

## CARIBBEAN FARMERS' NETWORK (CaFAN)

### YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

St. George, January 25, 2010 -- The Caribbean farmers' Network Inc. (CaFAN) is a legally-registered, non-profit, non-governmental and regional farmer organization.

It was formed by farmer organizations across the Caribbean region in 2002, and in 2006, the Eastern Caribbean Trading Agriculture and Development Organization (ECTAD) became the Secretariat for CaFAN -- charged with responsibility for coordinating projects of the network.

CaFAN's mission is to enhance Caribbean food and nutrition security, foreign exchange earnings and foreign savings by repositioning agriculture through the capacity building of farmers and institutional strengthening of farmer organizations.

It has a membership of over 500,000 farmers within twenty farmer organizations across thirteen Caribbean countries including Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

On Monday, CaFAN launched a "Youth in Agriculture Regional Workshop" which is being attended by more than 40 representatives from around the region. [Click here to listen.](#) (01Hr:45Min:08Sec). The opening ceremony was addressed by Jamaican Senator, Norman Grant who is chairman of the network, Grenada's Minister of Sports, Patrick Simmons, MP, CaFAN's Chief Coordinator, Jethro Greene, Grenada's Agriculture Minister, Dennis Lett, MP, and Prime Minister Tillman Thomas.