

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 13

**“CARLOS AQUINO GONZÁLEZ” CENTER FOR APPLIED KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION IN AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS, IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That the XXVIII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in March 2023, adopted the **Critical Path to Achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Food Security in Ibero-America**, which includes a series of urgent actions to be carried out bearing in mind each country’s unique characteristics and priorities;

That one of those actions involves “strengthening the rural digital infrastructure for innovation and knowledge management”, which will require “increasing public-private investment in digital infrastructure and access to broadband in rural areas, thereby expanding access to digital platforms for innovation in agricultural systems, trade access and knowledge management in the rural areas of Ibero-American countries, especially developing countries”;

That, as a result, the Summit decided to “support the creation and entry into operation of the CARLOS AQUINO GONZÁLEZ Center for Applied Knowledge Management and Innovation in Agrifood Systems, launched by the Dominican Republic with the support of IICA (...);

That, at the IABA meeting, the Delegation of the Dominican Republic made the Center available to the Member States of the Institute and announced that it would house the IICA Delegation in that country;

That this initiative is aligned with the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse and support the initiative of the Government of the Dominican Republic to create the CARLOS AQUINO GONZÁLEZ Center for Applied Knowledge Management and Innovation in Agrifood Systems.
2. To thank the Government of the Dominican Republic for providing the Institute's Delegation in that country with its own facilities.
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.