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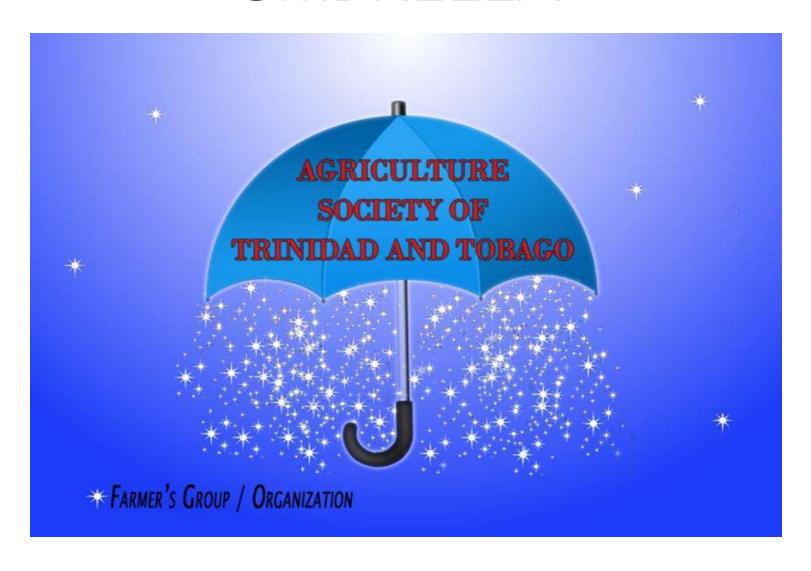
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Mrs. Dhano SOOKOO PRESIDENT OF ASTT, from 2008 TO PRESENT



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OUR PURPOSE

- ❖ To collaborate with the Government and all institutions to influence policies for the development of a sustainable agriculture sector for our country and all its people.
- To represent the farming community advocating for the enhancement and development of the agriculture sector in Trinidad and Tobago.

Ministry of food production food action plan

Aligning the framework to achieve the production targets within this plan



Strong advocacy



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ASTT FACILITATES CONSULTATION BETWEEN FARMERS AND THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



ASTT'S CONSULTION WITH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK TO REDUCE INTEREST RATES FOR FARMERS.



Strategic intervention: access to financing

- The Agricultural Development Bank in partnership with the Agricultural Society of Trinidad and Tobago implemented the Reaping Opportunities Loan (ROL) in order to assist farmers who are less fortunate.
- The ceiling of this loan is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)

FARMERS VOICE IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET



AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK: MOBILE BANKING FACILITY



THANK YOU!