

SESSION 5 - PARTICIPANT BRIEFING NOTE

Regional Partnerships and Institutional Coordination

Tuesday, 8 September 2026 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Atlantic time | Virtual

SESSION FOCUS

Institutional roles, regional coordination, partnerships, resource mobilisation and alignment with existing initiatives.

Purpose

Test the institutional arrangements and partnership mechanisms required to move the LAFP from a regional proposal into coordinated implementation.

Why this matters

The policy crosses agriculture, procurement, standards, trade, finance, youth development and data. Implementation will depend on clear ownership and coordinated action across institutions.

What the session will examine

- National, regional and partner responsibilities
- Coordination and decision-making mechanisms
- Technical assistance, financing and resource mobilisation
- Alignment with existing CARICOM and partner initiatives

Questions participants will help answer

1. Which institution should lead each major area of implementation?
2. What coordination mechanism would be practical and accountable?
3. Which partnerships and resources are essential?
4. How should the LAFP complement rather than duplicate existing work?

How to prepare

- Identify institutions already working on procurement, markets or youth agriculture.
- Consider where mandates overlap or important responsibilities are unassigned.
- Bring one partnership opportunity and one coordination risk.

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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