

RESOLUTION No. 699

**STRENGTHENING OF THE HEMISPHERIC PARTNERSHIP FOR FOOD SECURITY
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Forty-third Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation on “The Road to the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023: Strengthening the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”,

CONSIDERING:

That, in recent years, the Member States of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) have been building a solid consensus on the major challenges on the global agenda, in which agriculture of the Americas plays a strategic role, particularly in guaranteeing global food security and achieving sustainable development;

That the consensus reached allowed the countries of the Americas to present a joint position, from their perspective, at the United Nations Food Systems Summit (New York, 2021), in the form of sixteen messages approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) via resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 531 (XXI-O/21);

That, in the same spirit, the message on behalf of the ministers and secretaries of Agriculture and Livestock of the Americas was shared at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) and at the “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion installed by IICA at COP27 (Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt, 2022);

That, at the IX Summit of the Americas (Los Angeles, 2022), the Director General of the Institute presented a proposal for collective hemispheric action to combat food insecurity and guarantee sustainable development, which was well received by the Heads of State and Government in attendance at the summit;

That IICA has made available to its Member States the Public Policy Observatory for Agrifood Systems (OPSAA), a platform to systematize information, share experiences and good practices, and foster dialogue, with a view to improving and transforming agrifood systems;

That the General Directorate of the Institute is hosting a series of technical events with the participation of various stakeholders from the public, private, academic and scientific sectors, related to strategic issues such as biofuels, digital agriculture, science, technology,

innovation and applied bioeconomy, among others of great importance for tomorrow's agriculture; and

That it is necessary to continue strengthening a hemispheric partnership aimed at consolidating and systematizing the collective efforts of the governments and civil societies of countries of the Americas, for the benefit of food security and sustainable development,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the proposal presented by the General Directorate of IICA on the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, and recommend that the IABA endorse and take the necessary decisions to consolidate the initiative.
2. To entrust the Director General of the Institute with presenting the initiative at the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023, for consideration by IICA Member States.
3. To request that the Director General continue organizing technical events on various topics in support of the initiative, and to report on their results at the next Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas.
4. To urge the governments of IICA Member States to undertake and strengthen actions in the following areas: a) actions and funding to tackle climate change; b) science, technology, innovation and digital agriculture; c) the bioeconomy; d) productive, economic and social inclusion of family farming; e) equity and equality; f) One Health; and g) international trade, among other topics.