

RESOLUTION No. 701

PARTICIPATION OF IICA IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP28)

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

CONSIDERING:

That the interrelated effect of increased food insecurity and the global climate situation poses a severe threat throughout the planet, which must be thoroughly and urgently addressed at the local, national, regional and global levels;

That, in the “Our Sustainable Green Future” declaration of the IX Summit of the Americas (Los Angeles, June 2022), the Heads of State and Government expressed the need to “strengthen the role of all stakeholders in the agricultural sector in international and national climate efforts, and invite them to present their recommendations at a meeting of ministers of Agriculture of the Americas before the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27), to be organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture”;

That, the Executive Committee, via Resolution No. 687, instructed the IICA Director General to develop key messages to be presented by the ministers of Agriculture of the Americas at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), submitting them for the consideration of the Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change and Agriculture, as well as to organize a pavilion at the conference venue to showcase the progress, challenges, priorities and proposals of the agriculture sector in its efforts to tackle climate change;

That, pursuant to that Resolution, the Director General made a presentation at COP27 (Egypt, November 2022), outlining the messages approved by the Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change and Agriculture (San Jose, September 2022), and also arranged for the “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion at the conference, with the support of the private sector; and

That, the continued participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of the Americas in matters related to climate change and sustainable development is imperative, leading up to the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December 2023,

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the importance of ministries and secretariats of Agriculture and Livestock of the Americas continuing to implement and increase measures to achieve a low-carbon agriculture sector.
2. To highlight the need to support the agriculture sector to guarantee food security and sustainable development, through cooperation, research, funding and cost and risk analyses, among other measures.
3. To instruct IICA and its Member States to continue promoting dialogue on issues related to climate change at the regional and global levels, emphasizing the role of agriculture in fostering sustainable development.
4. To request that the Director General of the Institute prepare and present for the consideration of the next meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) a proposal on strengthening the participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of the Americas, as well as of IICA, at COP28, including by organizing the installation of the “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion.