



Caribbean Agro-Economic Society

Update on CALL FOR PAPERS

Twenty-Seventh West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference/Eighth Meeting of Asociacion de Latino America y del Caribe de Economistas Agricolas (ALACEA Theme: “Improving Marketing and Sustaining Natural Resources Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”

The 27th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference, of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, will be held jointly with the 8th conference of the Asociacion De LatinoAmerica y Del Caribe De Economistas Agricolas (ALACEA) in Belize City, Belize from July 23rd to 27th 2007.

Conference Theme

The theme of the conference is “*Improving Marketing and Sustaining Natural Resources Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.*”

Sub-themes of the conference are:

- Climate Change-Impact on Agriculture and the Caribbean
- Agro Forestry
- Opportunities in Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Medicinal Products from Forests
- Ecotourism
- Role of Protected Areas in Sustainable Tourism

- Agricultural Competitiveness-National, Regional and International
- Marketing and Sustainable Agricultural Development
- Diversification Alternatives for Caribbean Agriculture
- Belizean Agriculture-Marketing and Sustainability Issues
- Human Capital Requirements for Sustainable Development

Members of the CAES and ALACEA and other interested persons are invited to submit:

- Abstracts of papers to be reviewed for possible presentation at the conference and /or
- Descriptions of posters to be displayed at the conference

by email to the Society’s Secretary, Sarojini Ragbir at sragbir@fsa.uwi.tt on or before April 15, 2007. When submitting abstracts and descriptions, please indicate clearly whether they are for **oral** or **poster** presentation.

Persons whose abstracts are accepted will be required to bring the final paper on CD to the Conference to be allowed to deliver their oral presentation and for the paper to be reviewed for possible inclusion in the conference publications.

Hotel details

The conference will be held at the ***Princess Hotel and Casino***, Belize City. The Princess Hotel and Casino is the largest hotel in Belize, located 15 minutes from the airport and five minutes from downtown Belize City.

The preferred group rates offered for the conference participants are US\$75 + 9% hotel taxes for standard single or double rooms and US\$150 + 9% hotel taxes for Junior Suites. These rates include buffet breakfast and a welcome drink. Lunch at a reduced price will also be available for Conference participants.

Registration fees

Registration fees for CAES/ALACEA members will be US\$140, plus US\$60 CAES membership dues. Reduced rates are available for students.

VISA ADVISORY

Remember to get to Belize from the Caribbean Islands, it may be necessary to overnight in Miami, which requires US Visa.

Participants from the Dominican Republic and Haiti need visas to enter Belize.

It is advisable to check your Local Travel Agencies for Visa Requirements.

The draft technical programme

Sunday July 22

Arrival of Participants

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Registration

Monday July 23

8:00 am – 9:00 pm	Registration
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<i>Opening session</i>
10:30am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00am – 12:00noon	Technical sessions
12:00noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Technical sessions
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Technical sessions
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Hotel Reception

Tuesday July 24

8:00 am – 10:30 am	Registration
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Technical sessions
10:30am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00am – 12:00noon	Technical sessions
12:00noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Technical sessions
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Technical sessions
7:00 pm – 9:00	<i>Welcome cocktail and cultural Show (sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture)</i>

Wednesday July 25

8:00 am – 10:30 am	Technical sessions
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10:30am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00am – 12:00noon	Technical sessions
12:00noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Technical sessions
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Technical sessions
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	CAES AGM
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	CAES Banquet

Thursday July 26

Field Trip – Three options (details will be posted subsequently)

Friday July 27

8:00 am – 10:30 am	Technical sessions
10:30am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00am – 12:00noon	Technical sessions
12:00noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Technical sessions
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Technical sessions

Close with cocktails

Saturday July 28th Departure

Don't forget to keep checking our website www.caestt.com.