

Abstract

The basis of the research stemmed from the 2009/2010 budget which stated that UWI graduates in Trinidad and Tobago will be allocated Caroni Lands to develop. Therefore an assessment as to whether UWI graduates St Augustine campus in the faculty of Science and Agriculture pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Agribusiness and Agribusiness Management; will be willing to apply for the land was based on those findings. This assessment will also take into consideration the perceptions and constraints the graduates may have to consider in applying for the land, for example their financial situation.

The target population was studied using the survey method, where a questionnaire was administered to 30 persons out of the 215 persons expected to graduate this year. These 30 persons were selected using the convenience sampling method, because a list of the names was not available to me. The questionnaire was pretested a week before its formal administration which ensured clarity and understanding of the questions on the part of the graduates.

Therefore the findings revealed that the UWI graduates will be interested in applying for Caroni Land. However as a second means of income due to the waiting period that may be incurred with the distribution of the land. There is also the issue of losses and financial constraints that may affect the graduates' decision to apply for the land allotted to them. However the constraints are not the only determining factor, but also the backgrounds of the UWI graduates which is also part of their motivation in applying for land.