



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 Forty-second and Forty-third Regular Meetings
of the Executive Committee**

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I. General information on the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held as a virtual meeting from the Headquarters of the Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 19 – 20 July 2022. It was attended by the representatives of the following Member States that were members of the 2022 Executive Committee: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Suriname. Moreover, twelve IICA Member States participated as observers, namely: Argentina, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the United States of America.

Mrs. Laura Suazo, Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras, served as Chair of the Meeting and Mr. Parmanand Sewdien, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Suriname was the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee that call for follow-up actions, of which the IABA should then be advised

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 685 “Proposed Adjustments to the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the adjustments to the IICA MTP for implementation during 2022-2026, which will provide a framework to guide the actions of the Institute during that period, and to instruct the Director General to incorporate the suggestions received from the Member States. 2. To express satisfaction for the widespread participation of countries in the process to prepare the 2022-2026 MTP and to urge all IICA Member States to support its implementation at the national, regional and hemispheric levels. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP) was prepared on the basis of the 2018-2022 MTP, and at the request of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) 2021. It seeks to provide continuity to the plans of the Otero administration and to improve on and adjust the roadmap that the Institute will follow, in keeping with the needs of agriculture and rural areas in the Americas.</p> <p>The 2022-2026 MTP was part of a review process by the member countries serving on the SACMI. It was then presented to the Executive Committee, where it was approved without changes.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 686 “Collective Action by the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Foster Environmental Sustainability”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recognize that coordinated efforts by the countries of the Americas is critical to address a food, nutritional and humanitarian crisis in the region and the world, at a time when the combined effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, adverse climate phenomena and warfare throughout the world are disrupting supply chains and triggering increases in agrifood production costs and food prices. 2. To urge the Member States of the Institute to endorse the “Proposals for Collective Action in the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Ensure Sustainable Development”, which the Director General presented at the IX Summit of the Americas, where he was asked to undertake the necessary actions with the governments to implement these proposals and to inform the governing bodies of the Institute on progress made in this respect. 3. To instruct the Director General to offer IICA's support to the food and humanitarian aid initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as other initiatives that may arise with the same objective. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The central issue of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 will be the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, which will be analyzed by way of four technical forums and a roundtable discussion on financing. The expected outcome will be a series of recommendations on how the Member States and IICA should proceed in establishing this partnership. The Summit of the Americas, other related forums and other initiatives with regard to this issue have taken place.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 687 “The Strategic Role of the Agrifood Systems of the Americas with Respect to Processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To express full support for national and multilateral efforts that contribute to raising the profile of the agriculture sector at COP27 and the UNFCCC. 2. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to develop key messages to be presented by the ministers of agriculture of the Americas at UNFCCC COP27, and to submit them for the consideration of the Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change and Agriculture, which will take place in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 23 September 2022, and which will discuss strategies for the public and private sectors to progress jointly towards achieving the required transformation in the agrifood sector in response to climate change. 3. To entrust the Director General with organizing a pavilion at the COP27 to showcase the progress, challenges, priorities and proposals of the agriculture sector in its effort to tackle climate change, as well as the multiple benefits that would be gained from increasing the resilience of the sector in the countries of the Americas, as it relates to food and nutritional security, environmental sustainability, water conservation and management, livelihoods, peace and stability, poverty reduction and reduced land and soil degradation. 4. To instruct IICA to send a letter to the Presidency-elect of UNFCCC COP27, Egypt, to express the support of the ministers of agriculture of the Americas to make agriculture a central theme of 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The COP27 conference acknowledged the importance of agriculture as part of the solution to climate change challenges and as a contributor to sustainable development.</p> <p>The messages presented at COP27 were disseminated through various channels and posted online at https://cop27.iica.int/.</p> <p>IICA organized and coordinated various activities, which were held at its pavilion at COP 27 in Egypt, with several Member States in attendance.</p>

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<p>COP27, thereby fostering greater climate support, action and ambition.</p> <p>5. To request that IICA continue to assist its Member States in building capacities to facilitate the increased participation and influence of the agriculture sector in national and international climate processes, in the development and implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and national adaptation plans (NAPs) in the sector, as well as in mobilizing the financing required to achieve these objectives.</p> <p>6. To recognize the work undertaken by IICA to support its Member States in their preparations for COP27 and in the ensuing processes.</p>		<p>The Agricultural Climate Action and Sustainability Program is spearheading integrated solutions, based on principles that are in keeping with the priorities of IICA Member States to build a more sustainable, climate resilient and low-carbon agriculture sector. The Institute is seeking to support actions that further the national priorities outlined in the NDCs, as well as actions that ensure greater inclusion of agriculture in future versions of the NDCs, so that the sector may contribute to the achievement of multiple sustainable development goals. A strategy is being developed to promote greater political will to facilitate technical actions, through processes that seek to increase access to climate financing and to strengthen linkages with other programs.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 688 “The Importance of Science, Technology and Innovation in Agriculture”</p> <p>1. To recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Raquel Chan, IICA Chair in Biotechnology and Sustainable Development, and her contribution to the development of plant biotechnology, as well as to thank her for her presentation to the Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>2. To reiterate the importance of innovation, science and technology to increase the productivity,</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Dr. Chan was conferred with the title of IICA Chair.</p>

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<p>sustainability and inclusiveness of the agrifood systems of the Americas, and to help achieve a new production-productivity-sustainability balance in agriculture, while also creating linkages between these systems and other sectors of the economy, through research and development (R+D).</p> <p>3. To urge the Institute’s member countries to continue building capacities for innovation, science and technology development in the agriculture sector, promoting increased public and private investment in this strategic area.</p> <p>4. To ask the Director General to redouble IICA’s efforts to support the creation of public policies, rules and regulations aimed at fostering and developing innovation, science and technology at the national, regional and hemispheric levels that reflect the unique characteristics and specific needs of the member countries of the Institute.</p>		<p>Work is being doing in all the programs, particularly in the programs on Innovation and the Bioeconomy and on the Digitalization of Agrifood Systems, in keeping with the objectives of the 2022-2026 MTP.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 690 “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 in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the fact that, amidst the difficult situation that IICA and its member countries 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</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>A report on the collection of quotas will be presented at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA, as well as a proposal on the allocation of quota funds for the 2024-2025 period.</p>

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<p>payments and pay arrears for previous years in a timely fashion.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2022 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA’s member countries informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to IICA, which are key actions to enable the Institute to remain a strong institution that effectively carries out its mission to support its Member States.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 691 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2020-2021”</p> <p>1. To accept CATIE’s Biennial Report for 2020-2021.</p> <p>2. To recognize the collaborative work of the directors general of IICA and CATIE, as well as the progress achieved in the joint Master Plan.</p> <p>3. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p> <p>4. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p>	Resolution implemented	All the reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council, including its financial reports, were presented to the 2023 Executive Committee and will be presented as an information document to the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA.

III. General information on the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

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Mr. Indar A. Weir, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Security of Barbados, served as Chair of the Meeting and Mr. Enrique Regalado Gamonal, Deputy Minister for Agricultural Development Policies and Oversight in the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Irrigation of Peru, was the Rapporteur.

IV. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee that call for follow-up actions, of which the IABA should then be advised

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<p>Resolution No. 699 “Strengthening of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>The central issue of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 will be the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, which will be analyzed by way of four technical forums and a roundtable discussion on financing. The expected outcome will be a series of recommendations on how the Member States and IICA should proceed in establishing this partnership.</p> <p>IICA organized technical events on innovation, digital agriculture, agrifood health, family farming and trade and</p>

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<p>results at the next Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>integration, which were well attended by the IICA Member States.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 700 “Hemispheric initiative on "Water and Agriculture””</p> <p>1. To support the “Water and Agriculture” initiative proposed by the Director General of the Institute, and recommend that the IABA endorse and take the necessary decisions to consolidate the initiative.</p> <p>2. To recognize the strategic importance of strengthening participation by the ministries of Agriculture in designing and implementing public policies for the integrated management of water resources.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General move forward with the implementation of the initiative with IICA member countries, as well as with international agencies, financial organizations and other strategic partners, and to inform the IABA of actions in that regard.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>The Director General continues to pursue actions to develop the initiative, with the support of the Member States of the Institute.</p>

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<p>4. To urge the governments of Member States of the Institute to strengthen actions aimed at: a) engaging in coordinated, harmonized work within the framework of existing coordination mechanisms, with a view to mitigating the water crisis; b) increasing water production and storage; c) making efficient use of water resources; d) strengthening governance for water management in agriculture; and e) fostering public-private investment for those purposes.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 701 “Participation of IICA in the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>A proposal will be presented at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA, with respect to the participation of IICA at COP28, and its role in advocating on behalf of the ministries of Agriculture of the Americas.</p>

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<p>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.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 702 “2022 Financial Statements of IICA, Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-ninth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the 2022 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General of IICA to submit them to the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA for its information. 2. To approve the Twenty-ninth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein. 3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished. 4. To recognize the efforts undertaken by the Institute to maintain financial records with a clean opinion and to urge the Director General to continue implementing his policy of transparency. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 703 “2024-2025 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the IABA adopt a resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approving the overall allocation of USD 33,074,100 per year from IICA’s Regular Fund for the 2024-2025 biennium, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in 	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>The draft 2024-2024 Program Budget approved by the Executive Committee will be submitted for the consideration of the IABA at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting.</p>

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<p>the amount of USD 29,574,100 per year, including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, according to the amounts indicated in the quota scale attached hereto as Annex A, and with USD 3,500,000 per year in miscellaneous resources, from income that it is estimated will be generated.</p> <p>ii. Approving the expenditure budget, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 747 (23), “2024-2025 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</p> <p>iii. Authorizing the Director General of the Institute to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total amounts do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>iv. Authorizing the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 fall below the levels estimated for the biennium, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of the situation.</p> <p>v. Instructing the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2024-2025 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund to finance the 2024-2025 Program Budget.</p>		

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<p>Resolution No. 707 “CATIE Biennial Report 2021-2022”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s Biennial Report for 2021-2022. 2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. 3. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA. 4. To extend special recognition to and congratulate the Director General of CATIE, the Center’s personnel and all other individuals who, over the past 50 years, have contributed to consolidating this noble institution at the service of tropical agriculture. 	Resolution in effect	All the reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council will be presented at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA.
<p>Resolution No. 709 “Amendments to the Regulations of the General Directorate of IICA”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the study launched by the current Director General to review the Institute’s regulations. 2. To request that, in consultation with the SACMI, the Director General present the proposed modifications to the regulations for consideration by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting. 3. To recommend that, at its next meeting, the IABA: 	Resolution in effect	The necessary information has been prepared and will be presented to the IABA for its consideration. The item is included in the agenda of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of this body.

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<p>a. Express support for the study launched by the current Director General to review the Institute’s regulations.</p> <p>b. Authorize the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, to: a) adopt the modifications to regulations that are within its competence; and b) adopt and put into effect the necessary modifications to the RPGD, subject to the approval of the IABA at its 2025 Regular Meeting.</p>		