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EDITORIAL

This collection of papers constitutes Part B of the Proceedings of the Twentieth West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference held in Tobago in April 1990. These Proceedings continue the tradition started in 1965 with the publication of the Proceedings of the First West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference. Part A of the Twentieth Proceedings consisting of specially reviewed and selected papers was published as Volume 1, Number 1, March 1992 of **Farm and Business: The Journal of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society**.

The theme of the Twentieth Conference, "**Economic Development Through the Revitalization and Modernization of Agriculture**", is an important area in the field of economic development. In focusing on this theme, the agricultural economists in the Region have attempted to develop new models and paradigms which will accelerate the pace of development while ensuring the integrity of the environment. This process of Sustainable Economic Development is, of course, easier to speak of than to execute.

These proceedings however, are a major step forward in this process. The thoughts of the experts in different areas of agriculture and economics are presented in a cohesive manner; several issues are examined and developed in order to arrive at new models and/or new versions of old models. These proceedings also include the Opening Address by Dr. Patrick Alleyne, then Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Food Production and Marine Exploitation.

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