

Date

August 19 - 8:00 Belize/9:00 Jamaica/10:00 ECS/11:00 Suriname

## Practical Solutions for On-Farm Management of Soil and Water

### 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 (1½) 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 soil and water management issues in the face of climate change and the practical adaptation and mitigation approaches that can be implemented.

### Guidelines for the presentation

- Some key soil and water issues experienced in the region.
- Contextualize the nature of the impacts of poor on-farm soil and water management in terms of soil carbon, freshwater pollution, farm income and sustainability, climate resilience and food security.
- Highlight some practical soil and water management strategies that can be implemented to increase farm resilience to climate change impacts, drought, increased temperatures, increased precipitation.
- Provide any additional information concerning the soil nutrient management, benefits of organic fertilizers and improving soil health.



# Strengthening the Climate Resilience of Caribbean Agriculture



## WEBINAR SERIES – Part 1

### 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. Gregory GOUVEIA;** 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).

**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 1:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtduuuqj0iGtC5F5UClm\\_NNcRcstPwYBf9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtduuuqj0iGtC5F5UClm_NNcRcstPwYBf9)



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**Breakout groups:** All participant 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 Country 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 has been developed for discussion in the breakout groups. The questions will help capture, from the participants, strategies that can be implemented to improve on-farm soil and water management and the challenges being encountered in implementing these soil and water management strategies. **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 based on the major common barriers identified.

### **Breakout group Questions:**

- **Question 1:** What strategies can be implemented to improve soil and water management at the farm level?
- **Question 2:** What are the barriers hindering the implementation of these soil and water management strategies?

**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://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6xErNAVbFWly0LxGiLUnxve5xfxlp--DY3kSCB0omz9ThNg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6xErNAVbFWly0LxGiLUnxve5xfxlp--DY3kSCB0omz9ThNg/viewform?usp=sf_link). 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 **10 minutes per question**.

**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.

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**Roles and Responsibilities/Sound and connection check: (Already completed)** A meeting will be held at least 2 weeks before the webinar with all involved (IICA Representatives, Forum Team, other assistants) discuss roles and responsibilities and conduct a sound and connection check of the various Offices.

**Time: Jul 30, 2021 at 11:00 am EST Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81572000437>.**

**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: Dr. Chaney St. Martin;** 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.

### Schedule

Time (ECS)	Duration	Detail	Responsible
10:00 -10:05	5 minutes	Opening Remarks	Mrs. Kelly WITKOWSKI
10:05 -10:25	20 Minutes	Guest Presenter	Dr. Gregory GOUVEIA
10:25 -10:35	10 Minutes	Q&A	Mrs. Nekelia GREGOIRE CARAI
10:35 -11:00	20 Minutes	Break-out Groups	IICA Representatives
11:00 -11:25	30 Minutes	Stakeholder Engagement	Mrs. Nekelia GREGOIRE CARAI
11:25 -11:30	5 Minutes	Closing Remarks	Dr. Chaney ST.MARTIN

### Contacts for enquires and logistic issues.

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