Cross-Learning Workshop

WS3: The Agriculture Nutrition Nexus and the Way Forward

Informing Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Practice: Strengthening the Agriculture-Nutrition Nexus and Improving Outcomes

2–4 November 2015

UWI Cave Hill School of Business A

Barbados
Background

Several pathways have been identified for achieving the desired food and nutrition security (FNS) outcomes. These include; policy harmonization, political will, multidisciplinary research, technological and social innovation, multi-sectoral cooperation and collaboration, capacity development, gender equality, women’s empowerment and local/national ownership. It is a combination of the various options within a given context; national, regional, international, which will yield tangible results. Multiple stakeholders drawn from the public and private sectors, civil society organizations and the wider society must be engaged.

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) has committed to a joint EC/FAO/CTA/WBG (2014) framework of action on “Agriculture and nutrition: a common future” which includes improving “the knowledge and evidence base to maximize the impact of food and agricultural systems on nutrition”. This commitment is also reflected in the newly elaborated CTA 2015 regional business plans. The Centre has also been working with multiple stakeholders; academic and research institutes, policy related bodies, farmers’ organizations, extension and advisory services and youth and women’s groups in the generation of context-specific knowledge for identifying entry points to support countries in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States in the attainment of their stated FNS goals. Strengthening the linkages between nutrition and agriculture was identified as a key intervention area since 2014 and builds on work that the Centre stated in 2012 on enhancing the engagement of knowledge institutes in ARD policy processes with a focus on ending hunger.

This cross-learning workshop on strengthening the agriculture/nutrition nexus is consistent with CTA’s commitments and reflects the priority given to this thematic area in the Caribbean and Pacific Regional Business Plans. Since the beginning of 2015, CTA has commissioned rapid scans in Haiti, St Lucia and Suriname and country studies in Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands. The two regions face similar challenges and more so as they are small island developing states (SIDS). It is therefore worthwhile to facilitate inter-regional cross-learning as well as the development and endorsement of joint action. This is in keeping with the spirit of the Intra-ACP Agricultural Policy Programme and wider CTA programme.

Objectives

- To share lessons learned from CTA commissioned case studies on strengthening the agriculture/nutrition nexus in seven Caribbean and Pacific countries.

- To determine entry points for strengthening the agriculture-nutrition nexus, build consensus for joint action and validate CTA’s future interventions in this strategic intervention area.

- To develop outlines for various policy briefs and other communication material on strengthening the agriculture nutrition nexus targeting ACP policy and decision makers and the international development community.

Expected Outputs

- Key data and recommendations on lessons learned synthesized for use by national, regional and international organizations.

- Key entry points for strengthening the agriculture/nutrition nexus fine-tuned and endorsed and partnerships strengthened for supporting implementation that leads to tangible improvements in nutrition outcomes.

- Outlines for related policy briefs on strengthening the agriculture nutrition nexus for ACP policy and decision-makers developed and consensus reached on the way forward.
Programme Overview

Day 1  Monday 2 November 2015

08:30 - 09.00  Registration

09.00 - 10.30  Official Opening Ceremony of the Caribbean-Pacific Agri-Food Forum (All delegates)

  Room: UWI, Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination, Walcott Warner Theatre

10:30 - 11:00  Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.30  Focus: Agriculture-Nutrition Nexus

  Chair: Ms. Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy, CTA, The Netherlands

  Welcome Remarks – J.A. Francis, CTA

  Video Presentation Food Apocalypse – Ms. Kelly-Ann Murphy, Special Prize Winner, 2nd Caribbean Science and Agriculture Film and Video Competition

  Introductory Remarks – The Barbados Food and Nutrition Challenge. Mr. Lennox Chandler, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Barbados

  Self Introductions, Expectations & Fears

  Workshop Overview

  Vote of Thanks

12.30 - 13.30  Lunch

13.30 - 17.30  Lessons from the Field: Nutrition Sensitive and Nutrition Specific Interventions

  Chair: Ms. Judith Ann Francis, CTA

13:30 – 14:00  Nutrition Challenges in the Caribbean: Key Success Factors of CARPHA Nutrition Sensitive and Nutrition Specific Interventions. Mrs. Christine Bocage, Senior Technical Officer, Food Security and Nutrition, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Trinidad and Tobago

14:00 – 14:30  Implementing a Farm to Fork Model in the Caribbean: Lessons Learned from the McGill/UWI and Partners’ Agriculture Nutrition Project. Dr Isabella Granderson, Lecturer Nutrition, UWI, Faculty of Agriculture, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

14:30 – 15:00  Discussion

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:00 Strengthening the Agriculture Nutrition Nexus: Lessons from UWI Township Kitchen Garden Project. Mr. Tarik Weekes, Research Officer, UWI, Mona Social Services, Jamaica

16:00 – 16:30 The Complexity of Food and Nutrition Security and Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluating Change. Professor Emeritus Luc D’Haese, University of Ghent Professor at the University of Antwerp, Belgium

16:30 – 17:00 Overcoming Nutrition Challenges: Measuring Success & Avoiding Pitfalls. Mrs. Patricia Thompson, Registered Nutritionist, Jamaica Island Nutrition Network

17:00 – 17:30 Discussion & Wrap up of Day 1 – What have we learned?

Day 2 Tuesday 3 November 2015

09:30 – 11:00 Building the Evidence Base: Lessons from CTA Commissioned Country Case Studies

Chair: Dr. Veronica Bue, Lecturer Agricultural Extension, Rural Community Development, Household Food Security, PNG University of Technology, Dept. of Agriculture, Papua New Guinea

09:30 – 10:00 Recap of Day 1

Reflections / Key Messages – J.A. Francis, CTA

Discussion

10:00 – 10:20 Strengthening the Agriculture/Nutrition Nexus: The Case of Samoa. Dr Desmond Lee Hang, National University of Samoa (NUS), CTA-Project Manager & Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, National University of Samoa, Samoa

10:20 – 10:30 Question & Answer (Q & A)

10:30 – 10:40 Strengthening the Agriculture/Nutrition Nexus: The Case of Haiti. Professor Predner Duvivier, Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, State University of Haiti (FAMV/UEH), Haiti

10:40 – 11:00 Q & A

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 11:50 Strengthening the Agriculture/Nutrition Nexus: The Case of Kiribati. Mrs. Teaaro Otiuea, Principal Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development, Kiribati

11:50 – 12:00 Q & A

12:00 – 12:30 Feedback by L. D’Haese & P. Thompson, Lead Experts

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 16.00  Building the Evidence Base: Lessons from CTA Commissioned Country Case Studies (continued)

Chair: Ms. Lisa Hunt-Mitchell, Chief Nutritionist, Ministry of Health, St. Lucia


13:40 – 14:00  Q & A

14:00 – 14:20  Strengthening the Agriculture/Nutrition Nexus: The Case of Solomon Islands. Mr. Leeroy Valarane Joshua, Lecturer, School of Natural Resources & Applied Sciences, Solomon Islands

14:20 – 14:30  Q & A

14:30 – 14:50  Strengthening the Agriculture/Nutrition Nexus: The Case of St Lucia. Mr. Randy Maryatt, Chief Project Manager, ATLAS, St.Lucia

14:50 – 15:00  Q & A

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee Break

15:30 – 16.00  Feedback by L. D’Haese & P. Thompson, Lead Experts Discussion

16:00 – 17:30  Working Groups – Addressing the Gaps and Updating Entry Points for Strengthening the Agriculture Nutrition nexus in Country Case Studies

Day 3  Wednesday 4 November 2015

09:30 - 13:00  Consensus Building and Entry Points for Strengthening the Ag/Nutrition Nexus

Chair: Mr. Lafaele Enoka, Agriculture Sector Coordinator/SACEP Project Manager, Ministry of Agriculture, Samoa

09:30 – 10:00  Recap of Day 2

Reflections/Key Messages – J.A. Francis, CTA Discussion

10:00 – 10:40  Addressing the Gaps and Updating Entry Points – Haiti, Suriname, and St. Lucia Country Team Presentations

10:40 – 11:00  Discussion

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:40  Addressing the Gaps and Updating Entry Points – Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Island Country Team Presentations
12:40 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Consensus Building – Key Target Groups, Key Focal Areas, Approach/ Mechanism & Key Indicators for Measuring Success

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Milton, Agronomist/Seed Technologist, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Suriname

14:00 – 14:45 World Café

14:45 – 15:10 Synthesis and Discussion of Results of World Café

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Plenary Discussion – Critical Elements & Key Messages for National and Regional Policy Briefs on Strengthening the Agriculture-Nutrition Nexus

Response – Luc D’Haese & Patricia Thompson, Lead Experts

17:00 – 17:30 Closing Ceremony

Remarks – Caribbean and Pacific Delegates

Remarks – Luc D’Haese & Patricia Thompson, Lead Experts

Remarks – Judith A. Francis, CTA, The Netherlands