

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Venue: Festival Ballroom)

- 8:30am – 10:00am 1. **OPENING REMARKS:**
- Chairperson – His Excellency Edwin W. Carrington, Secretary-General, Caribbean Community
- 1.1 **Welcome** by Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Chairman of the Caribbean Community
 - 1.2 **Statement** by H.E. Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO
 - 1.3 **Brief Remarks** by the Hon. Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
 - 1.4 **Feature Address: Transforming the Agricultural Sector in CARICOM** by H.E., Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana and Lead CARICOM Head on Agriculture

10:00am – 10:15am COFFEE BREAK

¹ Dress: 'Casually Elegant'

2. THE INTEGRATED PACKAGE

Chairperson: (Minister Jamaica to be confirmed)

- 10:30am – 11:30am
- 2.1 Introduction by Chairperson
 - 2.2 Statement by Dr Cheltson Braithwaite, Director-General, IICA
 - 2.3 Overview of the Package by Hon. Dr. John McIntyre, Minister of Agriculture, Dominica, Chairman of COTED
 - 2.4 Statements by Selected Partners

11.30am – Noon 3. **COMMENTS FROM SELECTED DONORS**

Noon – 1:00pm 4. **DISCUSSION**

1:00pm – 3.00pm OFFICIAL LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CARICOM²

(Venue: The 360° Restaurant)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

[Devoted to discussions between Member States and Donors on the thematic thrusts]

3:00pm – 5:45pm **SESSION I**
(Venue: Festival Ballroom [Ground Floor])

Chairperson - H. E. Mr. K. Raghoebarsingh, Minister of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries, Suriname

- (a) Creating appropriate enabling environments
- (b) Developing science and technology and innovation systems

3:00pm – 5:45pm **SESSION II**
(Venue: Calypso Lounge [12th Floor])

Chairperson – H.E. Dr. Compton Bourne, President, CDB

- (a) Food Security and Sustainable Development
- (b) Diversifying the productive base and fostering regional enterprise and the mix of regional output.

4:15pm – 4:30pm COFFEE BREAK

² Attendance by invitation only

(Venue: Festival Ballroom)

5:45pm – 5:55pm **SUMMING UP**

6:05pm – 6:15pm **THE WAY FORWARD** by Hon. Robert Persaud, Minister of Agriculture,
Guyana

7:00pm – 7:30pm **PRESS CONFERENCE**