

The following actions have been carried out as part of the process to position the role of agriculture in the Americas with respect to climate change, and to strengthen the contribution of hemispheric agriculture to global food and nutritional security:

- Following the Ninth Summit of the Americas, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) adopted a commitment to strengthen the role of all agricultural stakeholders in international and national climate efforts, and invite them to present their recommendations at a meeting of ministers of Agriculture of the Americas to be held ahead of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27).
- Additionally, during the Meeting of the Americas on Climate Change and Agriculture held on 20 May 2022, the ministerial authorities in attendance agreed on a series of key messages that chart a course towards achieving sustainable agricultural production, including the following:
 - o Undertake individual and collective actions to strengthen the role and participation of the agriculture sector in national and international climate processes, as well as to build up the technical capacity of agricultural ministries in coordination with environmental ministries to enhance the sector's representation and leadership in the process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
 - o Intensify efforts to drive the necessary innovation, technology, climate finance, and public-private sector investment as a positive force for change that takes into account smallholder farmers;
 - o Reiterate the importance of cooperation among nations to address the climate crisis at the necessary pace and scale, especially in light of the impacts on the production, processing and trade of food and agricultural products;
 - o Recognize the opportunity for enhanced ambition, collective action and implementation, through mechanisms provided by regional and global platforms; and
 - o Raise the profile of the agriculture sector in the UNFCCC processes and give visibility to the multiple benefits of enhanced climate action in terms of food and nutrition security; environmental, economic and social sustainability; water conservation and management; livelihoods; peace and stability; poverty reduction; and reduced land and soil degradation; as well as the actions, priorities and needs of the sector, by setting up an Agrifood Systems of the Americas Pavilion at COP27 in Egypt.
- Furthermore, as part of the efforts to raise the profile of agriculture of the Americas at the most relevant global event on climate (COP27), the following actions have been proposed:
 - o Implement a process aimed at developing, together with the countries of the Americas, the messages to be presented at COP27.
 - o Hold, preferably during the month of September and at IICA Headquarters in Costa Rica, a meeting of ministers and high-level authorities of climate funds and regional funding agencies to validate the messages developed and identify next steps towards strengthening the role of agriculture in resolving the climate crisis.

- Organize a pavilion of agrifood systems of the Americas at COP27 that showcases the climate change mitigation and adaptation activities implemented by the agriculture sector of the Americas, to give visibility to the sector's contributions and the difficulties it faces.

Please find attached:

- The messages prepared during the meeting of ministers held on 20 May 2022.
- The proposal on the pavilion to be installed at COP27.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAS**

ISSUED DURING THE

**MEETING OF THE AMERICAS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE:
ON THE ROAD TO THE 2022 SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS AND BEYOND**

MAY 2022

Current global circumstances have increased awareness of the vulnerability of global food and nutrition security as well as the need for greater sustainable agricultural productivity, especially amid growing climate risks.

As a follow-up to the idea conveyed by most of the messages included in Resolution 531 of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) regarding the role of agriculture in the Americas with respect to climate change, we propose to:

1. Undertake individual and collective actions to strengthen the role and participation of the agriculture sector in national and international climate processes, as well as to build up the technical capacity of agricultural ministries in coordination with environmental ministries to enhance the sector's representation and leadership in the process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
2. Intensify efforts to drive the necessary innovation, technology, climate finance, and public-private sector investment as a positive force for change that takes into account smallholder farmers;
3. Reiterate the importance of cooperation among nations to address the climate crisis at the necessary pace and scale, especially in light of the impacts on the production, processing and trade of food and agricultural products;
4. Recognize the opportunity for enhanced ambition, collective action and implementation, through mechanisms provided by regional and global platforms;
5. Hold a ministerial conference prior to the UNFCCC COP27 to agree on the collective position of countries of the Americas, and call for enhanced public and private support for innovation, finance, and trade capacity building to enable the achievement of common objectives;
6. Raise the profile of the agriculture sector in the UNFCCC processes and give visibility to the multiple benefits of enhanced climate action in terms of food and nutrition security; environmental, economic and social sustainability; water conservation and management; livelihoods; peace and stability; poverty reduction; and reduced land and soil degradation; as well as the actions, priorities and needs of the sector, by setting up an Agrifood Systems of the Americas Pavilion at COP27 in Egypt;
7. Confirm the need for international technical cooperation and support through the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and other international collaborators; and

8. Building on the regional consensus reached in preparation for the United Nations Food Systems Summit in 2021, request that IICA support the development of key, agreed-upon messages on climate change on behalf of the ministers of Agriculture of the Americas to be presented at the UNFCCC COP27.



Agri-food Systems of the Americas Pavilion

Agricultural voices in the fight against climate change



Bringing innovation and leadership from the
Americas' agriculture sector to solve the
climate crisis.



WHY?

As the largest food exporting region in the world, **the Americas are key for global food and nutrition security**. The region accounts for 28% of all global agri-food exports.

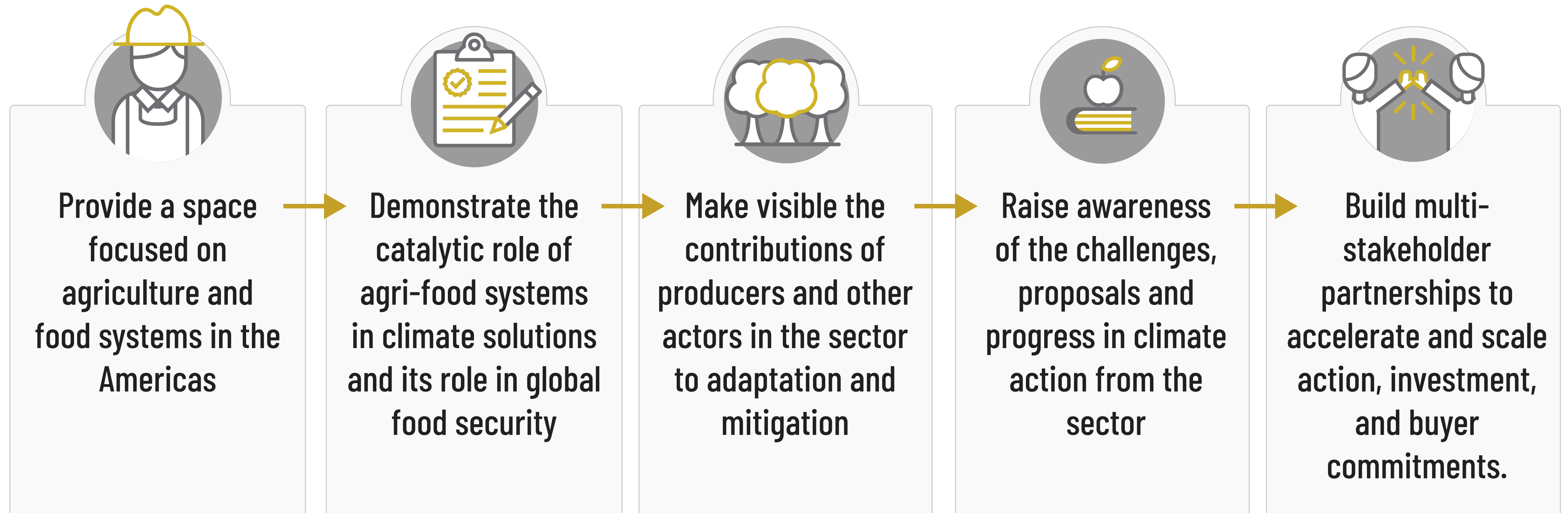
Agri-food systems are a fundamental economic activity in the Americas; in some countries over 30% of the population is employed in agri-food production. Yet, climate change is putting food production, livelihoods, and the natural resource base at great risk.

Agri-food systems are responsible for approximately 34% of global emissions. The Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use sector of the Americas is responsible for 24% of total emissions, while the agriculture sector is responsible for 48% of the methane and 70% of all the nitrous oxide emitted in the region.

Addressing climate change in agri-food systems is not only critical to achieve UNFCCC goals, but also to achieve land degradation neutrality and biodiversity goals.

By transforming the agri-food systems of the Americas into sustainable, productive, climate-resilient systems, we can help feed the region and support global food security, create jobs, strengthen family farming and boost economic growth.

PAVILION OBJECTIVES



THEMES



**Food security and
resilience**



**Catalyzing innovation,
finance, and markets**



**The voice of the
producers in the
climate crisis**



**Milk and meat and
climate change**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This pavilion is intended to be located in the Blue Zone and serves as a public-private platform for sharing the perspective of stakeholders from the Americas' agri-food sector on climate change.

- All events must include or cover more than one country from the region.
- Events that focus on linkages between the Americas' agriculture sector and the rest of the world are encouraged.
- Spanish-English interpretation will be provided for all events.

These sponsorships help defray the costs for other participants, such as youth, women and smallholder farmer organizations who normally would be unable to participate. We want to be sure that all have a voice in the Americas Pavilion.

Note: This is one of a series of actions and events planned over the medium term to make visible the contributions, perspective and challenges the sector faces in confronting climate risks. All sponsors will be kept informed of future opportunities. *Covid regulations limit panels to 75 minutes to allow for disinfecting the pavilion after each event.)



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