



Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 – Twenty-second  
Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)

**Status of the resolutions of the  
Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA**

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## I. General Information

The Twenty-first 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 1-2 September 2021. Mrs. Tereza Cristina Corrêa da Costa Dias, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply of Brazil, chaired the meeting, and Mr. José Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise of Belize, served as the Rapporteur.

## II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

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<p><b>Resolution No. 531</b> “The transformation of agrifood systems and the role of agriculture in the Americas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To express full support for the general messages of the hemisphere’s agriculture sector with a view to the Food Systems Summit 2021, which are incorporated as an annex to this resolution.</li> <li>2. To request that the Chair of the IABA and the Director General of the Institute send these messages to the Summit.</li> <li>3. To invite the Member States of IICA, where possible, to incorporate these messages in support of the agrifood systems of the Americas into the positions that they will adopt at the Food Systems Summit 2021.</li> <li>4. To request that the Director General include in the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP) of the Institute a strategic and proactive approach to agrifood system transformation in the Americas, which will enhance the contribution of the hemisphere’s agriculture sector to global food and nutrition security, bearing in mind the following principles: a) recognition of the important role of agricultural producers in this process, b) the need to generate solutions to bring about this change, based on</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>IICA complied with presenting the 16 messages at the Food Systems Summit (September 2021). The Director General and several IABA members also participated in the Pre-Summit in Rome.</p> <p>The resolution has been addressed by incorporating the requirements outlined in the resolutions into the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP). Specifically, point 22 of the MTP speaks to bolstering the food supply and food security in the Americas; point 34 refers to nutritional aspects; and point 38 addresses food security. Likewise, points 45, 47, 49, 51, 54 and 58 relate to Resolution 531. Finally, the requests are also addressed in point 61 and other sections that reference the Public Policy Observatory for Agrifood Systems (OPSAA), and in many points included in the sections focusing on the hemispheric programs.</p>

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<p>the priorities of the countries; and c) the promotion of partnerships and coalitions with all production sectors.</p> <p>5. To thank IICA and the Director General for the excellent work undertaken to support the participation of Member States in the process leading up to the Food Systems Summit 2021.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 533</b> “Authorization for the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the Medium-term Plan of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for the period 2022-2026”</p> <p>1. To instruct the Director General to prepare the Institute’s MTP for 2022-2026, in consultation with the Member States, bearing in mind the IABA and Executive Committee resolutions that are currently in force, and to include in the Plan a strategic and proactive approach to agrifood system transformation that enhances the contribution of the hemisphere’s agriculture sector to global food and nutrition security and recognizes the important role of agricultural producers in this process.</p> <p>2. To authorize the Executive Committee to approve, at its Forty-second Regular Meeting, IICA’s 2022-2026 MTP, together with adjustments to the allocation of funds under the Institute’s 2022-2023 Program Budget required for its implementation.</p>	Resolution implemented	<p>At the Regular Meeting of the SACMI on 17 May 2022, the Director General presented to the Member States the guidelines for IICA’s actions during the period 2022-2026.</p> <p>This document was subsequently included among the working documents of the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held from 19 to 20 July 2022, as was the proposal for the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP), which was presented by the Director General of IICA and approved by the Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 534</b> “The contribution of rural women to agriculture in the Americas”</p> <p>1. To ensure that the contribution of rural women of the Americas to agricultural and rural development is fully recognized in all cultural, social, and productive sectors,</p>	Resolution implemented	<p>Follow-up is being provided through the Gender Equality and Youth Program, together with other institutional bodies.</p> <p>Efforts are being undertaken together with the Member States to develop forums for</p>

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<p>particularly, given the severe limitations imposed on rural women by the global health emergency triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To endorse the conclusions of the I Forum of Female Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas and other rural women’s forums in the hemisphere, with respect to the need to spur the development of sound public policies with a gender focus that benefit women who live and work in rural areas.</li> <li>3. To entrust the Director General of IICA with the task of creating an institutional discussion forum for women who are Ministers, Deputy Ministers and other high level public sector authorities, as well as representatives of rural women of all ethnicities in the Member States of the Institute, in a bid to raise awareness about the role of rural women and to propose gender-sensitive policies that reduce gender gaps and inequalities and facilitate women’s participation and inclusion in rural development on an equal footing.</li> <li>4. To request that the Director General ensure that the strategic vision and technical cooperation actions aimed at reducing gender gaps and inequalities are strengthened in the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan, with a view to increasing the empowerment and equitable inclusion of rural women in the development of the agrifood systems of the Americas.</li> </ol>		<p>dialogue with ministers, deputy ministers and other senior officials of the public sector. The forums of ministers and deputy ministers of Agriculture have also been institutionalized.</p> <p>On 6 July 2022, the Second Forum of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Senior Officials of the Americas, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras and IICA, was carried out. The third edition of the forum was held on 24 November 2022 and the fourth edition on 22 August 2023.</p> <p>Additionally, the Rural Women’s Platform was created: <a href="http://www.mujeresrurales.iica.int">www.mujeresrurales.iica.int</a>.</p> <p>The topic was also included in point 59 of the 2022-2026 MTP, which states that, “Pursuant to IABA Resolution No. 534, the Gender Equality and Youth Program was also created”. It is also addressed in point 89 and 92 that are in reference to Program 7 – Gender Equality and Youth.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 535</b> “Ministerial commitment to support the fight against African swine fever”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the Government of the Dominican Republic and the Government of Haiti, by way of their Ministers</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>of Agriculture, for the efforts that both countries are undertaking in the health, economic and social spheres to control and eradicate ASF.</p> <p>2. To recognize the importance of the implementation of national, regional and hemispheric actions and initiatives by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (SG-CAN), the Standing Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Caribbean Animal Health Network (CaribVET), the PanAmerican Association of Veterinary Sciences (PanVet), the Latin American and Caribbean Feed Industries Association (FeedLatina), the Ibero-American Pork Organization (OIPORC) and the veterinary services of the countries of the Americas, to prevent and combat ASF in a coordinated and complementary manner, under the umbrella of the GF-TADs.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General of IICA assist in the development and execution of binational projects and actions and the implementation of work plans defined at the subregional level to support efforts to address the emergency, in coordination with the GF-TADs, to eradicate the source of the outbreaks and to prevent and contain the spread of the virus, thereby enabling the American hemisphere to regain its ASF-free status.</p>		<p>In response to this resolution, IICA has mobilized 51 million dollars to provide support to the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the Andean Region. The Institute has also participated actively in the GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever; meetings of related regional organizations; an information platform; and courses for the Central, Caribbean, Southern and Andean Regions, among other initiatives.</p> <p>On the other hand, IICA actively participated in the Standing Group of Experts on ASF of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), as well as in meetings held in collaboration with regional organizations, such as the International Regional Organization of Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (PVC)</p>

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<p>4. To request that the Director General of IICA, in collaboration with the Member States of the Institute and the GF-TADs, identify financial and technical resources to support the development and execution of projects and actions to prevent ASF, focusing on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Technical capacity building of official veterinary services;</li> <li>b) Risk management and communication;</li> <li>c) Updating and improvement of health emergency preparedness and management plans, including the development of ASF contingency plans, standardized operations manuals and recovery plans, aimed at protecting production, trade and the food supply; and</li> <li>d) Development and strengthening of strategic alliances, in particular public-private partnerships.</li> </ul>		<p>and the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (SG-CAN), among others.</p> <p>IICA continues to provide support to its member countries in strengthening the technical capacities of their official veterinary services and in revising and developing emergency response plans. Moreover, the Institute is promoting the effective implementation of standards of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and is helping to ensure that countries abide by the recommendations of the GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever, particularly with respect to establishing methods to ensure proper risk management; the pooling of efforts and coordination with other institutions and with the private sector, and the implementation of control mechanisms at the border.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 536</b> “Support for the recovery of the agriculture and rural sector of the Republic of Haiti”</p> <p>1. To express complete solidarity with the people and Government of the Republic of Haiti and to recognize the efforts being made to address the current emergency.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>See Annex 1 at the end of this document, which describes the corresponding action.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To urge the member countries of IICA, to the extent that they are able, to commit to provide technical and financial assistance to support that country, particularly resources that will help to guarantee food security.</li>   <li>3. To instruct IICA to collaborate with its strategic partners to provide technical cooperation services and to coordinate the necessary assistance to mitigate the impact on the agriculture and rural sector of Haiti, particularly to support family farmers with seeds and inputs, given the upcoming planting season for corn and beans.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 537</b> “2022-2023 Program Budget”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the overall allocation of USD 32,074,100 per year from the Institute’s Regular Fund for the 2022-2023 Program Budget, financed by; (i) USD 29,574,100 in annual quota contributions from the Member States, as indicated in the scale attached hereto as Annex A, which includes the assessed quotas computed in accordance with the percentages established in the quota scale approved by the OAS General together with over-quota contributions, and (ii) USD 2,500,000 per year in estimated miscellaneous income.</li>   <li>2. To approve the use of resources for the 2022-2023 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. 408 (21), “2022-2023 Program Budget,” of which a summary by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</li>   <li>3. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented	



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<p>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 2022 and 2023 fall below the 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 2022-2023 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund to finance the 2022-2023 Program Budget.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 538</b> “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 IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the fact that, amidst the difficult situation that IICA and its Member States are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more important to maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to urge the Institute’s Member States to make their annual quota payments and pay arrears for previous years in a timely fashion.</p> <p>3. 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</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The corresponding thank-you letters and letters to follow up on quota payments have been sent, with satisfactory results.</p>

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<p>IICA in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p> <p>4. To instruct the Director General of the Institute 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>5. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with IICA, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The IABA will be provided with the latest information on the progress made in the collection of quotas at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting from 3-5 October 2023.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 540</b> “Amendments to the Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”</p> <p>1. To approve the ICOA Bylaws, incorporating them as an annex to this resolution.</p> <p>2. To request that the Director General of the Institute, by way of ICOA’s Technical Secretariat, inform the ICOA Member States, of the approval of its revised Bylaws, and also to inform them that ICOA continues to be a Special Committee of the IABA, under Article 52 of the IABA Rules of Procedure.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The actions requested in the resolution were carried out in due time and form.</p>

## ANNEX 1

DATE: June 2023

### PROGRESS REPORT

IICA/JIA/Res. 536 (XXI-O/21)

#### RESOLUTION No. 536 OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA) – SUPPORT FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL SECTOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

- Risks associated with the tenuous security situation in Haiti have negatively impacted the execution of initiatives approved under IABA Resolution 536 and have delayed new interventions and actions that have been approved to support the country, in line with the objectives of this resolution. A brief outline of the status of the approved initiatives is presented below:
  - (i) The Guatemala Delegation of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was instrumental in acquiring 2,000 pounds of the *ICTA ligero* variety of black bean seeds from a local company for distribution to smallholder family farmers in Haiti. IICA had attempted to send the seeds during the first four months of 2022, but the instability in the country made this impossible, and the planting season ended. As such, the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture asked IICA to store the seeds until the following planting season, which began in December 2022. However, given the ongoing insecurity, the parties have been unable to determine a definitive date to export the seeds to the country. The fact that the Ministry does not have the capacity to store the seeds in Haiti has further complicated the situation and therefore they currently remain in storage in Guatemala.
  - (ii) Through a series of meetings and discussions, IICA facilitated the development of a work plan between the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), to provide technical support to the agriculture sector in Haiti, in a bid to improve agricultural productivity and to provide improved varieties of sweet potato, yam, citrus, taro, corn and pigeon peas. CARDI will work in collaboration with IICA, within the framework of the General Technical Cooperation Agreement signed between both institutions, to provide these services to Haiti. This initiative will require the physical presence in Haiti of specialists from CARDI and IICA. As such, this has not yet been possible, given the ongoing insecurity in the country.
  - (iii) In June 2022, the IICA Guyana Delegation was in discussions, on behalf of IICA Haiti, with respect to an offer by the Government of Guyana to donate 25 tons of

rice (a 20-foot container) to the Haitian government. The Haitian Government advised that given the political climate in the country, it would be difficult to ensure equitable distribution of the donated rice. Therefore, it recommended that the shipment be delayed until the political situation in the country had stabilized.

- The IICA Brazil Delegation approached the Government of Brazil, requesting a donation of agricultural seeds to Haiti. The Brazilian Government has agreed to donate bean seeds to the Haitian Government. Brazil’s Secretariat of Foreign Affairs will hand over the seeds directly to Haiti’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 2022, IICA has been awaiting the completion of this process, to find out the extent and content of this assistance package.
- In July 2022, the Government of Argentina and IICA agreed to work together on a new international cooperation initiative, aimed at reducing food insecurity in Haiti, by relaunching the successful Pro Huerta program of the National Agricultural Technology Institute (INTA), which operated from 2006 to 2015, with the participation of IICA technical staff. The Pro Huerta program sought to build the capacities of small farmers to promote agroecological production and access to healthy food to ensure a proper diet. The name of this initiative is “Agroecological Gardens in Haitian Schools as a Strategy to Build Food and Nutritional Security”. It will focus on promoting educational actions to foster food and nutritional security in vulnerable local communities, with a marked emphasis on food production. This initiative is still being developed.
- In August 2022, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under its International Disaster Assistance (IDA) program, approved a project entitled “Food Vulnerability Reduction in La Gonave, Haiti”. The aim of the project is to reduce the vulnerability of various communities in La Gonave. The activity will contribute to the mission of the USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) to save lives, alleviate human suffering and reduce the physical, social and economic impact of rapid and slow-onset disasters, by supporting at-risk populations to build stable foundations. IICA is the executing agency of this ongoing project. However, the implementation has been negatively affected by the instability in the country.
- As an accredited entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), IICA is currently in discussions with Haitian authorities to assist them in formulating project proposals for that entity. It is hoped that this process will last no longer than two years before the execution phase of approved projects can commence.