

RESOLUTION No. 485

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation on IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture,

CONSIDERING:

That IICA's 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan (MTP) establishes that the Institute must promote the execution of programs to train leaders with capability in agricultural and rural development in the Americas and, for this, the MTP recognizes the importance of improving the effectiveness of leaders by giving them the tools to enable them to define strategic guidelines and help their institutions achieve targeted goals and objectives;

That these programs must also allow for an analysis of the capabilities and mandates of IICA so that the institution can respond to the needs of Member States and tailor its cooperation agenda to the priorities of the new national authorities;

That in fulfillment of these mandates, IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture has been implementing a leadership program intended for Ministers of Agriculture, senior executives and other decision makers, especially, those who have been recently elected, as well as a program for young leaders who will assume a future leading role in agricultural and rural development in their countries and in the region;

That both programs seek to give current and future leaders: (i) a global vision of agriculture and rural development based on an analysis of the scenarios for agriculture in the hemisphere, the challenges it faces and the new policy frameworks for facing these challenges; (ii) new ideas, innovations, ways of thinking, methodologies, technologies and information, as well as new knowledge; (iii) skills and attitudes so that they can actively influence processes of change, not only within member countries, but also at the regional level; (iv) a network that links young leaders and enables them to exchange knowledge and successful experiences; and

That at its regular meeting held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from March 13-14, 2008, the members of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) took cognizance of progress achieved in setting up IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture and expressed broad support for the presentation by the Director General of the Institute,

RESOLVES:

1. To state that IICA should give high priority to consolidating the Center for Leadership in Agriculture.
2. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture and other leaders to participate in the activities of IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture so that they may analyze the current state of agriculture in the global context and learn about the Institute's true ability to support the implementation of the agricultural and rural development agendas in Member States.
3. To instruct the Director General to reinforce the efforts of the Center for Leadership to shape the future young leaders that agriculture in the region will require.
4. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture to promote training in their respective countries and to facilitate the personal development of the young leaders who will have future responsibility for agricultural and rural development and to extend to them the necessary facilities and support to enable them to participate in the activities of IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture.
5. To instruct the Director General: (i) to report to future regular meetings of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Center for Leadership in Agriculture; and (ii) to report on implementation of the provisions of this resolution.