



Caribbean Agro-Economic Society

NEWSLETTER

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27th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 27th West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference 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

CAES and ALACEA members and other interested persons are invited to submit oral or poster presentations related to the above theme and sub-themes.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to Sarojini Ragbir at sragbir@fsa.uwi.tt on or before April 15, 2007. When submitting the abstract, please indicate whether the abstract is for an oral or poster presentation.

Persons whose abstracts are accepted will be required to bring the final paper on CD to the meeting to be allowed to deliver their oral presentation and the paper to be included 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.

Details of alternative accommodation close to the conference site will be forwarded in due course.

Registration fees

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

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