



Barbados

Significant achievements in 2011

- **Accountability Seminar:** The Accountability seminar was successfully staged and included the presentation of the results of our technical cooperation for 2010 and the Country Strategy for 2011-2014 to the Ministry of Agriculture and to our other stakeholders. Approximately 25 persons were in attendance and they actively participated in the discussion and made significant suggestions for enhancing our technical cooperation activities in the country. An article featuring the Seminar was printed in the leading daily newspaper.
- **Agribusiness and Commercialization:** An Action Plan for the promotion of linkages between agriculture and tourism in the Caribbean was developed during the regional agro-tourism seminar held in Barbados by IICA in collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat.
- **Innovation for Productivity and Competitiveness:** IICA Barbados has contributed to addressing the issue of the availability of water at an affordable cost for the farming community in Barbados by demonstrating the practical use of ferro-cement tank for the harvesting and storage of water. It is expected that this technology will be adopted by other farmers.
- **Agricultural Health and Food Safety:** The capacity and knowledge of personnel in the area of agricultural health and food safety in the Ministry of Agriculture in Barbados was enhanced through their participation in training courses in pest identification and plant quarantine inspection planned and executed by IICA in collaboration with USDA/APHIS, the St. George's University and the University of the West Indies.
- **Agriculture and Food Security:** IICA Barbados contributed to enhancing food security and the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables by conducting training in the establishing of backyard gardens for the general public. It is also expected that this will assist in addressing the issue of the high incidence of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes by making fresh fruits and vegetables readily available.