



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism



CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP

SUSTAINABLE STANDARDS, CERTIFICATION AND RESILIENT AGRI-FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS

23 JUNE 2026 | HYATT REGENCY, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Welcome and Registration Breakfast - 7:30 am - 8:00 am

Opening Remarks

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Mr. Neville Alexander

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade,
Investment and Tourism (MTTI)

Mr. Santiago Fernandez de Córdoba

Senior Economist, Division on International Trade
and Commodities, UNCTAD (Virtual)

Ms. Miosotis Rivas Peña

Director, ECLAC, Subregional Headquarters
for the Caribbean

Workshop Objectives
and Expected Outcomes

8:30 am - 8:40 am

Ms. Chavelle Calliste

Business Facilitator, MTTI

Session 1. Sustainable Standards,
Certification and Resilient
Agri-Food Supply Chains

8:40 am - 9:25 am

Mr. Rodrigo Rupérez

Senior Trade and Sustainability Specialist, UNCTAD

Session 2A. Food Safety, Regulatory
Compliance and Market Access in
Trinidad and Tobago

9:25 am - 9:55 am

Mr. Imtiaz Hyder Alii

Chief Chemist and Director (Ag.), Chemistry, Food
and Drugs Division, Ministry of Agriculture and
Fisheries

- *Coffee Break 9:55 am - 10:15 am* -

Session 2B. Agricultural Health, Food Security and Resilient Agri-Food Supply Chains
10:15 am - 11:00 am

Facilitators: **Dr. Lisa Musai;**

Mr. Ian Mohammed, Director, Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Session 3. Understanding Trinidad and Tobago's Standards Landscape
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Facilitators: **Ms. Nadita Ramachala,** Manager, Standardization Division, TTBS

Mr. Rodney Ramnath, Manager, Certification Division, TTBS

Ms. Felicia Thomas, Standards Officer III, Projects/Trade, TTBS

- *Lunch Break | 12:30pm - 1:30 pm* -

Session 4. Export Readiness, Market Access and Institutional Support for Agri-Food Businesses
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Mr. Dhanraj Harrypersad, Head, Export Development, Promotion and Market Access;

Mr. Crisen Maharaj, Manager, Capacity Building and Funding, GlobalTT

Session 5. Experience-Sharing from Firms and Producers
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

NAMDEVCO; GlobalTT; TTBS, Five (5) Private Sector Representatives

Reflections and Close of Day 1
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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