



## Significant achievements in 2017

### Agriculture Opportunity for development in the Americas

### United States of America



- IICA continued to support the priorities of the United States in issues related to agriculture. To this end, the Institute has worked on addressing the root causes of migration, stimulating growth and expanding markets for US products, safeguarding US agricultural health and food safety, promoting science-based standard setting and facilitating relationships with countries in the Western Hemisphere.
- IICA strengthened relationships with the OAS and other Inter-American institutions through the presentation of its annual report by the Director General to the Permanent Council of the OAS. In collaboration with Headquarters, we supported the Summit of the Americas Process; participated in the emergency response group to address damages caused by hurricanes in the Caribbean during 2017; were members of the task force to address non-communicable diseases coordinated by PAHO; and held discussions for the development of a project with PAHO to address chronic renal disease in rural areas of Central America.
- IICA increased awareness of the importance of Latin American agriculture for global food security and environmental sustainability by organizing and conducting a panel discussion on Latin American Agriculture within the framework of the Borlaug Dialogue and the celebration of the World Food Prize. This panel was organized in collaboration with the Borlaug Dialogue, Global Harvest Initiative and The Nature Conservancy, with participation by IICA's Director General, the Director General of CIAT, CIMMYT, DuPont, and Juan Jose Molina, a farmer from Colombia.
- IICA highlighted its contribution to agriculture in the Americas by sharing experiences on the Productivity Gap Report (<https://goo.gl/Y1jyjV>) produced by Global Harvest Initiative. The selected pieces were related to *Mesa Ganadera* in Colombia and to the sectoral plans for climate change adaptation that are spearheaded by IICA.
- Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector on the continent are aware of the outlook for agriculture and rural life in Latin America and the Caribbean, thanks to the FAO-ECLAC-IICA publication of the 2017-2018 volume of "The outlook for agriculture and rural development in the Americas".
- IICA increased knowledge of the historical changes in agricultural and rural life in the Americas through the launch of the Agrirural platform ([www.agrirural.org](http://www.agrirural.org)).
- IICA strengthened its relationships with private sector actors from Mexico, the United States and Canada, through their participation in an event organized to analyze the future of agricultural trade in the Northern Region of the Americas. Among the participants were representatives from: *Consejo Nacional Agropecuario* (Mexico), Cereals Canada, North American Grain Export Association (USA), IFPRI, North American Meat Institute (USA), Sukarne (Mexico), Canadian Cattleman Association; Produce Marketing Association (USA), United Fresh Products (US), Canadian Produce Marketing Association, Avocados from Mexico, and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

- IICA secured a contribution from Dupont Co. in the amount of \$30,000.00 US to erect a bust in honor of Henry E. Wallace at IICA's headquarters, which was unveiled during the IABA meeting in 2017.
- Other strategic partners supported in their activities and goals include the following:
  - Foundation for Food and Agriculture, where IICA serves as a member of their advisory committee and with whom the Institute's professionals constantly provide feedback on different aspects, as requested.
  - World Economic Forum, by providing information related to Latin America and helping to coordinate efforts for the promotion

of Public-Private Partnerships within the framework of the WEF New Vision for Agriculture.

- FAO, by participating in different consultations and round tables conducted by the FAO office for North America.
- The Center for Strategic and International Studies, in the review of their evaluation of the Feed the Future Guatemala.
- AGMIP, by promoting an alliance in the area of climate change and agriculture.
- CODESPA, through enhanced collaboration in areas related to coffee and cocoa.



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