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**Report on the Status of Resolutions of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular
Meetings of the Executive Committee**

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REPORT ON THE STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General information

The Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 17-18 July 2018. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.¹

Mr. Mauricio Guevara, Secretary of State of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock (SAG) of Honduras, served as Chair of the Meeting, and Mrs. Patricia Giménez, Argentina’s Ambassador to Costa Rica, acted as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 629 “2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP) of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>1. To approve IICA’s 2018-2022 MTP as the frame of reference for the Institute’s actions during the period in question, and to instruct the Director General to incorporate the suggestions made by the Member States.</p> <p>2. To express satisfaction with the broad participation of the countries during the process of preparing the 2018-2022 MTP and to urge the Member States of the Institute to support its implementation at the national, regional and hemispheric levels.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The relevant suggestions of the Member States have been incorporated into the 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 631 “Strengthening of the strategic alliances of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

¹ The system involving rotation of Member States on the Executive Committee was established by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 515, and was approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 25-26 October 2017.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Director General and the different strategic partners for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements with the Institute, in order to strengthen and bolster international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas. 2. To urge the Member States to support and promote joint actions that result in new strategic alliances for IICA, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 632 “Strengthening the relationship between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the private sector”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Director General of the Institute and the private sector representatives for their efforts to engage in dialogue about the joint role that they play in the development of agriculture in the Americas. 2. To urge Member States to acknowledge the importance of strengthening the relationship between the private and public sectors as well as civil society on international cooperation matters for the development of agriculture in the hemisphere. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 633 “Report on the collection of quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Thank you letters for the payment of quotas have been sent out.</p> <p>Constant communication with the member countries has been maintained</p>

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<p>4. To instruct the Director General of IICA to submit a written report on the Institute’s challenges and efforts to address the basis for the qualified opinion of the external auditors, and to continue to seek solutions.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Director General’s report was presented on the Institute’s efforts to find solutions to address the basis for the qualified opinion of the external auditors in previous years. Based on this, the Institute provided a clear opinion, without qualifications.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 635 “Appointment of external auditors of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the 2018 – 2019 biennium”</p> <p>To appoint the firm of Deloitte & Touche S.A. as the external auditors of IICA and CATIE for the 2018-2019 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two years.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 636 “2019 Program Budget”</p> <p>To approve the expenditure budget for 2019, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 679 (18), “2019 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 637 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2016-2017”</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2016-2017 and to thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation. 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. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 638 “Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2016-2017”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the presentation of the report on activities implemented during the 2016-2017 biennium. 2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 639 “Report on the relationship between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Report on the relationship between IICA and FAO. 2. To thank FAO’s Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica and the Director General of the Institute for their presentation and efforts in implementing the 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>3. To urge IICA and FAO to continue to strengthen linkages and mechanisms for the implementation of joint activities, in order to further contribute to the efforts of the Member States of both organizations to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p> <p><i>Article 3 m. of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA – an annual report on its activities, which may include recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2018 was presented as an information document at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 572 “IICA cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013</p> <p>To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint activities carried out by IICA and the MIOA to promote agricultural market information, as well as the institutional strengthening of the Market Information Systems (MIS) and</p>

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To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s facilitation of Member States’ collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.		the MIOA, was presented as an information document at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General information

The Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 16-17 July 2019. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: The Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.²

Mr. Michael Pintard, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources of The Bahamas, served as Chair of the Meeting, and Mr. Edgar Mata, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat for Agriculture Sector Planning (SEPSA) of Costa Rica, served as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 646 “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>	Operative paragraph implemented	The corresponding thank you letters for quota payments have been sent out.

² The system for rotation of Member States on the Executive Committee was established by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 515, and was approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 25-26 October 2017.

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<p>2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA's Member States to make their annual quota payments in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2019 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA's Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to IICA, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to the Institute.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Constant communication highlighting the importance of these resources has been maintained in order to manage the collection of quotas owed for previous periods.</p> <p>A report will also be made to Twentieth Regular Meeting of the next Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) on progress made in the collection of quotas.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 647 "2018 Financial Statements of IICA, Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-fifth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)"</p> <p>1. To accept the 2018 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 Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the report of the Director General on management actions in relation to the external auditors' qualified opinion for the 2018 fiscal year.</p> <p>3. To approve the Twenty-fifth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The financial statements of the Institute will be presented to the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Institute has followed up on the recommendations issued by the ARC, whose Twenty-fifth report will be presented at the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>

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4. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 648 “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To elect Mr. Gustavo Pereira da Silva Filho of Brazil, to occupy the position of the member of the ARC reserved for a candidate nominated by the six largest contributors to IICA, for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and concluding on December 31, 2025.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 649 “Recognition of the contribution made by Mr. Steve Rickrode as a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To thank the Government of the United States of America for the support provided by Mr. Rickrode, in his capacity as a member of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To recognize the excellent, dedicated and professional work of Mr. Rickrode and express its deep gratitude to him for his contributions to the ARC and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 650 “2020-2021 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the IABA adopt a resolution to:</p> <p>1. Approve the amount of USD 32,074,100 per year from the Regular Fund of IICA as the overall allocation for the 2020-2021 biennium, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of USD 29,574,100 per year, including the quotas allocated and over-quota</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The quotas allocated for the 2020-2021 biennium will be calculated based on the percentages of the quota scale approved for that year by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States</p>

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<p>contributions, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Annex A”, and miscellaneous income in the amount of USD 2,500,000 per year, consisting of income estimated to be generated.</p> <p>2. Approve the expenditure budget for the 2020-2021 biennium, in keeping with the allocations for each of the chapters, budget items and strategic priorities established in the document IICA/CE/Doc. 691 (19), “2020-2021 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached as “Annex B” to this resolution.</p> <p>3. Authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. 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 2020 and 2021 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>(OAS).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 651 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2017-2018”</p> <p>1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2017-2018 and to thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	

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<p>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.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The information system of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) will contain all of the CATIE reports submitted to the Governing Council, including its financial statements.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 652 “Strategy for the Future of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <p>1. To accept the proposal for the future of CATIE and the strengthening of a synergistic relationship between IICA and the Center, prepared by the <i>ad hoc</i> working group and approved by the Director General of IICA, the Director General of CATIE, and the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Costa Rica.</p> <p>2. To support and endorse the recommendations included in the annex to this resolution and to task the directors general of IICA and CATIE with developing an implementation plan, based on the understanding that some aspects of the recommendations require further development and eventual consideration by the IABA.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General of IICA inform the IABA, at its Twentieth Regular Meeting, of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee, in fulfillment of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 507 (XIX-O/17).</p> <p>4. To request that the Director General of CATIE inform his Board of Directors of progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and urge that governing body of the Center to provide timely follow-up on these recommendations.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	

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5. To request that the Director General of IICA inform the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, of progress made in the implementation of this resolution.	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>Resolution No. 653 “Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2018-2019”</p> <p>1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the presentation of the report on activities implemented during the 2018-2019 biennium.</p> <p>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 654 “Report of the 2019 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>1. To accept the Report of the 2019 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p> <p>2. To urge the Director General to consider convening a face to face meeting of the SACMI in 2020, taking into account the benefits and costs of this important member engagement.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 656 “Provisional Agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas – 2019 Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <p>1. To accept the provisional agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas – 2019 Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>2. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with the ministers of agriculture of their respective countries the importance of their presence at this event.</p> <p>3. To encourage the Director General to draft a document for ministerial consideration that contains concrete, actionable steps and results-based outcomes to promote sustainable, inclusive agriculture in the hemisphere.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	