



About CaFAN

The Caribbean Farmers Network Inc (CaFAN) is a legally registered non-profit, non-governmental regional farmer organisation. CaFAN was formed and initiated by farmer organisations across the Caribbean in 2002.

Its mission is “to enhance Caribbean food and nutrition security, foreign exchange earnings and foreign savings, by repositioning agriculture through the capacity building of farmers and the institutional strengthening of farmers’ organisations”

CaFAN's main goals are:

-  To improve the quality of life for small farm families throughout the Caribbean region; and
-  To gain economic empowerment and sociopolitical independence in the agriculture sector.

CaFAN presently represents over 500,000 small farmers spread across fifteen Caribbean countries; Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts/ Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago.

CaFAN member farmers organisations are directly involved in production and marketing for the domestic, regional and extra regional markets. They are also involved in farmers training, promotion of nutritional Caribbean foods, market access, agro-processing and value addition, testing of agronomic practices and organic farming.





CaFAN is mandated to speak on behalf of its membership and to develop programmes and projects aimed at improving livelihoods. CaFAN also focuses on market led sustainable mechanisms and structures, working in collaboration with all stakeholders in the agriculture sector to the strategic advantage of its farmers.

Since 2006, the Eastern Caribbean Trading Agriculture and Development Organisation (ECTAD) based in St. Vincent and the Grenadines houses the CaFAN Secretariat, and is led by Chief Coordinator, Mr. Jethro T. Greene.

Objectives







1. To enhance the ability of Caribbean farmers’ organizations to deliver services to members and to increase intra and extra regional trade and farmers share of the value chain;
2. Capacity building of farmers’ organisations and clusters throughout the Caribbean and mobilization of financial and other resources;
3. To increase communication and exchange of ideas, experiences, resources, information and technology, between and among farmers associations in the Caribbean;
4. To raise awareness, improve advocacy and networking to collectively influence decisions on strategic issues affecting regional agriculture;
5. To promote the sectorial linkages of agriculture to health/nutrition, tourism and value addition/agro-processing using value chain tools and business models; and
6. To promote rural modernization, greater youth and women involvement in agriculture and agriculture through education.

Programme Areas


1. Agriculture linkages to
 -  Food security,
 -  Tourism,
 -  Health and nutrition,
 -  Value addition/agro-processing
2. Fostering joint trade and marketing locally, regionally and internationally;
3. Training and capacity building of farmers and institutional strengthening of farmers organisations;

4. Promoting farming as a viable and sustainable business using value chain tools and business models;
5. Promoting rural modernization and youth participation in agriculture;
6. Invest in agriculture risks mitigating interventions and technologies;
7. Bulk purchasing of agriculture inputs;
8. Setting up agricultural mentorship program;
9. Leadership, management and advocacy;
10. Sharing of experiences and best practices;
11. Promoting the use of Science and Information Communication Technology in agriculture; and
12. Small farmers’ livestock development with focus on small ruminants.

Management Team

-  **Chief Coordinator:** Mr. Jethro T. Greene,
-  **Senior Project Officer:** Dr. Cleve Scott
-  **Admin Officer:** Mrs. Nyasha Durrant-Oxley
-  **Project Officer:** Mrs. Pamela Thomas
-  **Financial Advisors:** Mr. Dougal James
-  **Accountant:** Mrs. Pethion Greene

Executive Committee

-  **Chairman:** Senator Norman Grant, Jamaica Agricultural Society, *Jamaica*
-  **Chief Coordinator:** Mr. Jethro T. Greene, Eastern Caribbean Trading Agriculture and Development Organisation, *St Vincent & Grenadines*
-  **Director:** Mr. James Paul, Barbados Agriculture Society, *Barbados*
-  **Director:** Mr. Evans Gooding, North East Farmers Organisation, *Grenada*
-  **Director:** Mrs. Pamela Thomas, Team Fresh Produce, *Antigua and Barbuda*

List of CaFAN Members & Affiliates

1. Team Fresh Cooperative Ltd
2. Gilbert Agricultural Rural Development Centre,
3. Bahamas Farmers Groups
4. Barbados Agriculture Society
5. Belize Farmers Groups
6. Nature Island Pineapple Producers Association
7. Dominica Export Import Agency
8. North East Farmers Organization
9. Marketing and National Importing Board
10. Guyana Rice Producers Association
11. Kuru Kururu Farmers Groups
12. CaFAN Farmers Youth Cluster
13. Promotion for Development (**PROMODEV**)
14. Jamaica Agriculture Society
15. Christiana Potato Growers Cooperative Association Ltd
16. Kevo Community Development Institute
17. Montserrat Farmers Organisation
18. St. Kitts Farmers Cooperative Society
19. Nevis Growers Cooperative Society Ltd
20. Belle Vue Farmers Co-operative Ltd
21. CaFAN St. Lucia Farmers Groups
22. Eastern Caribbean Trading Agriculture and Development Organisation
23. Foundation Women in Agriculture
24. CaFAN Suriname Farmers Groups
25. Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago
26. Mt. St. George Farmers Association
27. Tobago Agricultural Society

Partners & Collaborators

- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
- CHF/ CIDA Funded PROPEL Project
- COADY International Institute, Canada
- COLEACP/PIP
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-UN)
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ministries of Agriculture
- Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Oxfam GB
- Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA EU-ACP)
- University of the West Indies
- Windward Island Farmers Association

"The Future of Caribbean Agriculture lies in the Unity of the Farmers"

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