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The Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed an agreement to pursue areas of technical cooperation in the use of nuclear science and technology for sustainable agricultural health and food safety in the Caribbean, at the headquarters of the IAEA in Vienna, Austria on November 26, 2018

The Practical Arrangement provides the framework for collaboration to address challenges faced by the Member States of both organisations as well as Small Island Developing States in improving their agricultural sector. Signing the agreement were Chief Executive Officer of CAHFSA, Mr. L. Simeon Collins, and Mr. Cornel Feruta, Chief Coordinator, Director General Office for Coordination, representing Dazhu Yang, Deputy Director General.



The objective of these Practical Arrangements is to set forth the framework for non-exclusive cooperation between the Parties in the area of technical cooperation in the use of nuclear science and technology for sustainable agricultural health and food safety. The Parties have identified the following activities in which cooperation may be pursued, subject to the Parties' respective mandates, governing regulations, rules, policies and procedures:

- Collaboration on capacity building initiatives related to the use of nuclear science and technology to support a sustainable agricultural health and food safety developmental programmes involving Member States, with the emphasis on animal health, plant health and food safety;
- Collaboration on the establishment of a networking mechanism for laboratories in the Caribbean related to agricultural health and food safety;
- Sharing of information on planned events, such as seminars, conferences and meetings, organised by the Parties in the areas of animal health, plant health and food safety; and
- Collaboration on awareness raising about work of the IAEA, in particular, among decision-makers in the IAEA Member States.
- Exchange and dissemination of unclassified information, including publications and sharing of experiences and best practices in the areas of animal health, plant health and food safety.