

Session 23

Smart food production and digitization:
How Caribbean agrifood entrepreneurs can use data and technology

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Inês Bastos – Head of Networks and Alliances, COLEAD



Inês Bastos is the Head of Networks & Alliances at COLEAD, bringing over two decades of expertise across technical assistance, monitoring, network management, and policy development, with a deep specialisation in agri-food sector development. Since joining COLEAD, Inês has led and coordinated technical activities across Sub-Saharan Africa, overseeing programs and projects spanning agri-food production and processing, business management, access to finance, and network development. In 2024, she took on the role of COLEAD's Gender lead, driving women's empowerment across the organisation's programs.

Allister Reynold Glean – Technical Specialist, Representative in Barbados, IICA



Allister Glean is the Representative of the Inter American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in Barbados. He spent the last 5 years as the International Specialist in Agribusiness and Value Chains, stationed with the St. Lucia Delegation. Allister has worked extensively in the agricultural sector for over 20 years with experience working in agricultural research and development, agribusiness development, food and beverage processing as well as development financing for agribusiness. Allister has lectured on a part-time basis at the tertiary level for over 16 years in the areas of marketing, strategic planning and business ethics. While trained in management and marketing, he also possesses post graduate qualifications in international relations and agribusiness development. He is also a qualified attorney at law. Allister tends to have a particular interest in governance, market development and trade facilitation. Allister has a passion for working with micro, small and medium sized business with emphasis on women, youth and producer groups.

Nina Desanlis-Perrin – External Consultant, COLEAD



Nina Desanlis -Perrin is an External Consultant at COLEAD, where she develops and coordinates global partnerships to support entrepreneurship development and sustainability in the agrifood sector across the Global South countries. She co-organises agrifood webinars aimed at showcasing innovations of farmer-led businesses and SMEs with key international partners such as IICA. Nina holds an MSc in Environmental Science for Sustainability from King's College London,

and a BSc in Public Administration from Erasmus University Rotterdam. She is an advocate for sustainable development, international cooperation, and climate justice, working to promote resilient and inclusive solutions for communities and food systems worldwide.

Krystal Crumbie – Founder, Farm FWD Logics, Jamaica



Krystal Crumbie is a Jamaican digital strategist, entrepreneur, and Founder of Krystal Clear Logics, with over 17 years of experience in digital transformation, technology, and business development. She is the founder of Farm FWD Logics, an agricultural intelligence and trade-readiness platform connecting farm-level data, production planning, market intelligence, and export opportunities. Her work focuses on developing practical, technology-driven solutions that strengthen agricultural value chains, support smallholder farmers, and improve market access across Jamaica, the Caribbean, and international trade corridors. Krystal also serves on the Board of the AfricaCaribbean Corridor Council, supporting stronger commercial and development connections between Africa and the Caribbean.7

Terata Ames – Founder, One Agri Co Ltd, Barbados



Terata Ames is a livestock and veterinary technician with over 16 years of experience in Caribbean agriculture, specialising in animal health, herd management, and livestock production across multiple species including cattle, small ruminants, swine, and poultry. Driven by the persistent gap between agricultural programmes and farm-level data, Terata founded One Agri Co Ltd and self-financed the development of three digital platforms: OneHerd, a livestock management platform now live on Google Play; OneCrop, a crop management platform in pilot phase; and AgriXent, a digital infrastructure solution for agricultural governance and enterprise institutions across the Caribbean region. One Agri Co Ltd is built on the conviction that Caribbean agriculture deserves technology that is built for us and our realities; tech that is practical, and regionally scalable.

Wesley Mofford – Founder & CEO, WindBlow Inc., St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Wesley V. Mofford is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of WindBlow Inc., a St. Vincent and the Grenadines-based enterprise developing practical technology and market-access solutions for Caribbean agriculture. With approximately 30 years of professional experience spanning technology, software development, risk management and enterprise systems, he brings a cross-disciplinary approach to agricultural digital transformation. Through WindBlow's NuAgro division and WE2U farmer network, he is working to connect producers with market demand, strengthen agricultural business practices and coordinate production. He also leads the development of NuGrow Genesis, an integrated agricultural platform designed to support farmer and farm records, production planning, marketplace activity, business recordkeeping, communications and agricultural intelligence. His current work includes the NuAgro Digital Farmer Development and Market Access Programme, which combines agricultural entrepreneurship, practical farm management and digital skills. His focus is on creating commercially sustainable agricultural enterprises through useful technology, reliable market connections and continuous farmer engagement.

Garnett Harris – CEO, SkyCrop Solutions, Jamaica



Garnett Harris is an entrepreneur, engineer, and innovator in agricultural technology. He is the Chief Executive Officer of SkyCrop Solutions, a Jamaican agritech company specialising in the development and deployment of agricultural drones and precision agriculture solutions.

With a background in Electrical Engineering and Computing from the University of Technology, Jamaica, Garnett combines technical expertise with entrepreneurial vision to advance technology-driven solutions for agriculture. Under his leadership, SkyCrop Solutions is helping farmers improve productivity, optimise agricultural practices, and embrace innovative approaches to farming. He is passionate about leveraging homegrown technology to strengthen food security and build a more resilient agricultural sector across the Caribbean.

Tashi Browne – Program Coordinator, Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator



Tashi Browne is a development professional and Programme Coordinator at the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator (CCSA), an initiative focused on advancing climate-resilient development and sustainable investment across the Caribbean. With experience in project management and quality management systems, Tashi contributes to the coordination and implementation of programmes that promote sustainable development, empower women entrepreneurs, and strengthen community resilience. Tashi is passionate about advancing inclusive, climate-smart solutions and fostering collaboration among regional stakeholders to address the Caribbean's climate and development challenges.

Dr Ruel Ellis – Senior Lecturer, University of the West Indies



Dr. Ruel L.A. Ellis is a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine for the last 25 years. He is also the Chairman of the Continuing Engineering Education Center at the Engineering Institute of the Faculty of Engineering. Dr. Ellis serves on the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards National Mirror Committee, focused on the Innovations Management Standards (ISO56000), and is an IP Trainer with the TTIPO IP Academy. Dr. Ellis currently serves as Chief Examiner for CXC CAPE's Green Engineering course, and is the past Chief Examiner of CSEC's Industrial Technology Course. He is a member of the IP Assessment Committee of the UWI St. Augustine Campus, and has conducted the mapping of the CARICOM Blue Economy Ecosystem, and was the Lead Consultant in the development of the Science, Technology and Innovations Policy for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Publicly Ruel has served as Chair of the Operations Committee on the NIHERST Board of Governors, he was a member of the National Productivity Council and the Advisory Committee for Creative industries at the National Training Agency.