

Agriculture Donor Conference

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 2 JUNE 2007

TRANSFORMING CARICOM AGRICULTURE

Ensuring Food Security and Rural Development in CARICOM

- ❖ Mandate: to develop a strategic approach and plan for the development of the Region's agricultural sector and in the process to mobilize donors and other key participants. To this end the Eighteenth Inter-Sessional Heads of Government of CARICOM held in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines on 12-14 February 2007, in addition, pledged its participation in the process to mobilize resources for the implementation of the Food Security Programme and other regional initiatives in respect of the Jagdeo Initiative.
- ❖ Purpose: On the basis of a careful exchange of views concerning:
 - the place of the agricultural and rural sector in the economic and social development of the Region
 - a common understanding of the CARICOM agricultural and rural strategy, plans and programmes
- ❖ Mobilize financial and technical assistance for expansion and diversification of the agricultural and rural sector
- ❖ The CARICOM Agricultural Strategy -
 - Creating appropriate enabling environments
 - Developing science and technology and innovation systems
 - Fostering regional enterprise
 - Diversifying productive base and the mix of regional output
- ❖ Participants will include:
 - Multilateral Agencies, representatives of Bilateral Agencies and Partners,
 - CARICOM Ministers of Agriculture and Finance, including relevant Prime Ministers

- Representatives of Non-state Actors and agencies involved in the agricultural and rural sector

❖ Agenda: Welcome statement – Prime Minister Manning

Agricultural and rural development in the CSME - Prime Minister Arthur,

Transforming CARICOM Agriculture – President Jagdeo

Supporting regional agricultural transformation – Dr Diouf, D.G, FAO

Action Proposals for CARICOM Agricultural Development – CARICOM Secretariat

Discussions

PARALLEL SESSIONS on the 4 pillars of the regional strategy.

The Way Forward – CARICOM Secretary-General Dr. Edwin Carrington

❖ Duration – 8.30am – 6:00pm: