



Forty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting  
of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)**

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## I. General Information

The Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held at the Headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 3-5 October 2023. It was chaired by Mr. Fernando Mattos, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Uruguay. Mr. Óscar Guardado, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of El Salvador, served as Rapporteur.

## II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

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<p><b>Resolution No. 545</b> “Strengthening the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To wholeheartedly endorse the building of a Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development and instruct the Director General of the Institute to expand and intensify any actions needed for its consolidation, in consultation and coordination with the Member States, and including the widest possible cross-section of stakeholders in the agrifood sector.</li> <li>2. To establish that this collective action be guided by the following strategic principles:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Agrifood systems can and should be improved. In recent decades, their performance has demonstrated their capacity to rise to the challenges of each era. Therefore, we categorically state that they are not failed systems;</li> <li>b) Agriculture must be considered as part of the solution, given its importance to national economies, its significant contribution to global food security, through trade, and its endogenous capacity to mitigate climate change;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>Cooperation activities have been carried out and are underway in the areas identified by the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture.</p> <p>A report will be presented to the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>c) Science and technology are the great transformational tools of our age and will provide the basis for possible solutions; and</p> <p>d) Farmers will be key players in the transformations to be implemented, given that they are the ones most able to contribute to more sustainable and resilient resource management.</p> <p>3. To instruct IICA to strengthen its technical cooperation services in the specific areas and actions identified at the Conference, and within the framework of its 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan, as set out in the Annex to this resolution.</p> <p>4. To urge the governments of IICA Member States to pursue and strengthen actions in the areas identified at the Conference, in accordance with their regulatory frameworks, institutional structures and the national public policies currently in force in each of the States.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 546</b> “Hemispheric Initiative on Water and Agriculture”</p> <p>1. To continue to promote and implement effective climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in our countries, in keeping with the regulatory frameworks, institutional structures and public policies they currently have in place.</p> <p>2. To endorse the “Water and Agriculture” initiative proposed by IICA and to request that its Director General take the necessary actions to ensure its</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>A Water and Agriculture Knowledge Hub for the 34 member countries has been developed.</p> <p>It includes a technological water atlas comprised of more than 90 technologies for efficient water use that can be replicated in different climates and regions throughout our hemisphere.</p>

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<p>implementation, in collaboration with the Institute’s member countries, international organizations, donor agencies and other strategic partners.</p> <p>3. To urge the governments of IICA Member States to strengthen actions that will facilitate increased production and storage of water, improve the efficiency of its use, strengthen governance for water management in agriculture and foster public-private investment for that purpose.</p> <p>4. To support the appeals by ministers of Agriculture at various forums, requesting the full implementation of mechanisms that will enable countries to access the funding committed by the developed countries for climate change mitigation and adaptation, for which water management in agriculture will be a key factor.</p>		<p>It also compiles the main water and agriculture standards and regulations of the 34 member countries and provides access to the SIDALC platform, which includes more than 400,000 publications and research studies on that topic.</p> <p>The 2024 Regional Water Dialogues were co-organized with ECLAC at IICA Headquarters. In attendance were more than 150 regional authorities in the fields of water and agriculture, and more than 1,000 virtual participants. As a result of the event, IICA presented the position of the agriculture sector of the Americas at the 2024 World Water Forum in Bali. With support from IICA’s Network of Specialists, the initiative identifies best practices and lessons learned in water management projects, and seeks to develop new project opportunities with public, private and multilateral partners.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution No. 547</b> “Participation of IICA in the Twenty-eighth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue to promote and implement effective climate change mitigation and adaptation measures in our countries, in keeping with the regulatory frameworks, institutional structures and public policies they currently have in place.</li> <li>2. To support collective action and the adoption of joint positions among countries of the Americas regarding climate change, particularly in the agriculture sector, and the development of more resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, to guarantee food security and sustainable development through North-South, South-South and other cooperation modalities.</li> <li>3. To promote actions to increase the agriculture sector’s access to all types of climate financing, including private financing, as well as options such as voluntary carbon markets, green funds and guarantees, among others, which should involve capacity building and the development of institutional frameworks that demonstrate the highest level of integrity, transparency and inclusiveness.</li> <li>4. To request that the Director General of IICA, in coordination with the Member States of the Institute, continue to foster national, regional and global</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	<p>The “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion was installed at the venue of COP28 (Dubai, November 2023).</p>

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<p>analysis and action in matters related to the positive relationship between agriculture and climate change.</p> <p>5. To entrust the Director General with supporting the participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of countries of the Americas, as well as of IICA, at COP28, and with installing a pavilion at the conference venue.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 548</b> “Report on ‘The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean’”</p> <p>1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean”, a document that will prove extremely useful for the governments of the region as input for analysis and policy formulation.</p> <p>2. To thank the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, the Deputy Director General of FAO, the Regional Representative of FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Director General of IICA for their presentation and to urge the three organizations to continue to jointly prepare this report, allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out this task.</p> <p>3. To request that the member countries of the Institute supply the official information required to continue advancing towards the development of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture sector.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	

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<p><b>Resolution No. 549</b> “CARLOS AQUINO GONZÁLEZ” Center for Applied Knowledge Management and Innovation in Agrifood Systems, in the Dominican Republic</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To endorse and support the initiative of the Government of the Dominican Republic to create the CARLOS AQUINO GONZÁLEZ Center for Applied</li> <li>2. To thank the Government of the Dominican Republic for providing the Institute’s Delegation in that country with its own facilities.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General of IICA to undertake, together with the Government of the Dominican Republic, the actions required to strengthen and achieve optimal use of the Center, for the benefit of agriculture in that country and all other Member States of the Institute.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 550</b> “Coordination of Hemispheric Strategies for Agricultural Health”</p> <p>To request that the IICA Director General coordinate, together with its Member States and regional agencies specializing in animal and plant health, hemispheric meetings to assess and determine the current status of animal and plant health in the hemisphere, and based on that assessment, and as a follow-up to the collective actions defined for that thematic area of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, generate joint cooperation strategies, learn about successful public-private experiences and promote an integrated approach, laying the foundation for</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>The international seminar “Animal health and its contribution to the transformation of food systems in the Americas” was held on 11 April 2024 in Asunción, Paraguay, with the presence of 23 nations, including ministers and deputy ministers of Agriculture, heads of health services and representatives of international organizations.</p> <p>A similar event on plant health is expected to be held in the second half of 2024.</p>



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effective and coordinated collaboration at the hemispheric level		
<p><b>Resolution No. 551</b> “Recognition of Leaders of Rurality of the Americas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank IICA and its Director General for the initiative to recognize the contributions of these male and female leaders of rurality and to recommend that this initiative be continued and expanded.</li> <li>2. To join the Institute in recognizing and thanking those who through their leadership are the guarantors of the food and nutrition security of our people and the custodians of the environmental sustainability and biodiversity of the planet.</li> <li>3. To recommend that the Institute create and expand opportunities to meet and interact with leaders of rurality, to consider their proposals and suggestions for the development of public policies.</li> <li>4. To urge the Member States of the Institute to identify and recommend to the General Directorate those individuals who are deserving of the “Soul of Rurality” award, especially women, youth and people with disabilities.</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented.	<p>In April 2024, the First Meeting of Leaders of Rurality of The Americas “Strengthening rurality through sustainable, resilient and inclusive production”, was held at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>In attendance were more than 40 leaders from 21 countries throughout the Americas, who established a network.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 552</b> “2024-2025 Program Budget”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the overall allocation of USD 33,074,100 per year from the Institute’s Regular Fund for the 2024-2025 Program Budget, financed by: (i) USD 29,574,100 in annual quota contributions from the Member States, as indicated in the scale attached</li> </ol>	Resolution being implemented.	<p>The budget is being executed as assigned by the IABA.</p> <p>An execution report will be presented to the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>hereto as Annex A, which includes the assessed quotas computed in accordance with the percentages established in the quota scale approved by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) for that year, together with over-quota contributions, and (ii) USD 3,500,000 per year in estimated miscellaneous income.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To approve the use of resources for the 2024-2025 Program Budget, in the amount of USD 33,074,100, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 419 (23), “2024-2025 Program Budget”, of which a summary by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</li> <li>3. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</li> <li>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 fiscal years 2024 and 2025 fall below the estimated levels, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</li> <li>5. To instruct the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2024-2025 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund to finance the 2024-2025 Program Budget.</li> </ol>		

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<p><b>Resolution No. 553</b> “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials of IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion.</li> <li>2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments to IICA in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</li> <li>4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with IICA, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years.</li> <li>5. To advise the Director General to prepare a study on increasing Member State quotas to offset inflationary losses during the period 2016-2023.</li> </ol>	Resolution being implemented.	The report on the collection of quotas in 2024 and previous years will be presented to the Executive Committee.
<p><b>Resolution No. 554</b> “2021 and 2022 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p>	Resolution implemented.	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the 2021 and 2022 financial statements of the Institute, as well as the reports of the external auditors.</li> <li>2. To accept the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Reports of the ARC.</li> <li>3. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the IICA Member States for the work accomplished.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 555</b> “Amendments to the Regulations of the General Directorate”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the study launched by the Director General to review the Institute’s regulations.</li> <li>2. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, to: a) adopt the modifications to regulations that are within its competence; and b) adopt and put into effect the necessary modifications to the RPGD, subject to the approval of the IABA at its 2025 Regular Meeting.</li> </ol>	Resolution being implemented.	<p>A progress report was presented to the SACMI at its 2024 Regular Meeting.</p> <p>The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee for its observations and will be subject to the approval of the IABA, if applicable.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 556</b> “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and the Forty-second and Forty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Forty-second and Forty-</p>	Resolution implemented.	

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third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”.		
<p><b>Resolution No. 557</b> “Date and Venue of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To express deep appreciation to the governments of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the United Mexican States for their offers to host the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the IABA, which demonstrates their exceptional interest in the affairs of the Institute.</li> <li>2. To accept the offer made by the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil to hold the next regular meeting of the IABA in that country.</li> </ol>	Resolution being implemented.	Negotiations are currently underway with the Government of Brazil to organize the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the IABA.