

## The Haiti Agricultural University Partnership (HAUP) Center for Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate-Change in Haiti (CEMARCH)

### Participating University:

### American University of the Caribbean (AUC)

The American University of the Caribbean (AUC) (originally the American University of Les Cayes) in Les Cayes, Haiti, was founded and incorporated in 1983 as a not-for-profit institution. The University has three colleges: The College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, the College of Business Administration and Management and the College of Civil Engineering. There is also a Continuing Education Program that offers four certificate programs in Accounting, Spanish, Computer Science and English. Overall campus internet is fairly good, but it could be expanded to some specific rooms for distance education. Laboratory space is available for teaching, and applicable courses for the BS degrees in Crop Production and Agroforestry are available. There is strong community interest in courses focused on animal production, animal feeds, and forages, and such education could be offered as a part of degree programs and through short-courses, distance classes, or other short-term opportunities.



The College of Agriculture and Environmental Science offers a bachelor's degree program in Agroforestry, and there is also a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. The only current Master's programs are a Master's of Arts in Education (Primary, Secondary or Higher Education). The American University of the Caribbean has an active research program, with work in corn (work with CIMMYT), rice (with CIAT), beans, roots and tubers, fruits, vegetables, coffee, and cacao. There is a desire to place greater focus on coffee and cacao because of their exportation potential and ecosystem services.



A research farm is located on campus, and it has buildings, security, water and electrical. The university has strong existing relationships with area growers, and further development of the farm into the Agricultural Technology Park will help to grow partnerships with ORE and Levy Farm, creating income generating revenue (honey, rabbits, plant nursery).