

Significant achievements 2018



United States of America

- IICA has enhanced its relationship with USDA and the Department of State, enabling an improved IICA-US strategy. Discussions with USDA with respect to renewing the general agreement also sought to establish the basis for a new strategy.
- IICA's work was given increased visibility within the framework of the **Organization of American States (OAS)**, and by way of ongoing communication with ambassadors to the OAS, as well as with agricultural attaches of selected IICA member countries with representation in Washington.
- As part of the **Memorandum of Understanding signed with the OAS**, IICA supported the Summit of the Americas Process, participating in the emergency response group to address the damage caused by hurricanes in the Caribbean in 2017; serving as a member of the task force to tackle non-communicable diseases, coordinated by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO); and holding discussions on the development of a project with PAHO to address chronic renal disease in rural areas of Central America.
- The Institute strengthened its relationship with financial organizations and global donors, particularly with the **IDB and the World Bank**. In partnership with these institutions, and with the **IFPRI and McKinsey & Company**, IICA began preparation of a report on the future of agriculture and food systems in LAC. Additionally, in collaboration with IDB, IICA participated in the Latin America Working Group Call to review the scope of collaboration that will facilitate partnerships and alignment for improved food systems in Latin America.
- Project proposals and concept notes, prepared by or in collaboration with IICA, were submitted to **US Government agencies, Nature Conservancy, Food for Progress and USAID**.
- The Institute also collaborated with international organizations such as **IFPRI, CropLife, Global Harvest Initiative**, in technical events and/or projects. In partnership with IFPRI, IICA began to work on the organization of a forum and the preparation of a report on banking and financial systems, agricultural development, food systems, and financial inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- IICA increased its technical presence by attending international events such as **USDA Outlook and World Food Prize**, where issues currently affecting agriculture were discussed. This information was then shared within IICA and its member states under the knowledge management and communication initiatives for the region.
- IICA acted as the Technical Secretariat for the **Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)**, providing follow-up on the progress of projects and organizing its Executive Committee meetings.
- IICA is providing support to the **Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR)** that conducts



research in critical areas to improve agriculture in the United States. The Institute is represented on FFAR's Advisory Council on Food System Innovation, providing advice and recommendations on policy and

program development and implementation, as well as identifying new and emerging issues of significance to the Foundation's mission and goals.



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