

SESSION 1 - PARTICIPANT BRIEFING NOTE

Building the Future Together

Tuesday, 11 August 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Atlantic time | Virtual

SESSION FOCUS

The revised CAYAB Institutional Framework and an introduction to the Local Agriculture First Policy (LAFP).

Purpose

Launch the consultation series, establish a shared understanding of CAYAB's proposed institutional arrangements and introduce the policy principles that will be tested throughout the six sessions.

Why this matters

Regional youth participation needs credible governance, clear responsibilities and a practical policy pathway. This session establishes the foundation on which all later discussions depend.

What the session will examine

- CAYAB's mandate, evolution and proposed governance arrangements
- Membership, leadership, accountability and institutional relationships
- The problem the LAFP is intended to address
- The relationship between youth governance, local production and market access

Questions participants will help answer

1. Does the proposed framework give CAYAB a credible and representative foundation?
2. Are the roles, relationships and accountability arrangements sufficiently clear?
3. Do the proposed LAFP principles respond to the realities facing Caribbean producers?
4. What must be revised before either proposal advances?

How to prepare

- Read the Session 1 controlled consultation documents on the series page.
- Identify one governance issue and one market-access issue that should be addressed.
- Be prepared to distinguish support, required revisions and matters needing further review.

What to expect

The 120-minute session includes opening remarks, a keynote address, a technical presentation, youth discussants, moderated regional discussion, validation questions and a summary of recommendations.

Participants may support a proposal, recommend a revision or identify an issue requiring further technical review.

CONSULTATION STATUS

The CAYAB Institutional Framework and Local Agriculture First Policy remain consultation proposals. Publication does not constitute formal adoption or approval.