



Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2021 – Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)

Status of the resolutions of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA

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I. General Information

The Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held at the Headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 29-31 October 2019. Mr. Osmar Benítez, Minister of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic, chaired the meeting, and Mr. Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago, served as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 518 Report on “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as a useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making. 2. To urge ECLAC, FAO and IICA to continue to jointly prepare this report, to operate the platform www.agrirural.org and to generate additional, complementary products, by allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out these tasks. 3. To support these efforts by requesting that the member countries provide the official information required for advancing the construction of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 519 “Strategic proposal on the operational framework for CATIE”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish a special committee, pursuant to Article 60 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, in order to study, analyze and make recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Measures to make the land belonging to IICA and CATIE more productive; b. The feasibility of incorporating CATIE as a division of IICA in charge of technical and scientific research and post-graduate education in agricultural sciences, as well as other structural options that may lead to more efficient and economical integration and coordination that meet the needs of the Member States. 2. To include the following Member States as members of this special committee: Mexico, Honduras and Costa Rica, which are also Regular Members of CATIE, and Ecuador, Jamaica and the United States, as well as thank them for their willingness to participate in the activities of the committee. 3. To request that the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE provide this special committee with the technical, legal and secretariat support it requires to fulfill its mandate. 4. To thank the Director General of IICA, the Director General of CATIE, former Director General of IICA Martín Piñeiro and other members of the <i>ad hoc</i> working group for the document entitled “Strategic Proposal for the Future of CATIE”, which has achieved progress in analyzing and 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The special committee established by the IABA, and comprising Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico and the United States of America, submitted its recommendations to the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in 2020. Based on these recommendations, the 2020 Executive Committee tasked the directors general of IICA and CATIE with establishing a joint unit to implement the recommendations and to prepare a master plan for the strategic use of the real estate and production assets of property belonging to the Institute and CATIE.</p> <p>During the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2021, participants were provided with an update on the status of the IICA-CATIE Master Plan and the creation of the Joint IICA-CATIE Unit, which was recognized and approved by the Member States.</p>

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evaluating the topics that will be overseen by this special committee moving forward.		
<p>Resolution No. 520 “Ministerial commitment to pesticide-related provisions of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To affirm the importance of the work undertaken by the WTO SPS Committee to examine pesticide maximum residue limit-related issues that have an adverse impact on international trade in food and agricultural products. 2. To achieve consensus in the Western Hemisphere on collaborative actions to address pesticide-related issues that impact agricultural trade including from developing countries, for example, through the promotion of collaboration in the generation of necessary data for setting trade-facilitative and regionally relevant MRLs, especially for specialty crops. 3. To affirm the importance of the risk analysis process for assessing, managing and communicating risks of concern associated with pesticide exposure in order to protect public health while enabling trade of safe food and agricultural products. 4. To commit to improving transparency and predictability in the establishment and adoption of national MRLs. 5. To strengthen the implementation of the SPS Agreement by working collectively to enhance shared understanding of the provisions, including scientific justification, as they pertain to MRLs. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>6. To affirm the importance of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as the relevant international standard-setting body for pesticide MRLs and to actively enable and facilitate regional participation in the work of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues and Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues.</p> <p>7. To apply the same principles stated above to other issues associated with MRLs, such as heavy metals.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 521 “Strengthening of the Agricultural Health, Safety and Food Quality Program”</p> <p>1. To recognize and congratulate IICA for its achievements through work and actions in the fields of plant health, animal health, as well as food safety and quality over the past forty years.</p> <p>2. To request that the Director General present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, a proposal for strengthening cooperation activities related to agricultural health within the framework of this Program, which could include the establishment of voluntary funds for this purpose.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, an information document outlining a proposal for strengthening cooperation activities related to agricultural health was made available to the participants.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 522 “Interpretive Center for Tomorrow’s Agriculture”</p> <p>1. To thank and congratulate the General Directorate of IICA and Microsoft for the initiative of establishing CIMAG.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge and underscore the strategic role that CIMAG will play in disseminating information on the agriculture sector in the Americas.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>3. To urge the General Directorate of IICA to work together with the Member States to generate linkages with new public and private partners that can help to consolidate CIMAG, as well as with the ministries of agriculture, rural development, education and other related areas to promote its use by the Member States of the Institute.</p> <p>4. To urge the General Directorate of IICA to explore the establishment of other Interpretive Centers for Tomorrow's Agriculture in other regions of the hemisphere.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The General Directorate of the Institute has been working to establish linkages with public and private partners to support the development of the CIMAG, which will be officially launched during the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture 2021 – Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 523 “2020-2021 Program Budget”</p> <p>1. To approve the overall allocation of USD 32,074,100 per year from the Institute’s Regular Fund for the 2020-2021 Program Budget, financed with USD 29,574,100 annually in quota contributions from the Member States, as per the amounts indicated in the scale attached hereto as Annex A, including assessed quotas and over-quota contributions; and with USD 2,500,000 per year in miscellaneous resources, from income that it is estimated will be generated; the assessed quotas will be those computed in accordance with the percentages established in the quota scale approved by the General Assembly of the OAS for that year.</p> <p>2. To approve the use of resources for the 2020-2021 Program Budget, in the amount of USD 32,074,100 in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 396 (19), “2020-2021 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>3. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 fall below estimated levels, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p> <p>5. To instruct the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2020-2021 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund used to finance the 2020-2021 Program Budget.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 524 “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <p>1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials of the Institute’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to IICA in a timely fashion.</p> <p>2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General of IICA to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Updated information on progress made in the collection of quotas will be submitted for the consideration of the IABA at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting.</p>

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<p>4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with the Institute, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>Resolution No. 525 “2017 and 2018 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To approve the 2017 and 2018 financial statements of IICA, as well as the reports of the external auditors.</p> <p>2. To accept the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Reports of the ARC.</p> <p>3. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of the Institute for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 526 “Status of the resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 527 “Date and venue of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”</p> <p>To hold the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second half of 2021, without prejudice to the possibility of the Executive Committee accepting an invitation to hold the meeting at another site, pursuant to Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Given the limitations and risks involved in holding a face-to-face meeting of the IABA, the Director General of IICA asked the Member States of the Institute to submit a vote by correspondence to indicate their consent to convene the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA in a virtual format. The qualified majority of Member States indicated their approval.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 528 “Strengthening of the strategic alliances of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Director General of IICA and the different strategic partners of the Institute for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding with IICA, in order to strengthen and bolster international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas. 2. To urge the Member States to support and promote the joint actions resulting from the Institute’s new strategic alliances, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 529 “Multilateral coordination in support of small developing States and low-lying developing countries”</p> <p>To request that the Director General:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen IICA’s coordination of efforts with other public and international organizations, donors, and other strategic partners engaged in agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries. 2. Develop and discuss with those strategic partners a proposal for a coordinated approach to effectively address the sectoral challenges and opportunities for agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries. 3. Present a report to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on progress in developing and discussing that proposal with the pertinent strategic partners, together with the corresponding recommendations. These recommendations may include, among others, the convening of a meeting of the strategic partners for the purpose of reaching the necessary agreements. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The report regarding the implementation of this resolution was made available to the participants of the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee as an information document.</p>