

Biodata – Darin SUKHA (PhD)



Dr. Darin Sukha is a Research Fellow at the Cocoa Research Centre, The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine and leads the Food Technology Section that works in four thematic areas: 1) research, 2) training and outreach, 3) quality management and, 4) product development. Research activities are geared towards producing technology toolkits for fine or flavour cocoa in micro and varietal based fermentations, traceability and quality standards, niche marketing and Geographical Indications, as well as, cocoa bean quality certification and the development of cocoa based products (food and nutraceutical). Dr Sukha is also actively engaged in local, regional, and international training and outreach activities on cocoa post-harvest, quality management, sensory evaluation & chocolate making.

Over his +20-year career he has worked with many cocoa stakeholders, farmers to chocolate manufacturers, in different cocoa producing regions on internationally funded cocoa projects and consultancies. Current memberships include the International Cocoa Organization panel of experts on Fine or Flavor cocoa, the international panel of the Fine Chocolate Industry Association-Heritage Cacao Preservation Fund and the Cocoa of Excellence Technical Committee and Taste Panel for successive editions of the International Cocoa Awards at the *Salon du Chocolat*. He is also the Chair of the Food Advisory Sub-Committee on the review of the CARIFORUM regional standards for cocoa and chocolate products.