

**RESOLUTION No. 720**

**PARTICIPATION OF IICA IN THE TWENTY-NINTH CONFERENCE OF THE  
PARTIES (COP29) TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON  
CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The document “IICA’s participation in the Twenty-ninth Conference of the Parties (Azerbaijan, November 2024)”,

CONSIDERING:

That, at the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023, the Member States of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) agreed that agrifood systems are part of the solution to climate change and that it is therefore necessary to ensure that the contributions of these systems to overcoming this global challenge be taken into account at all forums and negotiations held by the international community on this matter;

That driving climate action and funding in agriculture, given the sector’s capacity to respond positively to such challenges, is a priority strategy of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development and that, in that regard, it is crucial for the agrifood sector of the Americas to be present at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP);

That COP is an essential forum to advocate for the agriculture sector; demonstrate its contributions and potential in terms of climate change mitigation and adaptation and risk reduction; and highlight the actions of the Member States of the Institute to build a more resilient, low carbon sector;

That, pursuant to Resolution IICA/CE/Res.687 (XLII-O/22) of the Executive Committee, IICA participated in the Twenty-seventh Conference of the Parties (COP27), held in Egypt in 2022, where it installed the “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion;

That, in fulfillment of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 547 (XXII-O/23) of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), the Director General of the Institute supported the participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of countries of the Americas, as

well as of IICA, in the Twenty-eighth Conference of the Parties (COP28), held in Dubai in 2023, where it installed a pavilion;

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 Twenty-ninth Conference of the Parties (COP29), to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024; and

That this is an important forum for highlighting relevant issues for the agriculture sector and the situations that climate change is causing in our regions, such as an expected earlier start to the hurricane season in countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), a shortage of water for agriculture and the impacts of rising temperatures on this sector,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To underscore the importance of promoting and implementing effective climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in countries of the Americas, in keeping with the regulatory frameworks, institutional structures and public policies currently in place in each of the countries.
2. To urge the Institute and its Member States to continue fostering dialogue on matters related to climate change at the regional and global levels, placing special emphasis on the role of agriculture in driving sustainable and resilient development and supporting collective action and the adoption of joint positions.
3. To entrust the Director General with supporting the participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of countries of the Americas, as well as of IICA, at COP29 (Baku, 2024), and with installing a pavilion related to agriculture at the conference venue.
4. To generate forums to discuss key issues—such as increased climate vulnerability in Caribbean islands—to be included in the COP29 agenda and considered in initiatives arising from the event.