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SKILLS TRAINING IN FISHERIES

There is much potential for wealth creation within the Blue Economy and Fisheries Minister Hon. Conroy Huggins said the Ministry will be partnering with the Ministry of Education to equip young persons with the necessary skills to take advantage of these opportunities.

His comments came as made his contribution to the 2026 Budget Debate.

Minister Huggins announced that within the next month across the five Technical Institutions namely Georgetown, Kingstown Campden Park, Barrouallie and the newly established North Leeward Technical Institute, both students and selected staff will participate in two to three day theoretical and practical sessions covering Fish handling, Processing and Product development.

He added that the Program delivery will focus on equipping participants with industry standard competencies applicable to both employment and enterprise development.

Minister Huggins said the Fisheries Ministry will be partnering with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Division of Technical and Vocational Education in order to Integrate a fisheries training component with its agro processing programme. He said the training will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the commercial fishing industry in St. Vincent and Grenadines with a core focus on areas which include skills and the operational knowledge required to establish and manage a Successful fishing business

Minister Huggins said students at Secondary schools throughout the country will also have the opportunity to receive training and skills development. He said this training will mirror that the programme to be delivered at the technical Institutes focusing on fish handling processing and product development.