



**IICA's Contribution to Agriculture and the Development of the Rural  
Communities in Saint Kitts and Nevis 2007**



*Orchids at Department of Agriculture Open Day 2007*

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# PREFACE

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) Office in St. Kitts and Nevis is pleased to present the annual report of its contributions to the development of agriculture and rural life in St. Kitts and Nevis in 2006. The report covers primarily the Institute's major interventions, its collaboration with other regional and international agencies and the impact of its action on our clients and stakeholders.

The Technical Cooperation Agenda that was pursued reflected the priority needs of the Federation. It was determined through a process of dialogue and consensus among stakeholders and collaborators, and was aimed at promoting the sustainable development of agriculture, food security and rural prosperity.

2006 was a successful year for office despite the various challenges that were encountered. The success was due in large measure to the effective partnership that was forged by of the various strategic partners and the Government agencies. The Ministry of Agriculture in particular is to be commended for its invaluable support. In addition, the hard work and commitment exhibited by the Mrs Ingrid Greene-Mills, the Assistant Executive Secretary is highly appreciated. The office continues to look for creative ways in which to enhance its contributions to the agricultural sector of the Federation.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries
ADS	Agricultural Development Strategy
AHFS	Agricultural Health and Food Safety
CARDI	Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFORUM	Caribbean Forum of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
CDE	Centre for Development of Enterprise
CFLI	Canadian Fund for Local Initiative
CFNI	Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute
CHA	Caribbean Hotel Association
CTA	Technical Center for Agriculture and Rural Development
CWA	Caribbean Week of Agriculture
EC	Eastern Caribbean
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
FAVA/CA	Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies/Caribbean Action
GDP	Gross Development Product
GIS	Geographic Information System
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
OAS	Organization of American States
ROC	Republic of China
SAS	Sugar Adaptation Strategy
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
WTO	World Trade Organization

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis**

The Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis forms part of the Leeward Island group of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). Nevis is separated from St. Kitts by a two mile stretch of water and the islands are located approximately 200 miles Southeast of Puerto Rico and to the North of the Windward Island Group. The climate is tropical, tempered by ocean breezes, with annual temperatures averaging 26 degrees Centigrade. Most of the rainfall occurs between the months of May and November, which coincides with the hurricane season. The total land area is 269 sq. km (104 sq ml) of which St. Kitts is 176 sq km. The landscape of St. Kitts is dominated by three centrally located, heavily forested volcanic peaks. The terrain of Nevis, on the other hand comprises a centrally located “Nevis Peak” which rises gently to 969 m above sea level.

The socio-economic landscape of St. Kitts and Nevis was dominated by sugar production for over three hundred and fifty years. However, in 2005, the government took a pre-emptive decision to close the highly indebted sugar industry. This decision was critical and was exacerbated by the then impending changes to the existing EU/ACP Sugar Protocol. These changes resulted in a 36% fall in the intervention price of sugar in the EU Market over a four year period beginning in 2006. In response to the new EU Sugar regime, an Adaptation Strategy was developed by the government for the period 2006-2013. This strategy promotes economic diversification and addresses broader impacts generated by the reform process such as employment and social services, land use and environmental restoration, the energy sector, research and innovation and macro-economic stability.

St. Kitts and Nevis is a small open economy and produces a narrow range of goods and services. It relies heavily on imports to satisfy the demand for consumer and producer goods. Consequently, it suffers from a balance of trade deficit. In 2006, the Current Account deficit widened to 256.6 million or 23.8% of GDP from 192.5 million or 19.7% of GDP in 2005. This widening was due mainly to the importation of large quantities of construction material to facilitate the upsurge in construction activity. The Current Account was positively affected by tourism receipts which increased in 2006 to \$315.4 million or 29.2% GDP from \$309.4 million or 31.7% of GDP in 2005. Foreign Direct Investment grew from 251.1 million in 2005 to \$298.1 million in 2006.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### *The State of Agriculture and Rural Life*

The Economy of St. Kitts and Nevis remained buoyant during the year 2007. Preliminary data from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank has forecasted a growth rate of 5% which is above the performance level for the 2006 period. This performance was attributed primarily to the increased activity in the construction and agricultural sectors. In the agricultural sector, the land from the former sugar industry was used for the cultivation of peanuts, sweet potatoes, white potatoes and cabbages. Moreover, an increase in pineapple output for sale to hotels contributed to growth in crop production. In the livestock sub-sector, increases were recorded in output of beef, mutton and eggs.

### *The National Technical Cooperation Agenda*

The National Technical Cooperation Agenda was implemented in accordance with the Mission of the Institute and under the thematic areas. These areas are: Repositioning of Agriculture and rural life, Trade and Agribusiness development, Agricultural Health and Food Safety, Sustainable Rural Development, Natural Resources Management and Technology and Innovation.

### *Repositioning of Agriculture and Rural Life*

The Office

- Conducted training programmes to increase the awareness of stakeholders about the Summit of the Americas Process, Agro-Plan and the Jagdeo Initiatives. It also assisted the Ministerial Delegate in conducting a National Consultation.
- Provided an account to stakeholders and national authorities of the strategic actions that were undertaken and the results obtained during 2006.
- Assisted with the establishment of the Policy and Planning Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture.

### ***Trade and Agri-business Development***

The office

- Enhanced the human resource capacity in policy and trade issues by facilitating the country's participation at the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) meeting in Geneva. It also supported the establishment of a local forum to disseminate the information to the public and private sectors.
- Supported the National Skills Training Department with a six week basic computer course for small and medium sized enterprises.
- Collaborated with CARDI and the Department of Cooperatives in conducting an agri-business workshop for forty entrepreneurs.
- Promoted and contributed to the strengthening of the agricultural and tourism sectors by assisting with (i) the development of an agri-tourism development strategy (ii) the creation of economic opportunities during the World Cup Cricket matches; and (iii) hosting of activities to commemorate Tourism Month.
- Arranged for two persons from the public and private sectors to pursue training in meat processing at the Scientific Research Institute of Jamaica.
- Provided training for agro-processors, youths and farmers in the development of business plans and candle making.
- Provided financial support towards efforts made by the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative to market their produce in St. Croix, United States Virgin Island.

### ***Strengthening Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems***

The Office

- Collaborated with the Ministry of Health and the Caribbean Development Bank in hosting a five day regional workshop entitled, "Training of Trainers Workshop and symposium on Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices."
- Supported the Ministry of Agriculture in enhancing the effectiveness of the Quarantine System by reviewing its procedures and practices.



- Assisted in developing the capacity of the Department of Agriculture by supporting the participation in Barbados of two crop protection officers at a workshop entitled, “Identification of Mealybug and Scale Insects of Economic Importance to the Eastern Caribbean.”
- Contributed towards a greater awareness and understanding of the Lethal Yellow Disease of Coconut by its active participation in a national symposium

### ***Sustainable Rural Development***

#### **The Office**

- Collaborated with the Republic of China in training sixty two women in agro-processing.
- Negotiated a grant of US\$1000 from the British High Commission for 4 women from the Fahie’s Women Agricultural Producers Cooperative to participate in the Workshop, “Business opportunities in Agro-processing,” which was held in Dominica.
- Organized a training workshop in candle making for 15 youths.
- Assisted in recruiting one youth to attend the Simon Bolivar United World College of Agriculture in Venezuela.
- Continued to support the beekeeping, basketry, agro-processing and sewing programs for marginal youths at Project Strong.

### ***Technology and Innovation***

#### **The Office**

- Collaborated with the UNDP, CARDI and a rural women group in the implementation of a project, which involves the growing of vegetables under shade houses.
- Participated in a National Consultation which was held to discuss two agro-energy feasibility studies that were conducted by the OAS and the Institute.
- Assisted 9 farmers in participating in an Organic farming seminar.

### ***Inter-Agency Cooperation***

The office

- Collaborated with a number of agencies in the implementation of its National Agenda. The major agencies include the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Republic of China (RoC) and the Caribbean Development Bank.

### **3. THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIFE**

#### **3.1 Factors in the National Context**

The economy of St. Kitts and Nevis continued to grow in 2007, with real GDP expanding at 5%. This was driven largely by increased activities in the construction, agricultural and manufacturing sectors. Activity in the tourism sector was weak and the consumer price index grew by 1.6 percent during the period under review. With the closure of the sugar industry, special focus was being placed on some of the former workers with interest in agriculture. Consequently, an emergency support project which was funded by FAO was undertaken. 150 crop and livestock farmers benefited directly through the supply of inputs and from technical assistance.

During the reporting period the production of peanuts doubled from 64,000 lbs in 2006 to 128,000 lbs in 2007. There were also significant increases in other food crops. In particular, the production of cabbage increased by 43% to reach 152,000 lbs in 2007; white potato production increased by 15% to reach 288,000 lbs; and the output of carrots and onions increased by 15% respectively.

Livestock production recorded marked increases for beef, mutton and goat meat during the first nine months of 2007 when compared with the same period of 2006. The production of beef increased from 100,000 lbs in 2006 to 135,000 lbs. Local beef production is now meeting the domestic demand for boneless beef, ground beef and beef burgers.

In terms of domestic agricultural production, several issues remain critical. These include crop damages by monkey and marauding livestock; livestock damages by dogs; food security, the availability of water for

irrigation; potential threat to agricultural health and food safety and the retooling of agricultural extension service.

One of the major highlights for 2007 was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative Society and the Marriott Resort for the local farmers to supply fruits and vegetable on a regular basis.

### **3.2 Changes in Legislation and policies on agriculture and rural life**

There was no major change regarding government's policy on agriculture and rural life. However, the Prime Minister, Honourable Denzil Douglas reaffirmed his administration's commitment to:

- i) Agricultural production in a competitive and sustainable manner
- ii) The development of farmers, particularly those who previously worked in the sugar industry.
- iii) The re-organization of the Ministry of Agriculture to carry out its expanding administrative and managerial functions.
- iv) Increased food security
- v) Enhanced agro-tourism linkage

The Dog Act, which makes provision for regulating the keeping of dogs generally and the keeping of dogs which present a serious danger to the public, was enacted in 2007. This legislation is also aimed at reducing the incidence of damages to livestock.

### **3.3 Institutional reform in Agriculture and rural Milieu**

The Ministry of Agriculture has continued its efforts to address certain institutional weaknesses that limit the effectiveness of its plans and programs. In this regards, the following actions are at various levels of implementation:

- Restructuring of the Department of Agriculture
- Development of an Inter-Agency Forum

- Development of Planning and Policy Unit
- The establishment of an Advisory Council for the sector.

It is hoped that these actions would provide the necessary synergy to the agricultural youth forum and other farmers' organizations so that agricultural development could be enhanced.

### **3.4 Agri-food Trade and the Development of Agri-business**

St. Kitts and Nevis has benefited from its participation in the WTO/SPS Committee Meetings that were held in Geneva. Consequently, it has developed capacity and is aware of the requirements and obligations that are necessary for Agri-food trade. Such information has been disseminated in organized forum to members of the public and private sectors. The Ministry's efforts to promote Agri-business and entrepreneurship have also started to show success. This has culminated in a progressive action in which the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative is contracted to supply vegetables and fruits to a major hotel.

## **4. RESULTS OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR 2007**

### **4.1 IICA's Contribution to the reposition of Agriculture and Rural Life**

The Institute has played a strategic role and has contributed to the Summit of the Americas process. In this regards, it assisted the Ministerial Delegate in organizing a Consultation with various stakeholders to determine the expectations of leaders with regards to the future of agriculture and rural life. This was one of the ministerial mandates that was received from the Fourth Summit of the Americas held in Mar del Plata in 2005.

The Institute also facilitated the participation of the Federation at the Week of Agriculture and Rural Life of the Americas that was held in Guatemala. The Week of Agriculture was comprised of several events: the Ministerial Meeting within the context of the Summit of the Americas Process, the Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), IICA's governing body, and two forums that involved representatives of civil society and key players in the development of agriculture and rural life in the hemisphere.

The Ministerial Meeting is the highest level of hemispheric forum in which the Ministers reach agreement, by consensus, on priorities and strategic actions for the sustainable development of agriculture and rural life. Some of the issues discussed included the role of the sector in alleviating poverty, climate change, agro-energy, trade negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda and biotechnology.

The office also conducted a training workshop to increase the awareness and importance of the Summit of the Americas Process, the Ministerial Meeting of Agriculture, Agro-Plan and the Jadgeo's Initiatives to

agricultural development. Twenty one (21) persons participated in the workshop.

St. Kitts and Nevis participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) that was held in Jamaica. The theme of the week was, “Agriculture, Harvesting Wealth through tourism”, and included a series of workshops, fora and official meetings on subjects such as agro-tourism, agri-business, risk management and opportunity for the hospitality sector. This event was designed to raise the profile of agriculture and rural life.

The office participated in the Ministry of Agriculture Review and Planning Meeting. At this meeting, the Institute’s 2006 Report was presented and the Agenda for 2007 was discussed and agreed on. Seventy six (76) persons participated in this activity.

#### **4.2 Promoting Trade and Competitiveness of Agri-business**

The office has enhanced the human resource capacity in policy and trade issues. One senior staff at the Ministry of Agriculture participated in three Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Meetings in Geneva. Three meetings of the Inter-Agency Forum on Trade Issues were subsequently held to disseminate the information to the public and private sectors.

The Institute also supported a six weeks basic information technology course for small and medium sized enterprises (SME). The course was conducted by the National Skills Training Programme Department.

The office in collaboration with the Department of Cooperatives and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) held an agribusiness workshop for forty (40) farmers, fishers and agro-processors. Some of the topics dealt with included:

- Introduction to Agribusiness
- Agribusiness Management
- Business Strategy in Agribusiness Firms
- Marketing in the Agribusiness Sector
- Production and Operation Systems in Agribusiness Management
- Development in the Agribusiness Sector
- Finance and Financing



*Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Cedric Liburd addressing workshop*

The linkages between the agricultural and tourism sectors were promoted and strengthened by several actions during the reporting period. The office was an integral part of the Nevis Tourism Experience Enhancement Committee. This Committee was charged with the responsibility of organizing a series of events to coincide with the hosting of the International Cricket Council World Cup Matches. These events included:

- A cultural Food Fair which included food booths and exposition of art and craft items and agro-processing products.



- Cultural display at Fothergills Heritage Village and
- A Beach party

Many of our collaborators/clients such as the Youth Forum, Agro-processors and farmers were provided with the opportunity to market their products and also to engage in diverse economic activities. The office also actively participated on the St. Kitts Agri-Tourism Committee which organized a series of activities to commemorate Tourism Month in October. One of the main activities was a one day agro-tourism consultation which was sponsored by the Organization of American States and IICA. The purpose of the Consultation was to present a draft concept



*Agro-Tourism Consultation with stakeholders*

paper on an agro-tourism strategy for St. Kitts and Nevis. Valuable inputs were provided by the participants and these have been incorporated into the document which has been presented to the Ministries of Agriculture and Tourism.

The office was instrumental in arranging for two persons from the public and private sectors to pursue one-week training in meat processing at the

Scientific Research Institute in Jamaica. The workshop included the following topics:

- A. Fundamentals of meat cutting and smoking
  - Purpose of ingredients used in curing and smoking
- B. Meat Processing Practical
  - Fabrication of carcass into primal cuts
  - Identification of the different cuts trimming
  - Preparation of Brine for chicken and pork
  - Loading of smoke house
  - Deboning of pork
- C. Good Manufacturing Practices, Sanitation and Introduction to HACCP.
- D. Sausage Processing Theory
- E. Packaging and Labelling
- F. Meat Processing as a Business
- G. Basic Food Microbiology

Small agro-processing equipment was purchased overseas from Grant Funds for the Fahie's Women Producers. Training in the development of business plans and candle making was also provided for processors, youths and farmers. The office provided financial support towards the St. Kitts Farmers' Cooperative's participation at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Fair in St. Croix. The fair was organized by the United States Virgin Islands, Department of Agriculture. It provided the farmers with the opportunity to establish contracts and market their products.

### **4.3 Strengthening Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems**

A five day workshop entitled, “Training of Trainers Workshop and Symposium on Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices.” was held from the 8 - 12 January. The workshop/symposium was hosted by the Ministry of Health, IICA and the Development Bank in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). The main objective of the workshop was to better prepare food handlers, with respect to hygiene and sanitation, in light of the Cricket World Cup 2007. Fifty four (54) persons, representing the nine (9) territories that hosted the matches participated in the workshop. Some of the issues that were discussed included the preparation and preservation of food and the prevention of food borne diseases.



*Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practice Workshop*

The office supported the Department of Agriculture in hosting a meeting to review the existing quarantine measures and to discuss further strategies that could be implemented to reduce the introduction of exotic plants and animal pests. This meeting took on added significance in light of the

impending World Cup 2007 cricket matches that were scheduled to be held in the Federation.

Two plant protection officers participated in a workshop entitled, “Identification of Mealy bugs and Scale Insects of Economic Importance to the East Caribbean.” The workshop was held in Barbados and was a collaborative activity involving USDA-APHIS, IICA and the Barbados Ministry of Agriculture. Its objectives were to:

- Train participants in pest identification with emphasis on mealy bugs and scale insects.
- Provide countries with the capacity to rapidly identify pests of economic importance
- Train and equip participants to impart to others in their respective countries the knowledge gained at the workshop.

The office arranged for nine (9) farmers from St. Kitts and Nevis to participate in an Organic Farming Seminar, which was held at the Four Seasons Hotel. Some of the topics that were discussed included:

- What is organic farming?
- Why farm organically?
- Crop rotation
- Choice of crop
- Composting
- Weed control
- Natural Pest and Disease Control
- International Standard

During the month of May, a one day symposium on the Lethal Yellow Disease of coconut was organized by the Nevis Historical Society and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nevis. The office presented a paper on the Status

of Lethal Yellowing in the Caribbean. The following areas were covered in the presentation:

- Introduction
- Geographic distribution of the Disease
- Living with Lethal Yellowing before 1961
- Living with Lethal Yellowing after 1961
- Mortality rate and economic losses
- Research and management practices

Twenty seven persons participated in the symposium

#### **4.4 Strengthening Rural Communities based on the Territorial Approach**

The office supported and strengthened a number of youth groups, agribusiness organizations, cooperatives and associations so that they could participate more fully in the socio-economic development of the Federation.

Forty six (46) women participated in three agro-processing workshops that were held jointly with the Republic of China (RoC) Technical Mission. The workshop focused on the production of snack food from local dried fruits. Particular attention was placed on food hygiene and sanitary practices during the training.

Six members of the Fahie's Women Producers Cooperative participated in an agro-processing workshop that was held in Nevis. The workshop was specifically organized to demonstrate how value could be added to some of the produce that are grown by the women. Some of the products that were made included: Tomato ketchup, green seasoning, banana chips and barbeque sauce. The training was facilitated by an entrepreneur who was

the beneficiary of several training workshops that were conducted by the Institute.

The office promoted a 5 day training workshop entitled, “Business Opportunities in Agro-processing,” which was conducted by the Caribbean Development Bank

Some of the subject areas covered included:

- i) Overview of agro-products that can be successfully processed at the micro and small business levels.
- ii) Food Science and Technology requirements for processing agro-products
- iii) Review of formulations and processing procedures for a selected range of agro-products.
- iv) Understanding the role of additives in agro-processing.
- v) Packaging and labeling requirement
- vi) Requirements for meeting international standards in agro-processing
- vii) Equipment options available for agro-processing at the micro and small level.
- viii) Development of business models for various agro-processing operations.
- ix) How to start-up and manage your own agro-processing operation.

The workshop was held in both St. Lucia and Dominica and the office assisted the Fahie’s women in obtaining a Grant of US\$1000 from the British High Commission so as to enable four persons to participate in the workshop. Five persons from the Nevis Agro-processors also participated in this workshop.

The office collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and supported a training workshop in candle making for 15 youths on Nevis. These items were displayed and sold at the Annual Exhibition, which is organized by the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition, four youths were provided with finance from a Loans Revolving Fund to establish and expand their various enterprises. One youth from the rural area was also selected to attend the Simon Bolivar United World College of Agriculture in Venezuela.

The Institute continued to support the beekeeping, basketry, agro-processing and sewing programs for marginal youths at Project Strong. A total of twenty five students participated in the skills training programme and are very proficient in the various skills of their choices. In addition, sufficient revenue was generated from the sale of the products to sustain the programme.



*Straw baskets and tin craft made by Project Strong*

Each of the groups that the Institute worked with was encouraged and assisted to participate in national festivals and other important events. This allowed them to showcase and increase the sales of their products.



*Display of Products at Open Day*

#### **4.5 Introductory technology and Innovation for the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Life**

Preparatory meetings were held with the personnel from the United Nations Development Programme, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute and a Rural Women Group regarding the implementation of a project, which involves the growing of vegetables under shade house conditions. This appears to be a possible solution to overcoming some of the most challenging high humidity and excessive rainfall during the rainy season. It is anticipated that shade house production can provide year round supply of high quality produce with increased yields.

The Institute participated in the Second Bio-Energy Stakeholders Consultation and Presentation on Bio-Energy Technologies. The Consultation was organized by the Organization of American States



through its Department of Sustainable Development, and in partnership with the Global Sustainable Energy Island Institute. At this meeting, the results of their year long study on bio-energy potential for St. Kitts and Nevis was presented. The results obtained were in keeping with the findings of a pre-feasibility study which was commissioned by IICA on behalf of the Government of the Federation.

## **5. RESULTS OF INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION**

Throughout 2007, the office participated in a number of joint activities in cooperation with a number of agencies and institutions. The major agencies/institutions included the OAS, Republic of China, CARDI and the Caribbean Development Bank.

### **OAS**

The Institute worked closely with the OAS office in the implementation of the OAS funded project, “Strengthening of the Tourism Sector through the Development of Linkages with the Agricultural Sector in the Caribbean.”

### **CARDI**

The office joined forces with CARDI in hosting an agri-business workshop for persons from small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, both organizations have collaborated in areas related to technology and innovation.

### **CDB**

2007 was a very successful year for CDB and IICA collaboration. Both institutions cooperated in the areas of:

- Food Hygiene and Sanitation Practices
- Business Modelling Techniques for Micro and Small Business
- Business opportunities for Agro-processors

### **REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Institute also continued to collaborate with the RoC in the area of agro-processing.

## **6. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

The Institute will continue to work closely with the OAS and the Ministries of Agriculture and Tourism in developing a programme for agro-tourism development. Opportunities are available in the six dimensions that were articulated in the National Agro-tourism Strategy Document.

The development of value added products continues to provide opportunities for technical co-operation. In addition, the office will provide support to the diversification programme which is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE (IICA)**

#### **FIVE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE OFFICE IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS 2007**

<b>Official Name of Event</b>	<b>Date Held</b>	<b>Site of Event</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Place &amp; Date of Publication of the Report</b>
Trainer of Trainers Workshop and Symposium of Food Hygiene and Sanitation	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> January	Bird Rock Beach Hotel	54	IICA St. Kitts and Nevis <i>16<sup>th</sup> January 2007</i>
Quarantine Workshop: Review of existing procedures and practices	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Department of Agriculture Conference Room	24	IICA St. Kitts and Nevis <i>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2007</i>
National Consultation for Leaders of Agriculture and Rural Life	19 <sup>th</sup> April	University of the West Indies Conference Centre	21	IICA St. Kitts and Nevis <i>20<sup>th</sup> April, 2007</i>
Agri-business Workshop	15 <sup>th</sup> May	University of the West Indies conference Centre	40	IICA St. Kitts and Nevis <i>18<sup>th</sup> May 2007</i>
National Consultation on a National Agro-tourism Strategy and Action Plan	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Ocean Terrace Inn	60	IICA St. Kitts and Nevis <i>20<sup>th</sup> November 2007</i>

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