



Saint Kitts and Nevis



Significant Achievements 2023

- Recognizing agricultural health and food safety (AHFS) as a priority issue, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) supported Saint Kitts and Nevis with numerous actions, including the following:
 - *In collaboration with the Caribbean Plant Health Directors Forum (CPHD) and the Ministry of Agriculture, IICA supported the importation and weaning of 1000 banana in vitro plants of the Formosana cavendish variety, which is tolerant to Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense Tropical Race 4 (TR4), the devastating transboundary fungal banana disease of concern to CARICOM countries.*
 - *IICA provided technical support to build the country's capacities with respect to African Swine Fever (ASF), and delivered assistance and training to extension officers from the Department of Agriculture and farmers in plant pathology and integrated pest management (IPM).*
 - *IICA attended international CODEX meetings and delivered training in ASF and ePhyto.*
- Through an IICA Single Fund initiative, the Institute continues to advance agricultural development in the Federation. A study tour was conducted in Trinidad to observe poultry production and the management of slaughterhouses. In addition, a poultry management consultant visited Saint Kitts and Nevis on a training and fact-finding mission. Farm visits, training for farmers and a special training session for extension officers concluded with discussions and recommendations for the development of the poultry broiler slaughterhouse and production system in the Federation. The Premier of Nevis, in his 2024 Budget Address, made special mention of his gratitude to IICA for its involvement in the budding broiler industry.
- The Institute assisted the St. Kitts Beekeepers Co-operative in crafting a concept note and securing funds from the GEF Small Grant Project (SGP) for the implementation of an apiculture and biodiversity project. The project involves the establishment of a woodwork center to make beekeeping equipment, a honey house for extraction and value-adding, and a learning center. In addition, IICA participated in the Steering Committee of Regional Apiculture GEF SGP entitled "A Nexus for Sustainable Development in Rural Sectors of Seven GEF Countries".
- In collaboration with the St. Kitts Nevis Association of Persons with Disabilities (SKNAPD), IICA has successfully received funding from GEF SGP based on the concept note designed and developed by IICA to support the development of an urban farm and training center for persons with disabilities. Implementation of the project has progressed well with the construction of a greenhouse as well as the installation of an irrigation system and wheelchair friendly walkways and grow boxes.
- The Green Climate Fund (GCF) Simplified Approval Process (SAP) Concept Note entitled "Saint Kitts and Nevis Climate Smart Agriculture Project (SKN CSA-P)" is progressing. The second round of corrections to the document were received and addressed. Within this framework, collaboration among the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), the National Designated Authority (NDA) and the Ministry of Agriculture in St. Kitts and Nevis has continued (<https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/st-kitts-and-nevis-climate-smart-agriculture-project-skn-csa-p>).