

# UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, JAMAICA

UTECH, JA. UNEVOC CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## 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 <i>[On behalf of Dr. Marcia Rowe-Amonde, Regional Coordinator, UNEVOC Centres]</i>

- 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. Xavier 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.**