



## **INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE - IABA**

SEVENTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA AND  
MEETING OF MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF THE AMERICAS 2013

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### **STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA**

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**I. General Information**

The Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held from October 19-21, 2011 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, chaired the meeting, and Ms. Daniela Raposo, who is responsible for the Area for Technical Follow-up to Projects of the Unit for Rural Change (UCAR) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries of Argentina, served as the Rapporteur.

**II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA at its meeting in 2011**

RESOLUTION	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p><b>Resolution No. 466.</b> <i>“Progress in implementing the IICA 2010-2014 Medium-Term Plan”</i></p> <p>To accept with satisfaction the reports presented by the Director General and the IICA Representatives in the Member States on activities already carried out and those underway, as well as results achieved to date in implementing the 2010-2014 MTP.</p>	Resolution implemented	No further action required
<p><b>Resolution No. 467.</b> <i>“Support for the countries of Central America in rebuilding their agricultural sectors and assisting the population affected by the 2011 climate emergency”</i></p> <p>1. To express solidarity with the affected population on behalf of the nations of the Americas, and to recognize the efforts being made by the governments of the countries of Central America to respond to the current emergency.</p> <p>2. To urge the countries in other regions of the Americas to pledge technical and financial support for ongoing efforts to address the current emergency and to reduce the vulnerability of the region’s agriculture to variability and climate change, given its relationship to food security.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>On November 28, 2011, the Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Agriculture and Livestock Branch of the Government of El Salvador for the Execution of the Actions for the Emergency Phase and the Rehabilitation of the Agricultural Sector in Response to the Damage Caused by Tropical Depression 12E.</p> <p>More information and details of the progress made were provided in Information Document No. 02 of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which was held from June 17-18, 2013.</p>

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<p>3. To task IICA with providing, in coordination with institutions of the Member States and specialized international organizations, technical support for the Executive Secretariat of the CAC and the Ministries of Agriculture of Central America in the preparation of a program aimed at strengthening capacities in the affected countries in the area of disaster prevention and adaptation to climate change, based on a new paradigm of competitive and sustainable socioeconomic development.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 468.</b> <i>“2009 and 2010 Financial Statements of the Institute, Report of the External Auditors and Sixteenth And Seventeenth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <p>1. To approve the 2009 and 2010 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Reports of the External Auditors.</p> <p>2. To accept the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) contained in document IICA/JIA/Doc. 347 (11).</p> <p>3. To convey to the members of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of IICA for the valuable work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution No. 469.</b> <i>“Progress in the Collection of Quotas”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States for their efforts to ensure the timely payment of their annual quotas to the Institute.</li> <li>2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments in a timely manner and to pay arrears for previous years.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General to continue efforts to collect Member State quotas for the current year and those owed for previous years and to keep the Member States informed of progress in the collection of such quotas.</li> <li>4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current in the payment of their annual quotas, especially those that have reached agreement with the Institute on plans to pay quotas owed for previous years.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The efforts to collect quotas were carried out as planned and achieved satisfactory results.</p> <p>The Institute is in constant communication with the countries to secure the payment of quotas and up-to-date information on the progress made with the collection of quota contributions will be presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting, due to be held from June 17-18, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 470.</b> <i>“2012-2013 Program Budget”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the amounts of US\$33,789,600 for 2012 and US\$33,909,400 for 2013 from the Regular Fund as the allocation for the 2012-2013 Program Budget of the Institute, to be financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,689,600 in 2012 and US\$27,809,400 in 2013, according to the amounts indicated in the quota scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” including assigned quotas and over-quotas; and with miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$6,100,000 per year, comprising US\$3,500,000 in income estimated to be generated annually and US\$2,600,000 per year from the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The 2012-2013 Program Budget is being executed in strict compliance with the allocation of the resources approved by the IABA in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 470(XVI-O/11).</p>

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<p>2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2012-2013 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, line items and priorities detailed in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 349 (11) "Proposed 2012-2013 Program Budget." The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as "Annex B" to this resolution.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>3. To thank the authorities of Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay for the voluntary contributions of over-quota resources they will make in 2012 and 2013, which will provide additional funding for the implementation of priority actions under IICA technical cooperation in the Americas.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>4. To authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than ten per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>5. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years 2012 and 2013 fall below estimated levels. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>6. To instruct the Director General to deposit to the Working Sub-fund of the Regular Fund, any contribution of Regular Funds received in excess of the total amount approved for the 2012-2013 biennium, as well as any unspent, uncommitted balances.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	

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<p><b>Resolution No. 471.</b> <i>“Full recovery of costs incurred in administering externally funded projects”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the report on the progress to date with the study of the costs incurred in administering externally funded projects.</li> <li>To ask the Director General to present the full report and final conclusions to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, with any observations that the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues may make at its Regular Meeting in 2012.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The study was carried out as requested by the IABA and the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The study conducted by the consulting firm and a supplementary document incorporating the recommendations made by the SACMI at its meeting on July 12, 2012 were presented to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held from October 8-10, 2012. The Committee discussed the study and adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 556 (XXXII-O/12), in which it instructed IICA to implement the study’s recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 472.</b> <i>“Period for Delivery of Working Documents for the Regular Meetings of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the last sentence of Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, to read as follows:  <i>“The Director General shall send the working documents by electronic media to the Member States, IICA Associates and Permanent Observers, for analysis, at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting.”</i></li> <li>To accept the proposal made by the Director General that in future: (i) the working and information documents for the meetings of the IABA that are not confidential be made freely available, for review and consultation on the</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Article No. 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture was amended to reflect the IABA’s decision and is available on the Institute’s Web portal.</p>

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IICA website; and, (ii) those documents be posted on the IICA website in a format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties.		This provision will apply in the case of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, due to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from September 23-27, 2013.
<p><b>Resolution No. 473.</b> <i>“Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the responsibilities to be carried out by the person designated by the corresponding Member State as the IABA’s representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, as outlined in the Annex to the present resolution.</li> <li>2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State that appoints the person to represent the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE with the information, legal advice and logistical and technical support required to carry out the responsibilities specified in the present resolution.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The report on the participation of the IABA’s Representative to the Governing Council of CATIE, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Dominica, Mr. Matthew Walter, was presented to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in October 10, 2012</p> <p>The Director General of IICA sent the Secretary of State of the United States of America the responsibilities of the person who will be representing the IABA to the Governing Council of CATIE during the period 2013-2014 by means of communication No. SC/DG-181 of March 6, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 474.</b> <i>“Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”; and, (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.”</p>	Resolution implemented	No further action required.



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<p><b>Resolution No. 475.</b> <i>“Date and Site of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To express deep appreciation to the Governments of Panama and Argentina for their generous offer which were a demonstration of their exceptional interest in the affairs of the Institute.</li> <li>2. To accept, based on the principle of rotation and geographic distribution, the generous offer made by the Government of Argentina to serve as host for the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</li> <li>3. To provide, based on the provisions of the Convention and the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, that the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA shall be held in Argentina in the second half of 2013.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Information about the progress made in coordinating the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2013 was presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting, which took place from June 17-18, 2013.</p> <p>In a communication dated October 20, 2011, addressed to the Director General of IICA, the Government of Argentina offered to host the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from September 23-27, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 476.</b> <i>“Strengthening IICA’s Strategic Partnerships”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General to consolidate strategic partnerships with national and international organizations and institutions.</li> <li>2. To urge Member States, when they deem it advisable, to support and promote IICA as the executing agency for agricultural and rural development programs and projects with institutions with which it has established partnerships.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Information about the progress made in consolidating the strategic partnerships was presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting, from June 17-18, 2013.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution No. 477. “Joint Actions between IICA and FAO”</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To congratulate Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva on his election as Director General of FAO, and wish him every success in office.</li> <li>2. To thank Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva for his commitment to strengthening joint actions with IICA during his future term in office and to consolidating the mechanisms for programming, implementing, monitoring and evaluating such joint actions.</li> <li>3. To ask the Director General of IICA to present the Strategy and IICA-FAO Joint Action Program to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting, to be held in 2012.</li> <li>4. To urge Member States: (i) to have their representatives to the FAO governing bodies support the strengthening of joint actions with IICA and (ii) to the extent possible, to encourage and support the design and implementation of joint technical cooperation actions between IICA and FAO in their respective countries as well as in regional integration mechanisms.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on the IICA-FAO Strategy and Joint Action Program with the main activities carried out up to August 2012 was presented to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in October 10, 2012.</p> <p>The main activities carried out up to May 2013 are indicated below, according to their respective Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Agriculture, Natural Resources and Climate Change Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in the workshop on NAMAs in agriculture, organized by CCAFS and FAO (July 16-17, in Rome) and preparation of inputs for the report on the event.</li> <li>• Participation as a guest speaker in the International Seminar “Old and New Crops to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century,” organized by FAO and Spain’s INIA in 2012.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <i>Directorate of Technical Cooperation/Directorate of Management and Regional Integration:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed joint work program for the Caribbean, prepared by IICA and FAO and currently being studied by the FAO’s senior management for the Caribbean.</li> <li>• IICA-FAO-PAHO-WFP Agreement to implement joint “Zero hunger” plan in Antigua and Barbuda.</li> <li>• FAO staff integrated into the IICA Office in Colombia.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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		<p>3. <i>IICA-FAO-ECLAC:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three organizations’ working relationship has been consolidated, as can be seen from the preparation of the annual reports on the “Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” the fourth edition of which was published in 2012. This working relationship has made it possible to promote the implementation of joint technical events on the issues addressed in the reports, and others related to the use of ICTs in agriculture and to improve rural life (CAESPA).</li> </ul> <p>4. <i>Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An FAO representative joined the International Advisory Group for the project to create the Regional Virtual Food Inspection School for Central America and the Dominican Republic.</li> <li>• The implementation of an action plan with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is ongoing. As part of this effort, and at the Secretariat’s request, the AHFS Program developed the Virtual Course on Pest Risk Analysis for use worldwide. The Institute has also been holding regional workshops to discuss draft ISPMs. In September 2012, IICA organized two workshops, in coordination with the IPPC Secretariat, to enable the NPPOs of Latin America and the Caribbean to discuss the draft ISPMs that the Standards Committee is beginning to develop. One of the workshops brought together representatives of the NPPOs of the English-</li> </ul>

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		speaking Caribbean countries, while the other involved the NPPOs of the Spanish-speaking Latin American and Caribbean countries.
<p><b>Resolution No. 478.</b> <i>“Vote of Thanks to the Government of Costa Rica”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To extend its gracious thanks to Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Abraham Peralta for her distinguished and enlightened participation in and support for the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011 and the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which are of paramount importance for agriculture in the Americas.</li> <li>2. To express appreciation to Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Abraham Peralta for her willingness to engage in constructive dialogue with her colleagues and for the very efficient manner in which she chaired the Meeting.</li> <li>3. To thank the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship and other public and private institutions in Costa Rica for their cordial welcome and generous support, which were determining factors in the success of the Meeting.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>