

Summary of the First Meeting of the CAMI Tripartite Committee

July 17th, 2012

Ministry of Agriculture: Conference Room

Overview

The inaugural meeting of the CAMI Tripartite Committee was convened on July 17th, 2012 in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Agriculture to discuss the way forward following the conclusion of the CAMI Project.

The specific objectives of the meeting were to:

- (a) Give an overview of the CAMI Project
- (b) decide on a date for the next Farmers' Forum
- (c) plans for the way forward following the conclusion of the Project

Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) Overview of Project Progress
- 3) Planning of next Farmers' Forum
- 4) Next steps and Recommendations

Attendees list

The Attendees' list is attached.

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Sonia Nurse of the Barbados Meteorological Services thanked the members for attending the inaugural Meeting of the Tripartite Committee. Members were then asked to introduce themselves. Apologies were offered for the late arrival of Mr. Mark Byer.

Overview of Project Progress

Mr. Adrian Trotman, CAMI Project Coordinator gave a brief overview of the Project and the progress that had been made so far. He mentioned that the idea behind the establishment of the Committee had originated from the mid-term evaluator Mr. Ian Ivey. Mr Ivey had suggested that plans at the regional level appeared to be doing well but there was need for more coordination at the national level. He had also stressed the need for more involvement at the level of policy makers.

Mr. Trotman also looked at some of the seasonal forecasts which are produced by the C.I.M.H and was able to provide some verification of the forecasts for rainfall and temperature predictions.

Mr. Ralph Farnum agreed that there was a need for such information to be able to the farmers.

Ms Nurse identified the trend of increasing maximum temperatures based on figures compiled over the last 30 years at the Grantley Adams Airport.

Ms Keely Holder observed the need for the establishment of a dedicated Climate Section within the Meteorological Office and vowed to do all in her power to achieve such an objective.

Other valuable comments and queries were made by the representatives from the National Union of Farmers.

Next steps and Recommendations

Immediate focus to be placed on the planning of the next Farmers' Forum with a tentative date set for September 18th, 2012.

There is an urgent need for publication of local Agro-met bulletin.

The Meeting was concluded at 4:00p.m (approx.)

PARTICIPANTS LIST BARBADOS TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE MEETING 17 July 2012

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANISATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
1	Byer	Mark	Ministry of Agriculture	markabyer@yahoo.com
2	Inniss	Samuel	Ministry of Agriculture	sinniss@minagriculture.gov.bb
3	Grant-Lewis	Marlon	BAS	basmarlon@caribsurf.com
4	Farnum	Ralph	Ministry of Agriculture	rfarnum@excite.com
5	Ragoonath-Devonish	Evangeline	Ministry of Agriculture	evangef@hotmail.com
6	Lovell	Hampden	Barbados Met Office	hampden.lovell@barbados.gov.bb
7	Stoute	Shontelle	CIMH	sstoute@cimh.edu.bb
8	Trotman	Adrian	CIMH	atrotman@cimh.edu.bb
9	Kirton-Reed	Lisa	CIMH	lkreed@cimh.edu.bb
10	Callender	Barney	Ministry of Agriculture	callybd@hotmail.com
11	Holder	Keeley	National Union of Farmers	keeleykins@gmail.com
12	Cozier	Pedro	National Union of Farmers	cozifarms@hotmail.com
13	Forde	Michael	National Union of Farmers	islandfarms@caribsurf.com
14	Nurse	Sonia	Barbados Met Office	antoin.nurse@gmail.com