



CAWAI Network in Action: Promoting Caribbean Integration



Sustainable Crop Production Intensification in the Caribbean
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CAribbean netWoRk for Agroecological Innovation

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- Caribbean is a geographical and social entity
- Very diverse region
- Food production is crucial
- Enhance human well-being & diminish poverty
 - Produce more
 - Increase self-sufficiency
 - Produce differently
- **FOOD SOVEREIGNTY = Food Security + Local**





Integration of Agroecosystem research in the Caribbean

- PROCICARIBE (1996) / IICA + CARDI + UWI
 - JAGDEO (2003)
 - INTERREG (2006)
 - OECS Regional Plan (2012)
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- Need for integration between French, English and Spanish speaking countries → **CAWAI**





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June 2011: Agroecological Innovation Symposium –
Barbados CFCS

February 2012: 1st CAWAI Workshop – Guadeloupe

June 2012: 2nd CAWAI Workshop – Mexico CFCS

Network ACTIONS: Summer School – Martinique

AE Symposium – Trinidad CFCS 2013





Agroecological Summer School June 2012 Martinique

- Functional traits applied to Agroecology
 - Agronomists + Ecologists
 - Field trips
 - French scientists integration – 4 days





Agroecological Symposium Trinidad & Tobago CFCs

- Next 2013 Summer
- Intention to bring Caribbean farmers
- Symposium + Agroecological field trips





In summary...

1. Support Caribbean small-farmer conversion towards agroecology
2. Value existing experimental stations where agroecological research innovations are undertaken
3. Promote student exchanges Caribbean-wide





To accomplish this...

- Promote exchange/cooperation
- Present an interesting strategy for policy makers
- Offer & Demand basis
- 2 or 3 successful actions
- Annual group meetings
- Individual responsibility taken

RESEARCH

EDUCATION

DEVELOPMENT



Thank you very much!

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