



Video Transcripts for Gregory Bailey, Director, Ministry of Agriculture

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Hi, my name is Gregory Bailey, Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbie Affairs.

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Digital transformation will assess sizeness and sustainability, the view of being able to utilize case resources in a more efficient manner, precision from the point of view of being able to place those resources in the areas in which they have the greater impacts and sustainability in terms of maintaining enterprise or sector input.

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Youth and women can also benefit from the fact that a lot of the activities involved engaged in primary production are very labor intensive and digital transformation can help reduce that laborious nature.

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For example, as if you let's say land preparation, fertilize application, use of agro chemicals.

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You may mentioned earlier on about precision agriculture and efficiency.

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So transformation can lead to improved recognition which refuses they need for human labour and low bore state activities.

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In addition to that, the youths are also attracted to this type of activity that requires the use of gadgets.

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So we have some that might be ready now.

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We don't provide the training.

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We depend on our development partners like the FAO and the ECOSOC to assist us in that type of training.

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As a matter of fact, the training is coming up soon I think in Saint Lucia.

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The idea is we train our trainers overseas and then of course we come up with a training.

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So we have some that might be ready now and some persons might be fearful of losing their livelihoods in terms of being farm workers, et cetera, et cetera, in terms of being replaced by the technology.

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However, I think that the technology when implemented in a given area should also create job opportunities that counteract the loss of set jobs.

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For example, joint technologies through which you have introduced at the aggregate extension department and the limited extension IT unit where we can actually use GIS coordinates to find the various boundaries and not them and make life easier.

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So maybe you may lose the job on the ground for the foot soldier, however you have somebody that is required now to manage and develop.