CARIBBEAN BEEKEEPING CONGRESS: Guidelines for Country Reports

Country reports are intended to summarise the history of the beekeeping sector, its current status, and recommendation/plans for the future. The reports, when viewed collectively should give a realistic snapshot of the status of beekeeping in the region and should serve to inform initiatives towards ensuring the sustainability of the sector, while developing its competitiveness.

1. HISTORY / BACKGROUND OF BEEKEEPING

2. BEEKEEPING DEMOGRAPHICS
   - No. of beekeepers (sex, age, years of experience, education, full time/part time, etc.
   - According to the availability of data)
   - Total no. of colonies, no of colonies per beekeeper, spatial distribution of colonies on island/country, etc.)
   - Categorisation of no. of colonies managed by beekeepers

3. APIARY MANAGEMENT
   - Race of bees
   - Indigenous/Stingless bees
   - Types of hives used
   - Products harvested/produced
   - Pest and disease issues
   - Main problems experienced
   - Main constraints to growth/development
   - Availability and source of extension services/support

4. BEEKEEPING ENTERPRISE
   - Type of enterprise
   - Products marketed /issues with marketing
   - Degree of mechanisation/ equipment used in sector
   - Source of labour/ labour issues
   - Determinants of market prices for products marketed
   - Estimated annual value of (tangible) beekeeping goods & services.

5. PROJECTIONS FOR SECTOR GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT

Presentation time: Twenty (20) minutes.