



## Important achievements in 2016

- IICA has strengthened its political and technical position by reinforcing its collaboration with the US Government in advancing the interest of the US Department of Agriculture and the Department of State on issues related to trade, food safety, biotechnology and climate change; and also by strengthening working ties with the private sector of the United States, thus setting the basis for the establishment of the group “friend of IICA”
- IICA is more recognized for its technical work and contributions to the development of a competitive, inclusive and sustainable agriculture in its Member Countries by presenting its annual report to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) and working in the ad hoc groups of the OAS to deal with risk management and non-communicable diseases. Additionally, agricultural attaches or Country Ambassadors to the OAS from Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Spain, and Costa Rica were made aware of IICA’s work at their country level.
- More than 100 specialists increased their knowledge of the importance of agriculture and of the challenges facing the agricultural sector in areas related to agricultural machinery, agricultural policies, productivity, financing of agricultural value chains, competitiveness and precision agriculture through four seminars and one workshop shared via web to the agricultural community at large, in collaboration with strategic partners FPRI, IDB; Global Harvest Initiative, FAO, OAS, John Deere, Dupont, Monsanto and others.
- IICA promoted its vision to become the partner of choice for the development of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture in the Americas by establishing liaisons and partnerships with national and regional organizations. To this end, the Institute collaborated in 2016 with the Global Harvest Initiative, FAO and IFPRI in diverse technical fora related to agriculture and rural life.
- USD 570,464 from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) were allocated to conduct work in Organic Agriculture, Climate Smart Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health and CODEX, while USD 30,000 from the DuPont-Pioneer company will be invested to carry out the event in 2017 to recognize the contribution of Henry A. Wallace to IICA and to international agriculture.
- The capabilities of more than 300 actors in the agricultural sector were improved to establish public policies and institutional frameworks to make agriculture more productive and competitive, providing current and prospective information on issues affecting agriculture in the US and LAC through 8 workshops and seminars organized in collaboration with other units of IICA on issues relating to policy, financing and innovation issues affecting agriculture.
- More than 10,000 actors were informed of the outlook for agriculture and rural life in the Americas, the challenges for value adding in agriculture and the future of trade in the region. One event had a record-setting registered attendance of 6,500. Additionally, data availability has improved with respect to agricultural performance for the 34 countries on the IICA web site: [www.iica.int](http://www.iica.int)

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