

Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023

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



3 to 5
October



San Jose
Costa Rica

Provisional schedule

Date and time	Activity		Place
Wednesday, 4 October			
07:00	Participants transported to IICA	IICA personnel	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
07:40	Registration continues		
08:00-08:30	Preparatory session - Election of meeting officials - Approval of meeting schedule	Heads of delegation, Director General, Deputy Director General, Technical Secretary and Legal Advisor of the Governing Bodies	
Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 “Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”			
08:30-09:00	Remarks by the Director General of IICA	Director General of IICA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
09:00-09:30	Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	
09:30-11:00	Forum 1: “Bridging gaps in innovation, science and technology, with special emphasis on digital agriculture and the bioeconomy” Speakers: - Mr. Michael Kremer, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics - Minister of the Central Region (Panama) - Minister of the Southern Region (Argentina) - Minister of the Northern Region (Canada) Comments by the Member States Signing of a memorandum of understanding between IICA and the University of Chicago	Heads of delegation	
11:00-11:30	Break		Main lobby
11:30-13:00	Forum 2: “Scaling up climate funding: opportunities for agriculture” Speakers - Mr. Rattan Lal, recipient of the World Food Prize - Minister of the Andean Region (Ecuador) - Minister of the Central Region (El Salvador) - Minister of the Caribbean Region (Barbados) Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
13:00-14:30	Working luncheon “Trade and integration”		Auditoriums

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14:30-16:00	Forum 3: “Including family farming, women and youth in the development of agrifood systems” Speakers - Mrs. Graciela Fernández Quintas, President of the International Cooperative Alliance for the Americas - Minister of the Southern Region (Brazil) - Minister of the Andean Region (Colombia) - Minister of the Northern Region (Mexico) - Minister of the Southern Region (Chile) Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
16:00-17:30	Forum 4: “Agricultural health in agrifood systems” Speakers - Mrs. Carol Thomas, Agricultural Health and Food Safety Consultant - Minister of the Northern Region (United States of America) - Minister of the Southern Region (Paraguay) - Minister of the Caribbean Region (Dominican Republic) Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	
17:30-17:50	Break		
17:50-18:10	Presentation of a gift to IICA on behalf of the Government of Ecuador		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
18:10-18:30	Informational video on COP28		
18:30-19:30	Side-event: “Roundtable on funding for food security and sustainable development” Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Mr. Álvaro Lario, President Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) Mrs. Alicia Montalvo Santamaría, Climate Action and Positive Biodiversity Manager, Corporate Vice Presidency of Strategic Programming Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Mr. Juan Pablo Bonilla, Manager of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector World Bank Mr. David Treguer, Program Leader, Sustainable Development, Central America and the Dominican Republic Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	

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Thursday, 5 October			
08:00	Participants transported to IICA		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
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09:00-09:10	Welcoming remarks by the Director General	Director General of IICA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
09:10-09:40	Agreements of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023	Heads of delegation	
09:40-10:40	Financial and programmatic-budgetary situation	Directorate of Corporate Services	
	- Financial Statements of IICA for 2021 and 2022 and Reports of the External Auditors		
	- Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)	Audit Review Committee (ARC)	
	- Video	Directorate of Corporate Services	
	- 2024-2025 Program Budget		
	- Report on the Collection of Quotas	Financial Management Division	
	- Amendments to the regulations of the General Directorate of IICA	Legal Advisor of the Governing Bodies	
	Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	
10:40-11:10	Break		Main lobby
11:10-11:30	Report of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the period 2022-2023	Technical Secretariat	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
	Report on the Status of Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA and of the Forty-second and Forty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee		
	Date and venue of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the IABA		
11:30-12:00	Reading and approval of draft resolutions	Rapporteur and heads of delegation	
12:00-14:00	Working luncheon "Water and Agriculture Initiative"		Auditoriums

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14:00-14:50	<p>The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Mr. Mario Lubetkin, Assistant Director-General of FAO and Regional Representative of FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>IICA Mr. Manuel Otero, Director General</p> <p>Comments by the Member States</p>	<p>Personnel of ECLAC, FAO and IICA</p> <p>Heads of delegation</p>	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
14:50-15:40	<p>"Leaders of Rurality in the Americas"</p> <p>Chile Mr. Alfredo Carrasco</p> <p>Honduras Mrs. Eodora Méndez</p> <p>Guyana Mrs. Rosamund Benn</p>	Institutional Communication Division	
15:40-16:20	<p>"The importance of public-private coordination to transform agrifood systems"</p> <p>Maris Llorens Foundation Mrs. Maris Llorens, Director</p> <p>Bayer Crop Science Mr. Alejandro Girardi, Head of Agricultural Affairs Sustainability for Latin America</p> <p>National Milk Producers Federation / United States Dairy Export Council Mr. Jaime Castañeda, Executive Vice President for Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Federation of Agricultural Chambers of Central America and the Dominican Republic (FECAGRO) Mr. Francisco González, President</p>		
16:20	Close of meeting	Director General of IICA Chair of the IABA	
16:30	Optional tour of the "IICA of Open Doors" (CIMAG, FabLab, Plaza of Agriculture of the Americas, Forest of the Americas, Typical Rural House)	IICA personnel	