

The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean



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Purpose of this intervention

- Release of the 7th edition of **The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas.**
- Presentation of the web based platform **AGRIRURAL** (www.agrirural.org).
- The future of this effort.





Context in which this document takes place

- Period of economic slowdown.
- The Sustainable Development Goals.
- International agreements on climate change.
- Change in trade policies in several countries.
- Geopolitical tensions, migration and terrorism.



Sustainable Development Goals: its relationship with agriculture and rural life



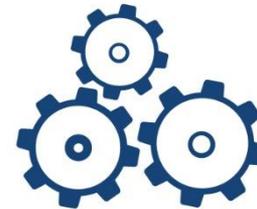
Need to use “food system” approaches



Implications:
-Production
-Food security and social wellbeing.



Contribution to 16 SDG (more than 30 priority goals)



Coordination and multi sectoral approaches



Need of implementing monitoring and evaluation systems

 What happened with agriculture during this period?

Unequal growth
between countries



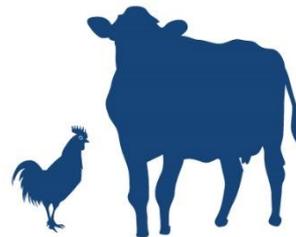
Income was affected by changes
in commodity prices and
exchange rate policies



Uncertainty for
cereals and oilseeds



Strengthening of the region
position in fruits, vegetables
and beverages



Very dynamic livestock sector
concentrated in few countries

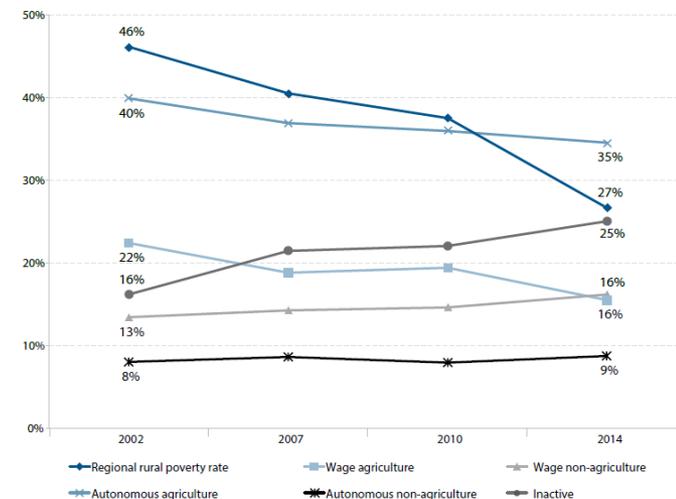
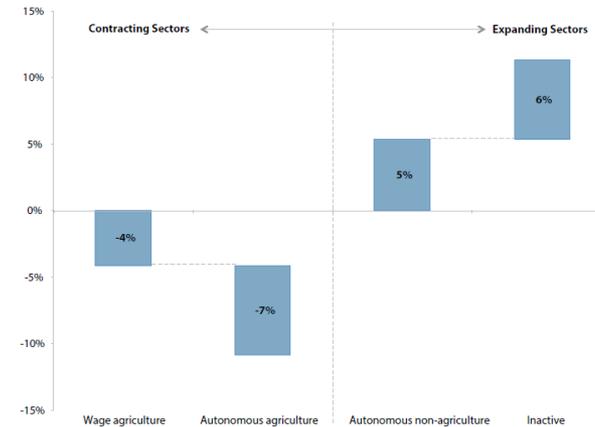


Fisheries and aquaculture
had increased their economic
and social importance



What happened with agriculture during this period?

- The region continues to have one the highest deforestation rates in the world (2 million ha/y).
- Population continues to change from agriculture to non agriculture in the region but there are still 30 million rural households.
- Renewed efforts to re-orient support to producers and to modernize sectoral policies.



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Outlook

- The Region is facing serious risks due to:
 - Changes in trade and national policies of main partners.
 - Reshaping of geopolitical architecture and deepening of conflicts, migration and terrorism.
 - Will to continue with structural reforms.
 - Demand and prices for primary commodities and food products.
 - Climate change effects and competition for natural resources.
 - Appearance of pest and diseases.
 - Undernutrition and obesity.



Outlook

- But there are good perspectives for the Region:
 - Consolidation as top exporter region in cereals and oilseeds.
 - Strengthen the region position on global markets for fruits, vegetables and beverages.
 - Livestock production will continue to growth but will face important scrutiny.
 - Aquaculture will be one the sectors with the highest growth.
 - There will be an increase attention to non wood production functions by forest.

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Outlook

- Countries in the Region will continue to strengthen their policies to improve productivity in a sustainable and inclusive manner.
 - “Sustainable intensification of agriculture”
 - Integral risk management.
 - Monitoring and evaluation.
 - Adjust trade policies.
 - Adjust producer support.



Recommendations: Toward a sustainable productivity

Implement integral strategies for public policies:



Macro-economic policies and structural reforms



Modernize regulations



Trade policies and strengthening of internal markets



Strengthening investment, innovation and infrastructure

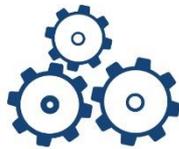


Recommendations: Toward a sustainable productivity

A the sectoral level:



Promote the use of new technologies, machinery and precision agriculture



Improve value chain integration



Improve information system, the generation of evidence and its use in decision making



Continue working to give attention to climate change



Strengthen processes for monitoring and evaluation of public policies



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The future of this effort



Thank you!

