



**Caribbean Farmer Network Rome Declaration for the fifth global meeting of the Farmers' Forum**

By the present “Rome PPP4PPP declaration”, we, the Caribbean Farmers Network (CaFAN), represented in Roma by our General Secretary, Mr. Jethro Green, reiterate our commitment to the Brussels Declaration « PPP4PPP » launched in collaboration with COLEACP during the EDDs 2013.

**We, small farmers from the Caribbean, believe in:**

- being recognized as competitive suppliers in local, regional and international value chains,
- promoting our new agricultural model, combining innovation, new technologies and sustainable agricultural practices,
- strengthening “True” relationships amongst equals, thanks to Transparency and Trust,
- The importance of attracting and retaining youth in agricultural related fields.

- new technical assistance schemes which are conditioned by economic viability, respect for the environment and social protection, supporting thereby the transition from informal to formal sector,
- capacity building of small farmers organizations in order to participate in platforms including government bodies, other private sector players, academia to create an enabling environment

**We, small farmers from the Caribbean**, recognize COLEACP's key role as an association committed to contributing to the setting up of this new agricultural model by empowering small scale farmers in collaboration with value chain players throughout the world.

**We, small farmers from the Caribbean**, taking stock of recent declarations and commitments made at the G8, the United Nations (UN), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and World Trade Organization (WTO) declare:

- our renewed commitments in support of the European Commission's development efforts towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- our full support to the spirit and goals of the 2011 Communication "An Agenda for Change" and the 2013 Communication "A Decent Life for All"
- our commitment to expanding on our principles of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), bringing to bear the capacities/strengths of core business, value chains and innovative partnerships towards achieving the MDGs, with particular emphasis on:
  - Inclusive and sustainable growth, in order to eradicate poverty, protect the planet and offer a future to young people;

- the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices and new low-carbon technologies;
- and towards building a solid Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework in which Public Private Partnerships (PPP) play a central role.

We express our commitment to engage in an active dialogue that will allow us to build trust and work together to identify common goals, and to develop practical mechanisms for partnerships that enable us to achieve these goals.

We will work with the European Commission, partner countries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and development organizations to establish a structured partnership platform that we will launch formally at the fourth Africa-EU summit in April 2014.

We will leverage the strengths of our constituency and development initiatives in support of this renewed partnership.

We will seek concrete and measurable results through our support for growth, job creation, agriculture, food and nutrition security, climate adaptation, and health.