



National Certification Programme for the Trinidad and Tobago Standard for Good Agricultural Practices

The proposed Certification Scheme and the Way Forward

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OVERVIEW



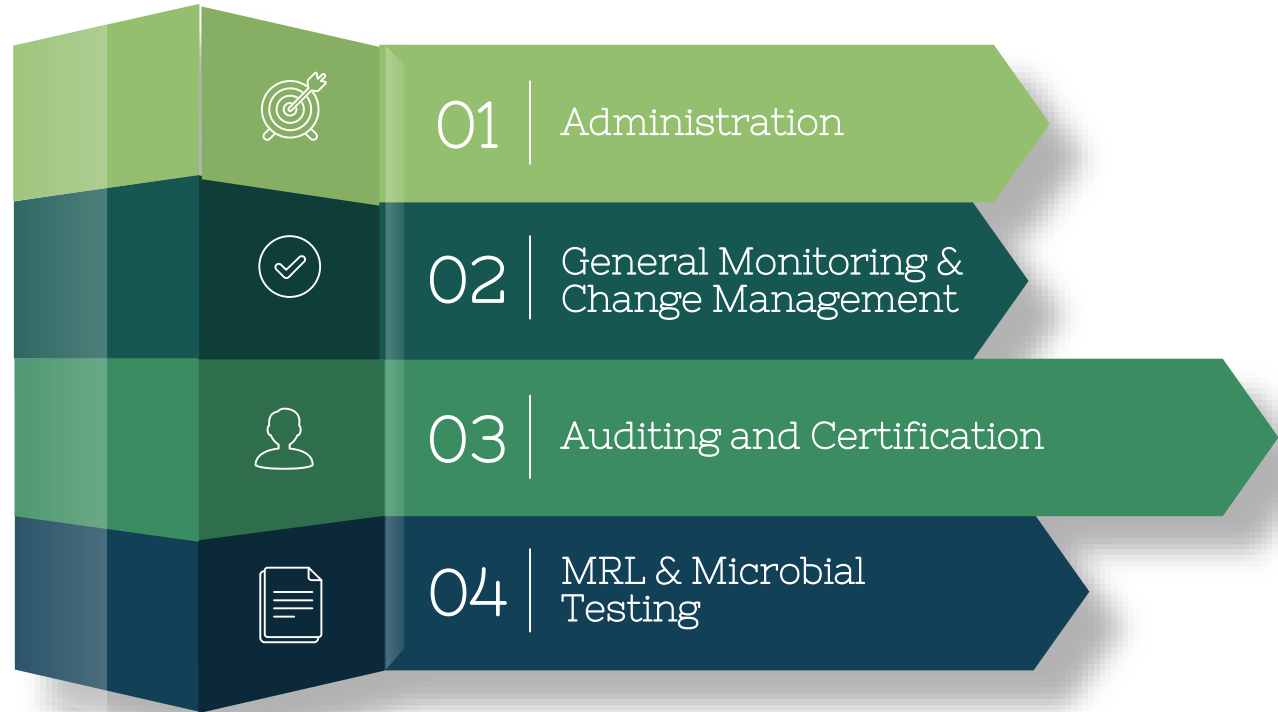
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NAMDEVCO'S ROLE

NAMDEVCO's Role is to foster the development of a sustainable, competitive agricultural sector by the provision of programmes that will provide safe healthy foods to the local and international markets, build the capacity of our farmers, provide market information for timely decision making, and marketing services.

Farm Certification & Monitoring Programme Upgrade



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NATIONAL GAP PROGRAMME EFFORTS



NAMDEVCO NATIONAL GAP EFFORTS



NAMDEVCO's
Farm
Certification &
Monitoring
Programme
(FCMP)

1999 - present

Steering
Committee,
National GAP

2013/14 & 2019

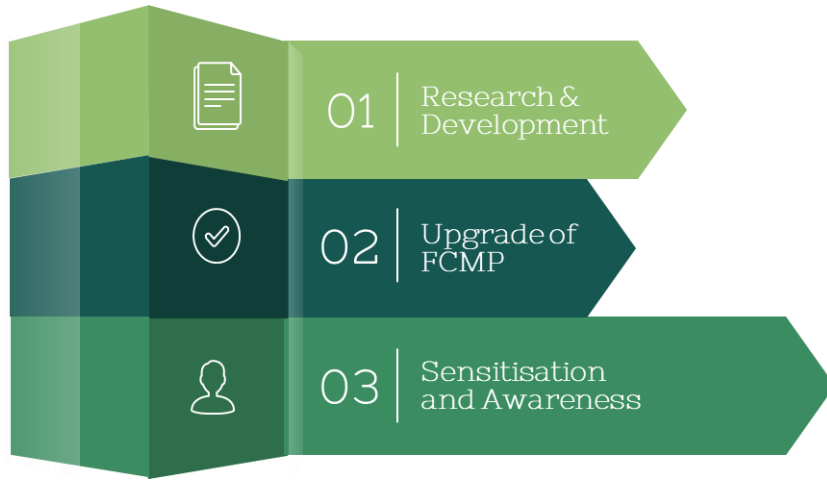
National GAP,
Farm to Table
Initiative

2017

Development of
the National
Standard for
GAP led by
TTBS

2018/2019

National Good Agricultural Practices Programme



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NATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME



WHAT IS THE GAP CERTIFICATION SCHEME?

- GAP Certification Scheme is the certification system related to fresh fruits and vegetables, to which a GAP Standard will be applied.
- The focus is to improve the agricultural practices adopted by producers/producers groups.



WHAT IS GAP CERTIFICATION?

- On farm food safety programme that provides the agriculture industry the opportunity to **supply and buy** fruits, vegetables, and related products that are **certified** as being **produced using Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)**.

(Adapted from USDA definition of GAP Certified)

GAP CERTIFICATION SCHEME

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- A world map with various countries highlighted in different colors (pink, yellow, green, blue) to represent the regions where specific GAP certification schemes are implemented. The map includes labels for major oceans (Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific) and numerous countries across all continents.
- GlobalGAP
 - ASEANGAP
 - MalaysiaGAP
 - ThaiGAP
 - JGAP
 - ChinaGAP
 - IndiaGAP
 - CanadaGAP
 - SuriGAP
 - PhilGAP
 - AustraliaGAP
 - TicoGAP



MAJOR BENEFITS OF GAP CERTIFICATION

- Reduced economic risk
 - Cost of Food Borne Illnesses to farmers reputation, state provision of health care and consumers breakdown of trust.
- Improved opportunities for market access
 - major supermarket chains, school systems, restaurants, and other market outlets.
- Improved safety and quality
 - Identification of hazards and the application of good practices to improve.

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STRUCTURE OF SCHEME

BASIC PLAYERS





PLAYERS INTERACTION

- RB enacts and enforces food safety legislation
- NSB develops country specific GAP Standard
- SO adopts the GAP Standard
- The local CB is recognized by the SO
- CB certifies the producers according to:
 - National GAP Standard – locally recognised
 - International Standards – internationally recognised
- AB provides accreditation of the CB



SUPPORTING DECISIONS

- Will the GAP Scheme be voluntary or mandatory?
- What structure will be established to implement GAP?
- Who will be the scheme owner and the secretariat?
 - NAMDECO, MALF or both
- Who will be the certification body/bodies?
 - Governmental, NGO, Private, Single or Multiple



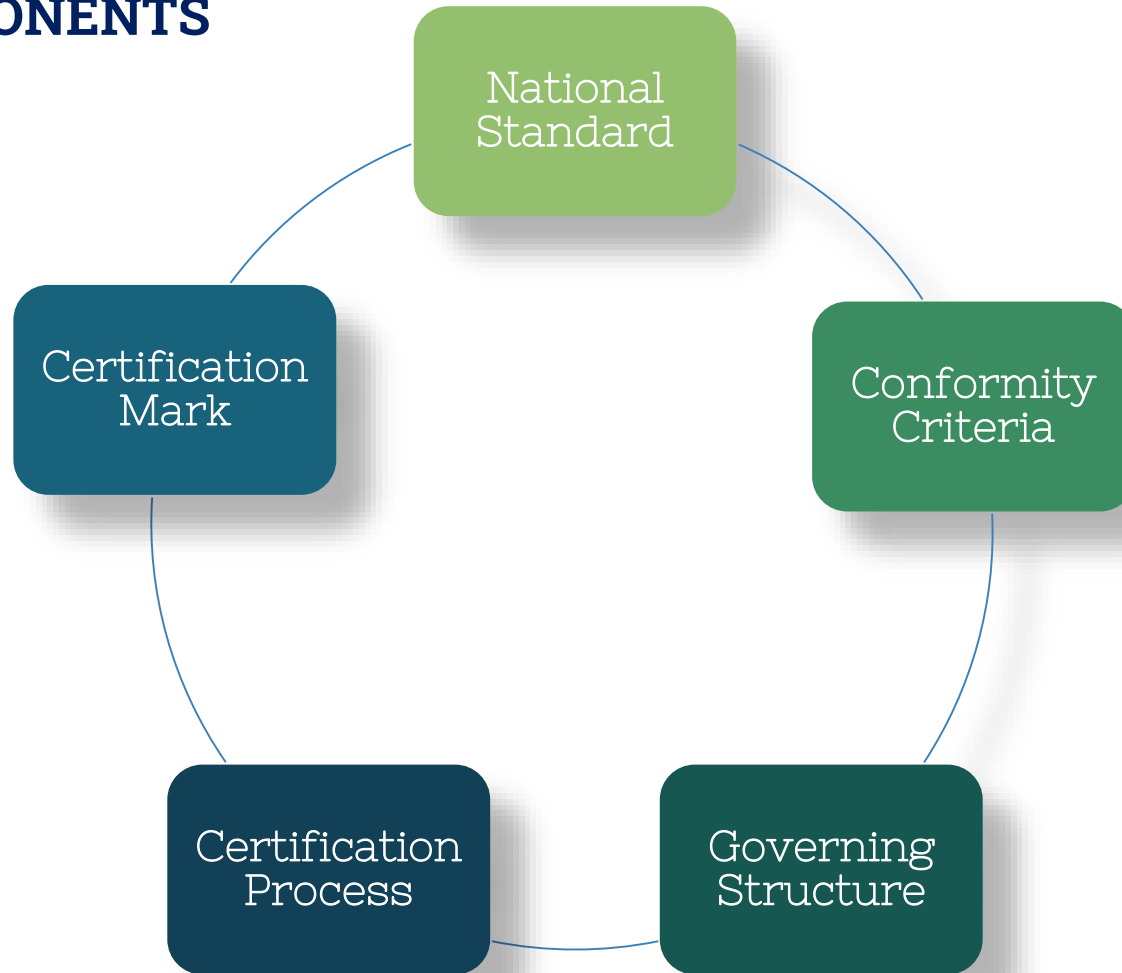
SUPPORTING DECISIONS

- Whether the certification body should be approved or accredited?
- Constitution of multi-stakeholder committee to develop, implement and oversee?
 - Steering, Technical and Certification
- How will the standard be implemented?
 - Single modules, Whole, Gradual, Phased or Tiered
- Should a certification mark or logo be developed?

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COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

KEY COMPONENTS





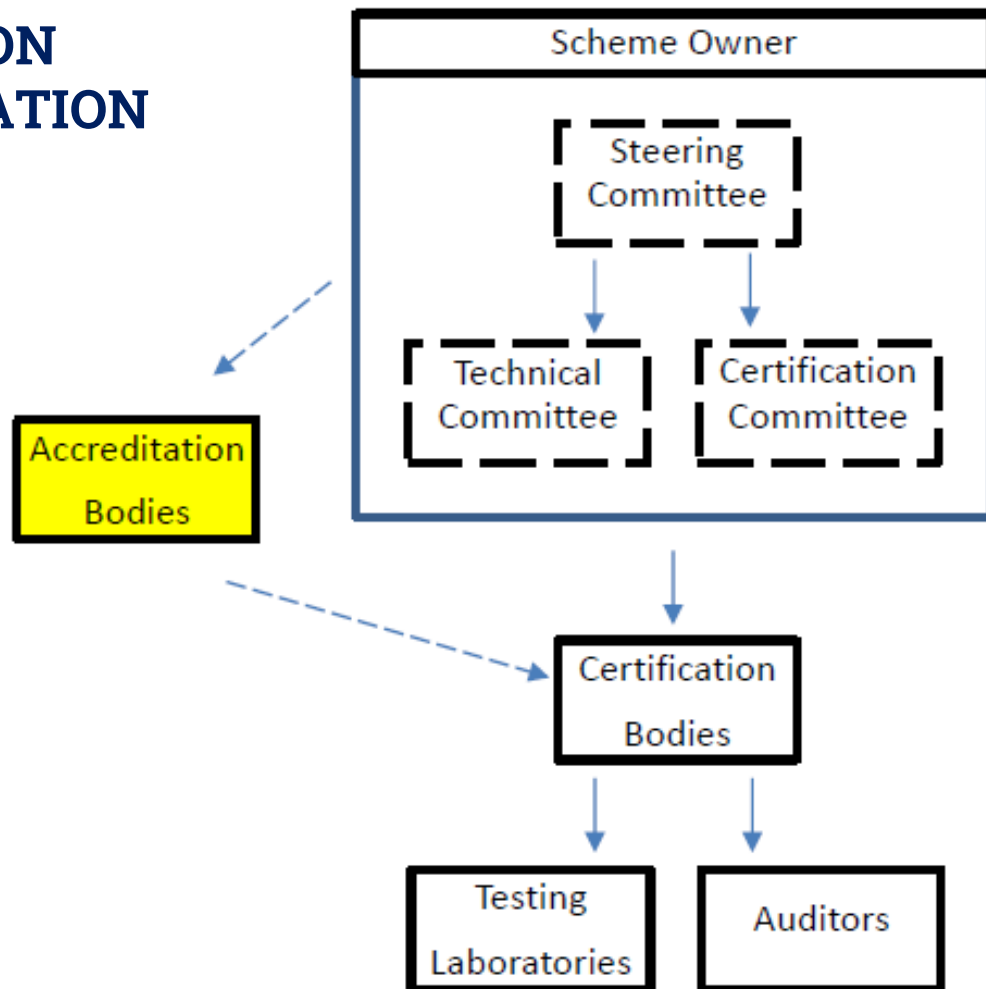
RECOMMENDATIONS/ PROPOSALS

- The NGAPP should be transitional, introduced as voluntary and progress to mandatory
 - Will the GAP Scheme be voluntary or mandatory?
- Based on NAMDEVCO's mandate and role it is best positioned to carry out the responsibilities of the SO
 - Who will be the scheme owner and the secretariat?
- A terms of reference was developed and relevant subject matter experts were identified
 - Constitution of multi-stakeholder committee to develop, implement and oversee?

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CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

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- NAMDEVCO is seeking Cabinet Approval for:
 - The nomination as the Scheme Owner
 - The institution of a Steering Committee (SC-NGAPP)
- No local CB accredited to the required ISO 17065, however, TTBS Certification Division is seeking accreditation
 - Who will be the certification body/bodies?
- TTBS & CARIRI among other local labs have the ability to carryout the required test – Should be accredited to ISO 17025.

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NEXT STEPS

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN





NEXT STEPS: Steering Committee

- National GAP Certification Scheme Development
- Regulatory Framework Finalisation
- Certification & Guidance Documents Development
- Certification Body Establishment
- Introduction of TTGAP Certification
- Preparation of Farmers



NEXT STEPS: Farmers

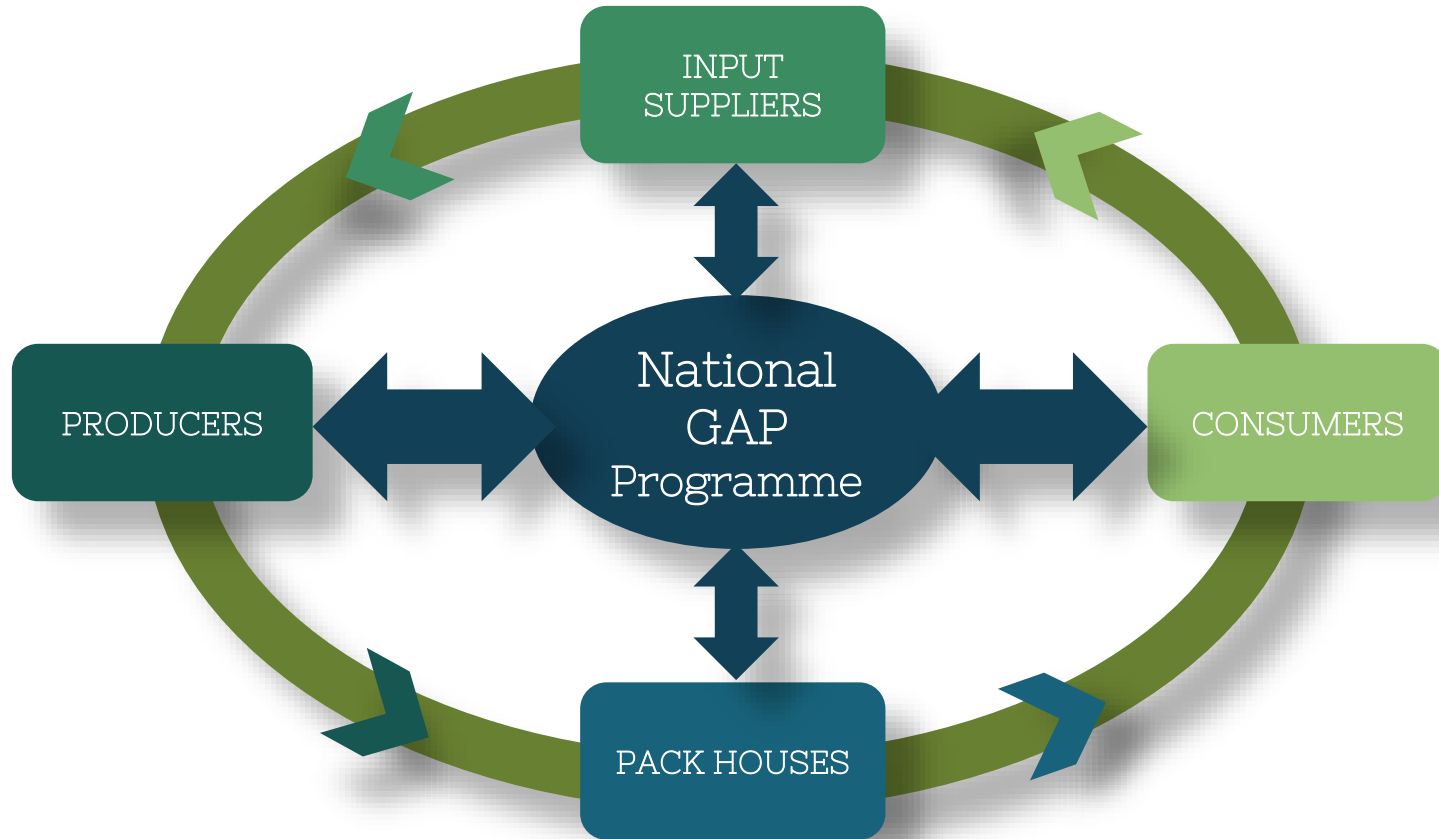
- The National GAP Standard
- Requirements of the Certification Body
- Regulations relevant to agricultural production
- Customer specific requirements
- Internal controls, documentation and records



NEXT STEPS: Consumers & Commercial Buyers

- Demand safe, quality produce grown using GAPs that are fully traceable
- Reference National GAP Certification in contracts, agreements, tenders and procurement policies
- Increase the consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables
- Get a copy of the standard and find out from NAMDEVCO how to access such produce/producers

New Agricultural Sector...



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