

Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Caribbean Agriculture

WEBINAR SERIES – Part 2

Date

September 14 - 8:00 Belize/9:00 Jamaica/ 10:00 AST/11:00 Suriname

Using Climate Data to Increase Agriculture Yields

Background

The Caribbean Climate Smart Agriculture (CCSA) Forum now termed the Caribbean Climate Responsive Forum (CCRAF) was established in 2015. The forum consists of periodic events that are held each year and acts as a neutral space where all can share, learn, plan, and promote policies, strategies and actions towards more productive, low emission, sustainable agricultural systems that are well adapted to the changing climate of the Caribbean. The Forum targets farmers, agriculture technicians, decision-makers and person with interest in agriculture from IICA's 13 english speaking member states (Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago).

This year 2021 Forums is being delivered as a 4-part series under the theme 'Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Caribbean Agriculture' and seeks to build upon the previous forums while enhancing its innovativeness, interactivity, and impact through the delivery of practical and relevant topics. **This year's Forums will be held exclusively online due to the current impacts and restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.** Thus, all participants will connect from their personal space. The duration of the Forums will be one-and-a-half (1^{1/2}) hours in duration and will include both regional and national dialogues through breakout groups. Person from different sectors and management levels are targeted to participate in these Forums.

Objective

To raise awareness of the key climate data and practices that can be used to guide on-farm decision-making to improve farm resilience and increase agriculture yields.

This forum will provide participants with practical information on:

- ✓ Accessing climate data relevant to agriculture
- ✓ Applying climate information in agriculture decision-making
- ✓ Installing simple on-farm meteorological offices to obtain site-specific weather data

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Forum Logistics

Moderator – Mrs. Nekelia GREGOIRE CARAI; Mediate the webinar and make it lively, engaging, and worthwhile. Set the pace and control the content. Deliver webinar housekeeping and introduce guest speaker and topics. Manage questions in the comment box and facilitate the Q&A sections.

Housekeeping: All mics muted when not speaking, no questions during the guest speaker presentation. All questions will be facilitated during the Q&A session. Questions can be asked directly or written in the comments. questions should be direct and not more than 1 minute. All participants are to log-in with their legal name and their country (e.g. Tom Brown – Antigua) and all IICA representatives are to log on with their legal name and representative country (e.g. Paul Mark – IICA Grenada) to facilitate recording of attendance and assignment to the break-out groups.

Opening Remarks: Mrs. Kelly WITKOWSKI & Dr. Curt Delices Brief background, objective, and importance of the CCRAF, linkages to IICA’s regional mandate.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Antonio R.T. Joyette; Deliver Key Message on the day. A dialogue will be held a week before the event to address all roles and concerns. A PPT Template will be provided, and the presentation should be made available 3 days before the event so that it can be uploaded to the webinar platform. The presentation will be controlled by the guest speaker. The Q&A session is directly linked to the guest speaker’s presentation.

Audience: This Forum **targets Farmers and Extension Officers from the Ministries of Agriculture and other interested persons** in the 13 English speaking IICA representative Caribbean countries (Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago).

Forum Registration: A zoom registration link has been generated where interested persons can register themselves. Using this registration link, information (name, email, country) of registered participants will be received directly by the CCRAF Organising team. All information including the link to the forum will be sent directly to registered participants. **All IICA and EbA representatives are also required to register using the same link.**

All persons, including IICA and EbA representatives, are to login to the forum with the email they registered with. On the day of the forum, **all persons are to login with their legal name and representative country** to facilitate attendance and assignment to breakout groups. Eg.

Participants: John Brown – Jamaica; **IICA Reps:** Jane Doe – IICA Trinidad; **EbA Reps:** Kate Paul – EbA Trinidad

Register in advance for Forum 2:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZrcru6rrTsiGddFvVksNd9KMRMLgetTf5Re>

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Breakout groups: All participants will be assigned to breakout groups based on their country, thus, there will be 13 break-out groups which will be moderated by the IICA National Technicians. Assignment to breakout groups will be coordinated by the CCRAF organising team.

Break-out group dialogue: Two pre-defined questions aligned to the webinar topic have been developed for discussion in the breakout groups. The questions will help capture, from the participants, the barriers to utilising climate data to help improve agriculture yields and the actions that can be implemented to address these barriers. **All groups will be given the same questions** to help identify the similarities and differences among the countries to help guide the development of regional project proposals and trainings based on the major common barriers identified.

Breakout group Questions:

- **Question 1:** What are the barriers hindering the use of climate data in farm-decision making to help improve agriculture yields?
- **Question 2:** What actions can be taken to address these barriers?

Each group must assign someone to take notes and someone to report what was discussed in the stakeholder engagement session. A google form has been developed to record the discussion. Upon completion, the person assigned must select submit so that what was discussed will be sent directly to the CCRAF organising team. <https://forms.gle/LMdhwA6hrxCYHCsUA>. **Please note** that the link will be made available in the zoom chat on the day of the forum. The time allotted for the breakout group is 20 minutes, therefore the IICA National Technician/ the person assigned to moderate the breakout group should time **7 minutes per question and 2 minutes to wrap-up**.

Participant Engagement: Each group must select a presenter who will have 2 minutes to give a summary on what was discussed in breakout groups. This regional dialogue will afford the participants an insight on the perspective of the other participating countries on the same questions.

Software: An IICA's Zoom link has already been set up where participants will register and receive directly, information, including the link to the forum. The Forum will be hosted by the CCRAF organising team. Participants will join the session from their private space. Please note that the **Forum will be recorded**.

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Poll: Upon commencement of the Forum a poll will emerge on the participants screen to capture baseline participant knowledge on the webinar topic. **Please Note: IICA Staff do not have to complete the polls; ONLY Participants.**

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Roles and Responsibilities/Sound and connection check: IICA National Technician/Representative will moderate the break-out group with focus on the two questions.

Quality check: On the day of the Forum all IICA offices are required to connect at least 15 minutes before the start time for sound and connection checks.

Closing Remarks: Mr. Forrest Smartt; Brief benefit of the Forum and linkage to IICA mandate and international treaties. Brief statement on the following webinars.

Feedback: Before the close of the Forum a survey will be placed on the screen to capture participants feedback on the overall Forum. **Please note: IICA Staff do not have to complete the polls; ONLY Participants.**

Schedule

Time (ECS)	Duration	Detail	Responsible
10:00 -10:05	5 minutes	Opening Remarks	Dr. Chaney St. Martin
10:05 -10:25	20 Minutes	Guest Presenter	Dr. Antonio R.T. Joyette
10:25 -10:35	10 Minutes	Q&A	Mr. Forrest Smartt
10:35 -11:00	20 Minutes	Break-out Groups	IICA National Technicians
11:00 -11:25	30 Minutes	Stakeholder Engagement	Mrs. Nekelia GREGOIRE CARAI
11:25 -11:30	5 Minutes	Closing Remarks	Mr. Forrest Smartt

Contacts for enquires and logistic issues.

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