

# Significant achievements 2018



## The Bahamas



- The Grand Bahama Youth Apiculture Development project was implemented in partnership with the Bahamas Development Bank (BDB), the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) in Grand Bahama and the Department of Cooperatives (DOC). Through the project twenty-four (24) beekeepers and entrepreneurs between the ages of 18-25 completed training in apiculture, agri-business, agri-tourism, public speaking and customer service; capacity building and institutional strengthening exercises were conducted, spurring the formation of the Grand Bahama Beekeepers Cooperative Society Ltd (GBBC); and ten new agri-businesses were established in Grand Bahama, involving commodities such as honey, soaps, candles, souvenirs, shoe and furniture polish, among many others.
- The Caribbean Bee College (CBC), a signature event of the University of Florida, partnered with IICA to host the first CBC on the island of Grand Bahama. CBC included both a beginner and advanced track, which offered theoretical and practical instruction for 40 persons, who were trained on how to utilize all the resources of the hive.
- IICA, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources and the WTO, conducted an intervention that trained 95 exporters, processors, producers and staff from the Ministries of Agriculture and Trade, focusing on specific issues related to the WTO agreement and possible implications and opportunities for the Bahamas.
- Working with the Bahamas Agricultural Health and Food Safety Authority (BAHFSA), IICA provided technical assistance to support the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) system related to the determination, prioritization, prevention and management of pathogens that affect agricultural health, food safety and public health in The Bahamas.
- In a bid to strengthen the production sector, IICA conducted two workshops on New Providence and Abaco, entitled “Fostering Competitive Value Chains: Capacity Building in the Governance of Producer Organizations, which enabled 50 producers to better inform themselves to participate in value chains. As one aspect of proper group governance, the workshops highlighted capacity building in strategic planning, as well as opportunities for trade, pending signing of the WTO agreement by The Bahamas.
- The Institute continued its initiative to promote Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) with the final production of a CSA video specific to The Bahamas and the organization of an aquaponics workshop on the island of Grand Bahama, which trained 20 producers.
- IICA held seminars on livestock management and nutrition, poultry production and project proposal development, training 80 persons. Technical assistance and logistical support were provided to the Grand Bahama Beekeepers Cooperative (GBBC) and the Bahamas Network of Rural Women Producers (BAHNROP), in the areas of grant writing and agro-processing, respectively.

- IICA also improved the Bahamian government's capacity to manage policies, plans and strategies, and strengthened its institutional framework, in keeping with international commitments, including in the development of proposals

for regulations in Agricultural Health and Food Safety, as well as support for the participation of The Bahamas in international organizations and its compliance with international agreements (*CODEX*, OIE, IPPC and WTO).



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