

Important achievements in 2016

- IICA supported the formulation of the Draft National Agricultural Policy document and action plan by hosting two national consultations with members of the public and private sectors to review and comment on the policy framework and supporting action plan.
- Capacities of fifteen producer organizations and five support agencies were strengthened in governance within producer organizations through a training workshop organized by IICA and supported by the 10th EDF Agricultural Policy Programme. The workshop improved leadership qualities among the executive members and increased their knowledge of the legal requirements for creating businesses and conducting the business of producer groups.
- The capacities of twenty agricultural professionals were strengthened to undertake Good Agricultural Practice audits *vis-a-vis* international standards, through a training workshop hosted by IICA in collaboration with the OECS Commission and supported by the 10th EDF SPS Project.
- Seventeen agro-processors improved their knowledge of labeling and packaging technology to include labeling standards and requirements, suitable packaging material and equipment required by their businesses. IICA hosted a workshop in collaboration with Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and Caribbean Farmers Network (CAFAN), as well as the Dominica Bureau of Standards (DBOS), with funding under the 10th EDF Agricultural Policy Programme.
- Twenty-five Fresh Produce Exporters, Packinghouse Operators and Farmers increased their knowledge of postharvest handling, quality standards and traceability for dasheen and other roots through a workshop organized by IICA, in collaboration with CARDI and CAFAN, the Dominica Bureau of Standards (DBOS) and the Dominica Export-Import Agency (DEXIA).
- IICA, assisted in the establishment of three model units demonstrating technology of resilient/mitigation best practices for land management and crop production to serve as teaching tools for 30 farmers and 10 Extensionists. A resource person was engaged to develop DRM strategies for specific agricultural regions in response to climate change challenges, while farmers in three agricultural regions have access to documented DRM strategies that are specific to their region.
- Thirty-five persons including heads of units, policy planners, and technicians of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and producers have enhanced capacities and knowledge of climate change, its relevance and potential impacts on the agricultural sector, and how to integrate adaptation into the plans and actions of the agricultural sector. IICA undertook a training workshop to strengthen the technical and methodological capacities of relevant stakeholders in Dominica for integrating climate change adaptation into agricultural sector development and strategies, and to introduce concepts of climate proofing and climate finance options to policy makers.

- The capacity of the general public, and more particularly the members of the agricultural community have access to documented best practices on technologies and practices that have contributed to climate smart agriculture. Dominica participated in the regional Climate Smart Agriculture Competition entitled “Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA): Stories from Farmers in the Eastern Caribbean States”, organized by IICA in partnership with the Ministries of Agriculture in the Eastern Caribbean States.
- Seventeen senior technicians with the public service have increased knowledge of climate smart agricultural practices, policies and

options for the Caribbean region, through their participation in five regional Webinars organized by IICA in order to create a neutral space where all can share, learn, plan and promote policies, strategies and actions towards more productive, low emission, sustainable agricultural systems that are well adapted to the changing climate of the Caribbean.

- Five eco-sites and four forest trails have been rehabilitated and restored following the passage of tropical storm Erika, thanks to an IICA-FAO Externally Funded Project. Farmers and users of the forest trails and eco-sites now have improved access to these facilities.

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