



Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting
of the Executive Committee**

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I. General information

The Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 17-18 July 2018. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.¹

Mr. Mauricio Guevara, Secretary of State of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock (SAG) of Honduras, served as Chair of the Meeting, and Mrs. Patricia Giménez, Argentina's Ambassador to Costa Rica, acted as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 629 “2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP) of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>1. To approve IICA’s 2018-2022 MTP as the frame of reference for the Institute’s actions during the period in question, and to instruct the Director General to incorporate the suggestions made by the Member States.</p> <p>2. To express satisfaction with the broad participation of the countries during the process of preparing the 2018-2022 MTP and to urge the Member States of the Institute to support its implementation at the national, regional and hemispheric levels.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The relevant suggestions of the Member States have been incorporated into the 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 631 “Strengthening of the strategic alliances of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>1. To thank the Director General and the different strategic partners for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements with the Institute, in order to strengthen and</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

¹ The system involving rotation of Member States on the Executive Committee was established by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 515, and was approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 25-26 October 2017.

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<p>bolster international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States to support and promote joint actions that result in new strategic alliances for IICA, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 632 “Strengthening the relationship between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the private sector”</p> <p>1. To thank the Director General of the Institute and the private sector representatives for their efforts to engage in dialogue about the joint role that they play in the development of agriculture in the Americas.</p> <p>2. To urge Member States to acknowledge the importance of strengthening the relationship between the private and public sectors as well as civil society on international cooperation matters for the development of agriculture in the hemisphere.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 633 “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, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Thank you letters for the payment of quotas have been sent out.</p> <p>Constant communication with the Member Countries has been maintained in order to manage the collection of quotas owed, while highlighting the importance of these resources.</p>

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<p>3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2018 and those owed for previous years; and, b) keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to IICA, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in July 2019, the Member States will be informed of progress made in the collection of quotas.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 634 “2017 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-fourth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To accept the 2017 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 Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the Twenty-fourth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p> <p>4. To instruct the Director General of IICA to submit a written report on the Institute’s challenges and efforts to address the basis for the qualified opinion of the external auditors, and to continue to seek solutions.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The financial statements of the Institute will be submitted to the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Institute has followed up on the recommendations issued by the ARC, whose Twenty-fifth report will be presented at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Director General’s report on the Institute’s efforts to find solutions to address the basis for the qualified opinion will be presented at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 635 “Appointment of external auditors of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the 2018 – 2019 biennium”</p> <p>To appoint the firm of Deloitte & Touche S.A. as the external auditors of IICA and CATIE for the 2018-2019 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two years.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 636 “2019 Program Budget”</p> <p>To approve the expenditure budget for 2019, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 679 (18), “2019 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 637 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2016-2017”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2016-2017 and to thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation. 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. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	

<p>Resolution No. 638 “Biennial report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2016-2017”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the presentation of the report on activities implemented during the 2016-2017 biennium. 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>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 639 “Report on the relationship between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Report on the relationship between IICA and FAO. 2. To thank FAO’s Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica and the Director General of the Institute for their presentation and efforts in implementing the memorandum of understanding. 3. To urge IICA and FAO to continue to strengthen linkages and mechanisms for the implementation of joint activities, in order to further contribute to the efforts of the Member States of both organizations to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 506 “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 2018 will be presented as an information document at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 572 “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 the Market Information Systems (MIS) and the MIOA, will be presented as an information document at the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>