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The Sixteenth West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference was held on the St. Augustine Campus, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, from July 18-24, 1982.

This occasion marked a return to the birthplace of the Conference Series as well as a change in the format used since the Eleventh Conference.

The main theme of the Conference - "Changing Perspectives in Caribbean Agriculture" - was the subject of rigorous and indepth discussions which, no doubt, led to fuller appreciation of several of the theoretical and operational issues involved in bringing about adjustments in Caribbean Agriculture to meet future challenges.

These issues were discussed in Plenary and Workshop Sessions which were well attended by participants. Participants also had the opportunity to visit various development activities currently receiving the attention of Trinidad and Tobago policy-makers.

One of the highlights of the Conference was an address by Mr. Alister Mc Intyre, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, an architect of the regional integration movement and a foundation member of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society.

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