



## Important achievements in 2016

- Local implementation of regional ACP-EU Projects (APP and SPS Projects) allowed for the preparation and adoption of National Regulations for Plant Health and Food Safety, to be made official by the Bahamian Government.
- The BAMSI-CARDI project and two CARDI projects on Small Ruminants, Sweet Potato and Cassava were implemented, thus achieving the introduction of 3 new varieties of Cassava and 9 new varieties of sweet potato from Cuba (INIVIT) and Dominican Republic (IDIAF). Capacity building in hardening of tissue culture; equipment and materials for improving breeds of sheep and goats; and capacity building all along the chains were also achieved.
- The Bahamian Government has improved capacities to manage policies, plans and strategies, and has strengthened its institutional framework in harmony with international commitments and including Proposals for regulations in Agricultural Health and Food Safety as well as support for participation and compliance with international organizations and agreements (*CODEX*, OIE, IPPC, WTO, etc.).
- The capacities of more than 100 farmers, processors, officers from public and private organizations were strengthened through training and technical assistance from IICA in achieving food safety along the value chains, including food handler inspectors in ServSafe certification as well as in meat fabrication and processing to add value to sheep, goat, pork and poultry products.
- The Beekeeping sector in 6 islands has been strengthened through training of more than 200 participants, along with the introduction of new Langstroh hives brought in from Belize; training in Permaculture and the introduction of Perone Hives, as well as support to the cooperative movement.
- Support was provided to the Ministry of Agriculture in organizing the Agribusiness Expo and in its capacity building program. IICA headlined the World Hunger Day with the participation of IICA Delegation in the United States. IICA was also a part of the Steering Committee of the Sponge Revitalization Project with IDB-BAIC, and provided agro-ecotourism training organized by CTL and SAGARPA in Mexico.
- An initiative to address the adaptation of agriculture to climate change was launched and the drafting of an initial strategy began at a workshop conducted by IICA with a team of specialists from the main public and private institutions. A draft strategy is pending discussion and follow up activities.
- Horizontal cooperation was implemented through collaboration with Jamaica (HCCP and farm management-agribusiness training), and St. Lucia (reorganization of agricultural and fisheries marketing boards to implement a new, more efficient marketing system). IICA made use of its expertise from Costa Rica, Canada, USA, Mexico, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Belize.
- IICA provided support to The Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) in the Cayman Islands by preparing 6 project profiles to be presented at the investment forum, and assisted in the formalization of the Caribbean Culinary Association, to promote linkages between local producers and the tourism industry.

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