



Forty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Forty-third Regular Meeting  
of the Executive Committee**

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## I. General information

The Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in person and virtually at the Headquarters of the Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 19 – 20 July 2023. In attendance were the representatives of the Member States sitting on the 2023 Executive Committee: Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Grenada, Peru, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. Moreover, thirteen IICA Member States participated as observers, namely: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, United States of America, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The Executive Committee was chaired by Mr. Indar Weir, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Barbados. Mr. Enrique Regalado, Deputy Minister for Policies and Agricultural Development Oversight of Peru, served as Rapporteur.

## II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p><b>Resolution No. 698</b> “2022 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>To approve the 2022 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	Resolution implemented.	
<p><b>Resolution No. 699</b> “Strengthening of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the proposal presented by the General Directorate of IICA on the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development and recommend that the IABA endorse and take the necessary decisions to consolidate the initiative.</li> <li>2. To entrust the Director General of the Institute with presenting the initiative at the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas2023, for consideration by IICA Member States.</li> <li>3. To request that the Director General continue organizing technical events on various topics in support of the initiative, and to report on their</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented.	<p>The initiative was presented to the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture/IABA.</p> <p>Technical events on the different topics of the Initiative continue to be held.</p>

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<p>results at the next Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas.</p> <p>4. To urge the governments of IICA Member States to undertake and strengthen actions in the following areas: a) actions and funding to tackle climate change; b) science, technology, innovation and digital agriculture; c) the bioeconomy; d) productive, economic and social inclusion of family farming; e) equity and equality; f) One Health; and g) international trade, among other topics.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 700</b> “Hemispheric Initiative on Water and Agriculture”</p> <p>1. To support the “Water and Agriculture” initiative proposed by the Director General of the Institute and recommend that the IABA endorse and take the necessary decisions to consolidate the initiative.</p> <p>2. To recognize the strategic importance of strengthening participation by the ministries of Agriculture in designing and implementing public policies for the integrated management of water resources.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General move forward with the implementation of the initiative with IICA member countries, as well as with international agencies, financial organizations and other strategic partners, and to inform the IABA of actions in that regard.</p> <p>4. To urge the governments of Member States of the Institute to strengthen actions aimed at: a)</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	<p>The “Water and Agriculture” initiative was submitted for consideration by the IABA at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting (3-5 October 2023).</p> <p>On 27 September 2023, the Institute held the technical launch of the “Water and Agriculture” initiative. In attendance were leading authorities involved in water and agriculture in the member countries, as well as representatives of strategic partners involved in the initiative, including the University of Nebraska, the World Bank, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CAF-Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>

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<p>engaging in coordinated, harmonized work within the framework of existing coordination mechanisms, with a view to mitigating the water crisis; b) increasing water production and storage; c) making efficient use of water resources; d) strengthening governance for water management in agriculture; and e) fostering public-private investment for those purposes.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 701</b> “Participation of IICA in the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To recognize the importance of ministries and secretariats of Agriculture and Livestock of the Americas continuing to implement and increase measures to achieve a low-carbon agriculture sector.</li> <li>2. To highlight the need to support the agriculture sector to guarantee food security and sustainable development, through cooperation, research, funding and cost and risk analyses, among other measures.</li> <li>3. To instruct IICA and its Member States to continue promoting dialogue on issues related to climate change at the regional and global levels, emphasizing the role of agriculture in fostering sustainable development.</li> <li>4. To request that the Director General of the Institute prepare and present for the consideration of the next meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) a proposal on strengthening the participation of the ministries and secretariats of Agriculture of the Americas, as well as of IICA,</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	<p>The Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA (3-5 October 2023) was informed of and approved the proposal for IICA to participate in COP28.</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>at COP28, including by organizing the installation of the “Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas” pavilion.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 702</b> “2022 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-ninth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the 2022 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General of IICA to submit them to the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA for its information.</li> <li>2. To approve the Twenty-ninth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</li> <li>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</li> <li>4. To recognize the efforts undertaken by the Institute to maintain financial records with a clean opinion and to urge the Director General to continue implementing his policy of transparency.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 703</b> “2024-2025 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the IABA adopt a resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Approving the overall allocation of USD 33,074,100 per year from IICA’s Regular Fund for the 2024-2025 biennium, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of USD 29,574,100 per year, including the</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>IICA’s 2024-2025 Program Budget was presented and approved by the IABA at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting (3-5 October 2023).</p>

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<p>quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, according to the amounts indicated in the quota scale attached hereto as Annex A, and with USD 3,500,000 per year in miscellaneous resources, from income that it is estimated will be generated.</p> <p>ii. Approving the expenditure budget, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 747 (23), “2024-2025 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</p> <p>iii. Authorizing the Director General of the Institute to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total amounts do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>iv. Authorizing 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 levels estimated for the biennium, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of the situation.</p> <p>v. Instructing 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.</p>		<p>The budget is being executed as assigned by the IABA.</p> <p>An execution report will be presented to the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 704</b> “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <p>1. To thank the ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States,</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>The report on the collection of quotas in 2024 and previous years will be presented to the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To instruct the Director General to a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2023 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA’s member countries informed of progress in this area.</li> <li>3. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to IICA, which are key actions to enable the Institute to remain a strong institution that effectively carries out its mission to support its member countries.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 705</b> “Recognition of the Contribution Made by Mrs. Mitzila Samudio as a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the Government of Panama for the support provided by Mrs. Samudio, in her capacity as a member of the ARC.</li> <li>2. To recognize the excellent, dedicated and professional work of Mrs. Samudio and express its deep gratitude to her for her contributions to the ARC and to the administrative and financial management of IICA.</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented.	
<p><b>Resolution No. 706</b> “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To elect Mr. Shannon Bedminister of Dominica, to occupy the position of the member of the ARC</p>	Resolution implemented.	



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<p>reserved for a candidate proposed by all the IICA Member States, for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2024, and concluding on December 31, 2029.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 707</b> “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2021-2022”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept CATIE’s Biennial Report for 2021-2022.</li> <li>2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</li> <li>3. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA.</li> <li>4. To extend special recognition to and congratulate the Director General of CATIE, the Center’s personnel and all other individuals who, over the past 50 years, have contributed to consolidating this noble institution at the service of tropical agriculture.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 708</b> “Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for the 2021-2022 Biennium”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept CARDI’s report on the implementation of its work program for the 2021-2022 biennium and express appreciation for its presentation.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	

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<p>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 709</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 current Director General to review the Institute’s regulations.</li> <li>2. To request that, in consultation with the SACMI, the Director General present the proposed modifications to the regulations for consideration by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.</li> <li>3. To recommend that, at its next meeting, the IABA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Express support for the study launched by the current Director General to review the Institute’s regulations.</li> <li>b) 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> </li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented.</p>	<p>The proposal was presented and approved at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA (3-5 October 2023).</p> <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. 710</b> “Report of the 2023 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2023 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	

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<p><b>Resolution No. 711</b> “Status of the Resolutions of the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <p>To accept the following reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee” and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”.</p>	Resolution implemented.	
<p><b>Resolution No. 712</b> “Provisional Agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 – Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the provisional agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 – Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</li> <li>2. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with the ministers of Agriculture of their respective countries the importance of their presence at this event.</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented.	
<p><b>Resolution No. 713</b> “Date and Venue of the Forty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To hold the Forty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2024.</li> <li>2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</li> </ol>	Resolution implemented.	

### III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p><b>Resolution No. 506</b> “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p> <p><i>Article 3 m. of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA –an annual report on its activities, which may include recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect.</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect.</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2023 is available on the Information System of the Executive Committee and will be presented as an information document at its Forty-fourth Regular Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 572</b> “IICA cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013</p> <p>To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s facilitation of Member States’ collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect.</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect.</p>	<p>The report on joint activities carried out by IICA and the MIOA to promote agricultural market information, as well as the institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA, will be presented as an information document at the Forty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>