

SESSION 3 - PARTICIPANT BRIEFING NOTE

Investing in Agricultural Market Infrastructure

Tuesday, 25 August 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Atlantic time | Virtual

SESSION FOCUS

Aggregation, cold chains, storage, logistics and producer coordination.

Purpose

Validate the infrastructure and logistics needed to move reliable volumes of Caribbean products from producers to buyers.

Why this matters

Procurement cannot succeed without aggregation, storage, cooling, transport and coordinated delivery. Infrastructure turns demand into transactions.

What the session will examine

- Aggregation and collection hubs
- Cold storage, packhouses and post-harvest systems
- Transport, logistics and inter-island delivery
- Ownership and access models for shared facilities

Questions participants will help answer

1. Which infrastructure gaps cause the greatest losses or missed sales?
2. Who should own, manage and maintain shared facilities?
3. How can youth, women and small producers obtain fair access?
4. Which investments should be prioritised first?

How to prepare

- Identify the main infrastructure bottleneck affecting producers.
- Consider facilities that could be upgraded or better coordinated.
- Bring lessons about management, maintenance and affordability.

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

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