CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

ADVOCATING FOOD SECURITY, GOOD NUTRITION AND POVERTY ERADICATION THROUGH EDUCATION

October 16 & 17, 2018
Lecture Theatre 50
Shared Facilities Building
UTech, Jamaica (Papine Campus)

Conference Objectives:
• Promote awareness of the link between food security, nutrition and poverty eradication
• Discuss the challenges and opportunities in addressing food security and poverty alleviation in Jamaica
• Advocate food security and poverty eradication through education
• Highlight initiatives that contribute to food security and poverty reduction in Jamaica

DAY 1
OCTOBER 16, 2018
WORLD FOOD DAY

8:30 a.m. Arrival and Registration

OPENING CEREMONY

Chair: Dr. R. A. Lewis, Dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Jamaica

9:00 a.m. Invocation Dr. Gareth Phillips, Vice-dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.

9:02 a.m. Opening Remarks Dr. R.A. Lewis, Dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.

9:07 a.m. Welcome Professor Stephen Vasciannie, CD, President, UTech, Ja.

9:15 a.m. Greetings Miss Odette Brown, Coordinator, UNEVOC Centre, HEART Trust/NTA

[On behalf of Dr. Marcia Rowe-Amonde, Regional Coordinator, UNEVOC Centres]
9:20 a.m. Overview of UNESCO-UNEVOC
Dr. Everton Lewis, Coordinator UNEVOC Centre,
UTech, Ja.

9:25 a.m. Keynote Address
The Honourable Audley Shaw, CD, MP, Minister of Industry, Commerce,
Agriculture & Fisheries,
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Agriculture (MICAF)

9:55 a.m. Overview Food Tree Planting Initiative
Mr. Reginald Budhan, Chairman Tree Crop Project Management Committee (MICAF)

Official Tour of Exhibits and Tree Planting Ceremony by Minister

10:30 a.m. Report on National Food Consumption Survey
Dr. Ellen Campbell-Grizzle, Associate Professor,
School of Pharmacy, UTech, Ja., and Director, Ja- Livity Project,
and Mrs. Ava Simpson, Senior Lecturer, School of Allied Health and Wellness, and
Principal Investigator, Ja- Livity Project

SESSION 1       FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION: THE REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Chair:          Dr. Shermaine Barrett, Senior Lecturer, School of Technical and Vocational Education,
Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

10:50 a.m. The Education, Food Security and Poverty Nexus in the Caribbean
Prof. Fitzroy Henry, School of Allied Health and Wellness, College of Health Sciences,
UTech., Ja.

11:05 a.m. Food Security and School Feeding in Jamaica
Dr. Gillian Smith, Officer in Charge, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

11:20 a.m. The Potential of Agricultural Research to Impact Food Security in the Caribbean
Dr. Gregory Robin, Country Representative,
Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)

11:35 a.m. Agricultural Policies and Food Security in Latin America and the Caribbean
Mr. Carmine Paolo De Salvo, Rural Development Specialist, Inter-American
Development Bank

11:50 a.m. Sustainable Food Systems for Healthy Eating in Jamaica
Dr. Michelle Harris, Advisor on Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health,
Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO)

12:10 p.m. Lunch
SESSION 2  FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION, POVERTY ERADICATION & EDUCATION POLICY

Chair:  Ms. Dawn McNeil, Senior Lecturer, School of Technical and Vocational Education, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.

PANEL DISCUSSION
1:10 p.m.  TVET Response to Food Security, Nutrition and Poverty Eradication
Dr. Leonie Clarke, Associate Professor, School of Technical and Vocational Education, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.
1:25 p.m.  Food and Nutrition Security: The Role of Agriculture in Jamaica
Mr. Courtney Cole, Chief Technical Director Special Projects, (MICAF)
1:40 p.m.  Food Security & Poverty Eradication: The STEM/TVET Agenda
Mr. Dinsworth Finnikin, National TVET Director, (MOEYI)
1:55 p.m.  Nutrition, Food Security and Poverty in Jamaica
Mrs. Vanessa White-Barrow, Head, School of Allied Health and Wellness, College of Health Sciences, UTech, Ja.
2:10 p.m.  Questions & Answers

2:30 p.m.  Break

SESSION 3  Multi-Stakeholders Response to Food Security and Poverty Eradication

Chair:  Mrs. Anita Thomas-James, Senior Lecturer, School of Technical and Vocational Education, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.

3:00 p.m.  International Federation for Home Economics, Jamaican Home Economics Association, Caribbean Association of Home Economists (IFHE, CAHE, JHEA)
Dr. Leonie Clarke and Dr. Hope Mayne, School of Technical and Vocational Education, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, UTech, Ja.
3:15 p.m.  Making Essential Oils from Natural Products
Dr. Chenielle Delahaye-McKenzie, CEO, De La Enzie Essential Ltd
3:30 p.m.  Plants and their Economic Potential
Mr. Zavier Gray, Acting Senior Director, Research and Development Division, Ministry of Industry Commerce, Agriculture & Fisheries
3:45 p.m.  The Role of the Jamaica Business Development Corporation in Promoting Entrepreneurship
Ms. Valrie Veira, CEO, Jamaica Business Development Corporation
4:00 p.m.  Discussion
DAY 2
OCTOBER 17, 2018
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

9:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks
Dr. Junior Martin, Head, School of Technical and Vocational Education, UTech, Ja.

SESSION 4  ALLEVIATING THE POVERTY CHALLENGE

Chair:  Dr. Everton Lewis, Coordinator UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre, UTech, Ja.

9.10 a.m.  Poverty Eradication: The Key to Development in Jamaica
Mr. Richard Kelly, Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

9.25 a.m.  Product Development for Poverty Eradication
Dr. Cliff Riley, Director General Scientific Research Council

9.35 a.m.  Stimulating Rural Development through Poverty Alleviation
Dr. Amani Ishemo Associate Professor, School of Building and Land Management, Faculty of the Built Environment, UTech, Ja.

9.50 a.m.  Nutrition Related Diseases and the Poverty Trap
Dr. Tamu Davidson, Director Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health, Ministry of Health

10:05 a.m.  Cannibis: Economic and Health Benefits of Medical Marijuana
Mr. Rasheed Perry, Lecturer, College of Health Sciences, UTech, Ja.

10:20 a.m.  Discussion

10:35 a.m.  BREAK

SESSION 5  INITIATIVES TO COMBAT POVERTY IN JAMAICA

Chair:  Dr. Elizabeth Pigou Dennis, Associate Professor, and Vice-dean Caribbean School of Architecture, Faculty of the Built Environment, UTech, Ja.

11.00 a.m.  Poverty and Food Security in Majesty Gardens, St Andrew – a Case Study
Dr Eugenia Hines, School of Public Health and Health Technology, UTech, Ja.

11:15 a.m.  Design for Food Security: Urban Farming for a Sustainable Future
Mr. Ryan Battick, M.Arch., Graduate, Faculty of the Built Environment, UTech, Ja.

11:30 a.m.  Curriculum for Home Gardening for Young Teenaged Mothers
Mr. Milton Gager, UTech, Ja. & College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE)

11:45 a.m.  Special Needs Practitioners and Entrepreneurship
Mrs. Marilyn McKoy, Development Manager
Jamaica Association of Intellectual Disabilities
12:00 noon  Protection of Geographical Indications
Ms. Lily Claire Bellamy, CEO,
Jamaica Intellectual Property Office

12.15 p.m.  Discussion

12.30 p.m.  LUNCH

SESSION 6  YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair:  Miss Tia Ferguson, President, Students’ Union, UTech, Ja.

1.30 p.m.  Youth Entrepreneurship Supporting Sustainable Development: Experiences of a Young Entrepreneur
Ms. Erica Wynter, Lecturer, Joan Duncan School of Ethics, Entrepreneurship and Leadership, College of Business and Management, UTech, Ja.

1:45 p.m.  Family and Consumer Studies Contributing to Poverty Eradication
Family and Consumer Studies Students, School of Technical and Vocational Education, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies UTech, Ja.

2:00 p.m.  Agricultural Entrepreneurship: Opportunities and Challenges
Mr. Nicoy Curnaldi, Teacher/Culinary Arts Instructor,
Guys Hill High School

2:15 p.m.  4H Club Food Security Project
Student Presenter

2:30 p.m.  Innovative Products from Vegetables – A Business Initiative
Mrs. Brenda Greene, Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA)

2:45 p.m.  Discussion

3:00 p.m.  Closing Plenary

3:30 p.m.  Reception
LIST OF EXHIBITORS:

1. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
   • Research and Development Division
   • Veterinary Services Division
   • Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection
   • Agricultural Land Management
   • Food Storage & Prevention of Infestation Division
   • Agricultural Competitiveness Programme
2. MINISTRY OF HEALTH
   • Nutrition Unit
3. THE FOOD BASKET ETC.
4. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
5. CARDI
6. JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
7. NATIONAL IRRIGATION COMMISSION
8. JAMAICA DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
9. RURAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
10. JAMAICA 4-H CLUBS
11. EBONY PARK HEART ACADEMY
12. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE SCIENCE & EDUCATION
13. HEART FOUNDATION OF JAMAICA
14. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL
15. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF JAMAICA
16. INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA
17. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
18. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL
19. GUYS HILL HIGH SCHOOL
20. DE LA ENZIE ESSENTIAL LTD
21. STEER TOWN ACADEMY, TVET PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2017/18
22. FACULTY OF EDUCATION & LIBERAL STUDIES, UTECH, JA.
23. COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UTECH, JA.