

Who's Who in One Health

# University of the West Indies – One Health One Caribbean One Love Project http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/



<u>Making One Health operational within the Caribbean Region</u> – (https://vimeo.com/282100827) Video presentation by Chris Oura, BVM, MSc, PhD at the 5<sup>th</sup> International One Health Congress Saskatoon, Canada, July 2018

1. Organization/ Group Name and website url:

University of the West Indies – One Health One Caribbean One Love Project <a href="http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/">http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/</a>

## 2. Description and Scope of One Health Activities:

Through grant funding through the European Union financed, African Caribbean & Pacific Cooperation Programme in Science and Technology II (EU/ACP S&T II), the project has three (3) key areas:

## • One Health Leadership and the One Health Network

Caribbean professionals across 12 countries and multi-sectoral disciplines are being supported through training in Leadership and One Health to approach Caribbean wide problems including invasive species, climate change, emerging diseases and food security. These One Health Leaders are the foundation of a crucial One Health Network in the Caribbean. They are key to promoting and entrenching One Health locally and regionally.

## • Building Disease Surveillance Capacity

Training workshops aimed at strengthening the ability of Caribbean labs and 1<sup>st</sup> responders to recognise, diagnose & respond to animal & zoonotic diseases. Lab capacity training includes the introduction of novel, rapid technology to assist in accurately diagnosing

priority diseases. Primary stakeholders include field veterinarians, senior animal health technicians, veterinary lab technicians, farmers and livestock owners.

## • Supporting Regional Cooperation through Institutional Strengthening

The development of a Caribbean One Health Strategic Plan will help provide a unifying vision for health in the Caribbean. This helps in building cross-sectoral local and regional One Health Teams to work on Caribbean specific issues. It will also serve as a platform for the development of National One Health policies and strategic plans.

## 3. Key Collaborators and Participants:

- IICA Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
- CIRAD/ CARIBVET Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement/ Caribbean Animal Health Network
  - FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
  - PAHO Pan American Health Organization, 1947, Public International Organization
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Grenada
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Guyana
  - Ministry of Agriculture, St. Kitts and Nevis

## 4. Type of Organization:

• Academic, non-profit institution – University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies

## 5. Address of Organization/ Group:

University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences School of Veterinary Medicine Mount Hope, Trinidad and Tobago

#### 6. Contact(s) (with check box to agree to share):

Email – <u>caribbeanonehealth@gmail.com</u>; One.Health@sta.uwi.edu Telephone: 1-868-315-3702 *Agree to share contact information on the One Health website* – YES!!!

#### 7. Sources of funding for Organization/Group:

Grant funding from the ACP/EU Cooperation Programme in Science and Technology II (S&T II)

#### 8. One Health Course/Certificate/Training Program Offered by Organization or Group:

Title of Course/Certificate/Training:

One Health Leadership Training Certificate (see below) Contact person's name and email:

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Link to informational web page: <u>http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/</u>

June 5-July 3, 2016 St. George's University: <u>One Health, One Medicine Open Course:</u> An Ecosystem Approach

## 9. Other One Health Activities/Initiatives:

All One Health Activities are geared towards promoting and entrenching a One Health approach to collaboratively work towards increasing food security, animal health and production in the Caribbean region.

## One Health Leadership Series:

- <u>Module I:</u> One Health Leadership Series (Introduction to Health- Development of a core group of One Health Leaders): 11<sup>th</sup> November – 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 (Trinidad)
- <u>Module II</u>: One Health Leadership Series (Interconnectivity for Food Security and Food Safety): 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 (Jamaica)
- <u>Module III</u>: One Health Leadership Series (Environment and Health): 1<sup>st</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 (Guyana)
- <u>Module IV</u>: One Health Leadership Series (Society & Health): 28<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 (Grenada)
- <u>Module V</u>: One Health Leadership Series (The way forward for One Health in the Caribbean):

28<sup>th</sup> November – 1 December, 2016 (Trinidad)

Workshops related to building capacity in Disease Surveillance (Animal Disease and Recognition and Response):

- <u>24<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015</u>, Regional 'Train the Trainer' workshop- Trinidad
  - <u>17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015</u> Trinidad
  - <u>1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016</u> St. Lucia, 1st Responders (Local Workshops)
  - <u>11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016</u> Guyana, 1st Responders Act 7 (Local Workshops)
  - <u>20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016</u> Dominican Republic
  - <u>1<sup>st</sup> May 2016</u> Jamaica One Health Symposium "Health rests in all our Hands"

#### Quality Assurance and Biosecurity Training Workshop:

<u>7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016</u> – Guadeloupe, Strengthening the Caribbean network of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories: One Health Workshop - Quality assurance and Biosecurity Training Workshop

#### Sustainability of One Health, Building a One Health Community of Practice:

• 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 Regional One Health Strategic Planning Workshop – Trinidad

• 28<sup>th</sup> November – 1 December, 2016 - <u>Module V</u>: One Health Leadership Series (The way forward for One Health in the Caribbean): Trinidad

Contact Prof. Chris Oura at <u>Christopher.Oura@sta.uwi.edu</u> or see the following link for more information: <u>http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/</u>

## **10. Brief History of Your Organization's One Health Involvement:**

Since 2014, UWI's One Health One Caribbean One Love Project has made significant strides in promoting and entrenching One Health in the Caribbean region through supporting and building capacity of Caribbean nationals to collaborate on issues that affect humans, animals and the environment.

## **11. Additional Information:**

In addition to our website: <u>http://www.onehealthcaribbean.org/</u> feel free to check us out on our other platforms:

- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/One-Health-One-Caribbean-One-Love-460310710778044/</u>
- Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/caribbean1hlth</u>
- YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/onehealthcaribbean</u>