



Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the Resolutions of the
Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA – Rev. 1**

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I. General Information

The Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held at the Headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 29-31 October 2019. Mr. Osmar Benítez, Minister of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic, chaired the meeting, and Mr. Clarence Rambharat, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries of Trinidad and Tobago, served as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 518 Report on “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean”</p> <p>1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as a useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.</p> <p>2. To urge ECLAC, FAO and IICA to continue to jointly prepare this report, to operate the platform www.agrirural.org and to generate additional, complementary products, by allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out these tasks.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” prepared jointly by IICA, FAO and ECLAC, was presented to the Member States of IICA.</p> <p>For the 2019 edition, the three institutions agreed to modify the structure of the report to make it shorter. The report examines agriculture and rurality from a much broader perspective, and provides a comprehensive view of economic-productive, social and environmental aspects as they relate to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a frame of reference. The report includes a special chapter on the potential of the bioeconomy within the framework of the 2030 Agenda.</p>

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<p>3. To support these efforts by requesting that the member countries provide the official information required for advancing the construction of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 519 “Strategic proposal on the operational framework for CATIE”</p> <p>1. To establish a special committee, pursuant to Article 60 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, in order to study, analyze and make recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the following:</p> <p>a. Measures to make the land belonging to IICA and CATIE more productive;</p> <p>b. The feasibility of incorporating CATIE as a division of IICA in charge of technical and scientific research and post-graduate education in agricultural sciences, as well as other structural options that may lead to more efficient and economical integration and coordination that meet the needs of the Member States.</p> <p>2. To include the following Member States as members of this special committee: Mexico, Honduras and Costa Rica, which are also Regular Members of CATIE, and Ecuador, Jamaica and the United States, as well as thank them for their willingness to participate in the activities of the committee.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE provide this special committee with the technical, legal and secretariat support it requires to fulfill its mandate.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The special committee, which was established during the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA, will present its recommendations to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.</p> <p>The General Directorate of IICA held the first virtual meeting of the special committee on 12 February 2020. The countries participating in the meeting agreed to establish a technical secretariat</p>

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<p>4. To thank the Director General of IICA, the Director General of CATIE, former Director General of IICA Martín Piñeiro and other members of the <i>ad hoc</i> working group for the document entitled “Strategic Proposal for the Future of CATIE”, which has achieved progress in analyzing and evaluating the topics that will be overseen by this special committee moving forward.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>responsible for following up on the actions requested in this resolution. Mrs. María de Lourdes Cruz, representative of Mexico, was appointed Secretary. The Secretariat also requested that the General Directorate designate a contact person at IICA, who would be responsible for fielding queries; this duty was assigned to Mr. Erick Quirós.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 520 “Ministerial commitment to pesticide-related provisions of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures”</p> <p>1. To affirm the importance of the work undertaken by the WTO SPS Committee to examine pesticide maximum residue limit-related issues that have an adverse impact on international trade in food and agricultural products.</p> <p>2. To achieve consensus in the Western Hemisphere on collaborative actions to address pesticide-related issues that impact agricultural trade including from developing countries, for example, through the promotion of collaboration in the generation of necessary data for setting trade-facilitative and regionally relevant MRLs, especially for specialty crops.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>3. To affirm the importance of the risk analysis process for assessing, managing and communicating risks of concern associated with pesticide exposure in order to protect public health while enabling trade of safe food and agricultural products.</p> <p>4. To commit to improving transparency and predictability in the establishment and adoption of national MRLs.</p> <p>5. To strengthen the implementation of the SPS Agreement by working collectively to enhance shared understanding of the provisions, including scientific justification, as they pertain to MRLs.</p> <p>6. To affirm the importance of the Codex Alimentarius Commission as the relevant international standard-setting body for pesticide MRLs and to actively enable and facilitate regional participation in the work of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues and Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues.</p> <p>7. To apply the same principles stated above to other issues associated with MRLs, such as heavy metals.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 521 “Strengthening of the Agricultural Health, Safety and Food Quality Program”</p> <p>1. To recognize and congratulate IICA for its achievements through work and actions in the fields of plant health, animal health, as well as food safety and quality over the past forty years.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The Agricultural Health, Safety and Food Quality Program has been working to identify strategic partners and sources of external funding. It has managed to secure approximately USD 2,500,000 in funding to support capacity building in food safety, maximum residue levels, antimicrobial resistance, as well as in pest and disease control. The Program has played a role in the adoption of science- and risk-analysis-</p>

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<p>2. To request that the Director General present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, a proposal for strengthening cooperation activities related to agricultural health within the framework of this Program, which could include the establishment of voluntary funds for this purpose.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>based decisions, the participation of official delegations in Codex Alimentarius meetings and in the review of proposed standards by international standard-setting bodies in food safety, and plant and animal health. It has also signed an agreement for a EUR 1.2 million project focusing on sanitary and phytosanitary measures in the Caribbean Region. Despite budgetary restrictions due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Program continues to work to identify options to incorporate the use of new technologies in the activities of official AHFS services.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 522 “Interpretive Center for Tomorrow’s Agriculture”</p> <p>1. To thank and congratulate the General Directorate of IICA and Microsoft for the initiative of establishing CIMAG.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge and underscore the strategic role that CIMAG will play in disseminating information on the agriculture sector in the Americas.</p> <p>3. To urge the General Directorate of IICA to work together with the Member States to generate linkages with new public and private partners that can help to consolidate CIMAG, as well as with the ministries of agriculture, rural development, education and other related areas to promote its use by the Member States of the Institute.</p> <p>4. To urge the General Directorate of IICA to explore the establishment of other Interpretive Centers for Tomorrow’s Agriculture in other regions of the hemisphere.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 523 “2020-2021 Program Budget”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the overall allocation of USD 32,074,100 per year from the Institute’s Regular Fund for the 2020-2021 Program Budget, financed with USD 29,574,100 annually in quota contributions from the Member States, as per the amounts indicated in the scale attached hereto as Annex A, including assessed quotas and over-quota contributions; and with USD 2,500,000 per year in miscellaneous resources, from income that it is estimated will be generated; the assessed quotas will be those computed in accordance with the percentages established in the quota scale approved by the General Assembly of the OAS for that year. 2. To approve the use of resources for the 2020-2021 Program Budget, in the amount of USD 32,074,100 in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 396 (19), “2020-2021 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B. 3. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not significantly affect the priorities approved. 4. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 fall below estimated levels, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation. 5. To instruct the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2020-2021 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund used to finance the 2020-2021 Program Budget. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>At its Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee recommended that the IABA approve resolution No. 650 regarding the 2020-2021 Program Budget at its Twentieth Regular Meeting.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 524 “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials of the Institute’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to IICA in a timely fashion. 2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years. 3. To instruct the Director General of IICA to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area. 4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with the Institute, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Thank you notes for quota payments have been sent out. Constant communication highlighting the importance of these resources has been maintained in order to manage the collection of quotas owed for previous periods.</p> <p>Updated information on progress made in the collection of quotas will be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Fortieth Regular Meeting.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 525 “2017 and 2018 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 2017 and 2018 financial statements of IICA, as well as the reports of the external auditors. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>2. To accept the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Reports of the ARC.</p> <p>3. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of the Institute for the work accomplished.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 526 “Status of the resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 527 “Date and venue of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”</p> <p>To hold the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second half of 2021, without prejudice to the possibility of the Executive Committee accepting an invitation to hold the meeting at another site, pursuant to Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA.</p>	Resolution in effect	
<p>Resolution No. 528 “Strengthening of the strategic alliances of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>1. To thank the Director General of IICA and the different strategic partners of the Institute for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding with IICA, in order to strengthen and bolster</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States to support and promote the joint actions resulting from the Institute’s new strategic alliances, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 529 “Multilateral coordination in support of small developing States and low-lying developing countries”</p> <p>To request that the Director General:</p> <p>1. Strengthen IICA’s coordination of efforts with other public and international organizations, donors, and other strategic partners engaged in agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.</p> <p>2. Develop and discuss with those strategic partners a proposal for a coordinated approach to effectively address the sectoral challenges and opportunities for agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.</p> <p>3. Present a report to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on progress in developing and discussing that proposal with the pertinent strategic partners, together with the corresponding recommendations. These recommendations may include, among others, the convening of a meeting of the strategic partners for the purpose of reaching the necessary agreements.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>IICA has been developing multiple efforts aimed at providing more support to the Caribbean region. However, due to the health emergency caused by COVID 19, these efforts have had to be redirected. CARICOM's agriculture ministers, in a meeting convened by IICA on 16 April this year, decided that the approach will be to ensure human food security and the protection of agrifood chains.</p>