




Achievements 2022

Saint Lucia



- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), through an extensive consultative process with public and private sector stakeholders, was instrumental in the development of updated Plant and Animal Health regulations, as part of the modernization of the national sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) system. This initiative took place under the 11th European Development Fund Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (EDF SPS) Project, financed by the European Union.
- IICA supported the development of the local and regional apiculture industry through a number of capacity building and highly visible events, including a virtual capacity building session on organic control of varroa mite, which registered more than 75 participants from seven countries; the local celebration of International Pollinators Day; and the hosting of the 10th Regional Congress of Beekeepers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as the 2nd Annual Hewannora Honey Show. IICA executed these activities in collaboration with the Iyanola Apiculture Collective, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program/ United Nations Development Program (GEF SGP UNDP) and the Ministry of Agriculture.
- The Institute supported the direct engagement of 15 local MSMEs with regional and international buyers. The MSMEs benefited in terms of capacity building on costing and pricing, trade planning and negotiations, as well as product positioning, all within the framework of the Caribbean Virtual Agri-Food Trade Mission. Five MSMEs were also given assistance in improving branding, packaging and product promotion, with two of them successfully concluding export arrangements with a foreign buyer.
- IICA designed an integrated and regenerative model for compost and biofertilizer production, mushroom production and value-addition to cocoa, in collaboration with the Beausoleil Sustainable Agribusiness Group (BSAG), with funding from the GEF SGP UNDP. The technical cooperation of the Institute facilitated the development of bioeconomic components for a regenerative cocoa production model in the rural community of Saltibus, Saint Lucia.
- The Institute secured external resources for training, the outfitting of 25 women as mushroom producers, and the provision of support for market facilitation. Resources were mobilized through a call for proposals by the Embassy of the Republic of China, Taiwan and the Taiwan Technical Mission in Saint Lucia.
- Another important achievement to which IICA contributed was the revitalization of the Saint Lucia Agricultural Forum for Youth (SLAFY) to establish the new functioning executive, through the hosting





of the first Annual General Meeting since 2019. The youth were able to set targets for the new working year, 2023, and identified agencies to establish working relationships for the execution of activities and resource mobilization.

- IICA also supported agricultural stakeholder clustering, coordination and action for the creation of The Mushroom Collective. This newly registered association will be an IICA partner and mechanism for public and private sector engagement to promote participation and investment in mushroom production.
- The local delegation established a new working relationship with the Ministry of Agriculture involving drone piloting to facilitate the execution of the Ecosystems Adaptation (EbA) project, which

is supported by the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF). This will contribute to continued capacity building for community beneficiaries and will expand the scope of IICA's collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture on agricultural technology.

- IICA executed civil society organization (CSO) training, capacity building and institutional strengthening for operationalizing a green business using ecosystem-based adaptation principles. This was undertaken under the "Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Community Engagement" project, which is funded by the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF). The Delegation in Saint Lucia is currently engaged in completing product development and business planning for launch of the green business.

