



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Status of the resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)

San Jose, Costa Rica
21-22 May 2014

I. General Information

The Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from September 24-27, 2013. Mr. Lorenzo Basso, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina, chaired the meeting, and Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, served as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

RESOLUTION	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p>Resolution No. 479 <i>“Management Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for the period 2010-2013”</i></p> <p>1. To accept the 2010-2013 Management Report.</p> <p>2. To congratulate the Director General and the staff of the Institute on the results achieved during the period 2010-2013 in relation to both technical cooperation and the process of financial strengthening and modernization of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 480 <i>“Report on The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas 2014”</i></p> <p>To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas 2014,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as an extremely useful tool for the task of analysis and policy making.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 481 <i>“Authorization for the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the Medium-term Plan of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for 2014-2018”</i></p> <p>1. To instruct the Director General to prepare IICA’s MTP for 2014-2018 in consultation with the Member States,</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>On March 27, 2014, during the Regular Meeting of the SACMI, the Director General presented</p>

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<p>considering as basic guidelines: (i) the resolutions in force of the IABA and of the Executive Committee, and (ii) the guidelines for the actions of the Institute contained in IICA's 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>2. To authorize the Executive Committee to approve, at its Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, IICA's MTP for 2014-2018, as well as the required adjustments to the Institute's 2014-2015 Program Budget in order to implement it.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>the proposed 2014-2018 Medium-term Plan (MTP) to the Member States, which offered suggestions and made recommendations concerning adjustments to the plan.</p> <p>The adjusted proposed 2014-2018 MTP will be presented to the Executive Committee at the governing body's Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, scheduled to take place from May 21-22, 2014, in San Jose, Costa Rica.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 482 <i>“Strengthening of the capabilities for managing water resources for agriculture in the Americas”</i></p> <p>1. To request that the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), within the framework of the Declaration of Ministers of Agriculture Argentina 2013, assist the ministers of agriculture with the design and adoption of an inter-American agenda on water for agriculture, with integrated water resources management as its central element.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General of IICA to incorporate integrated water resources management into the priorities of the Institute's Medium-term Plan for 2014-2018, with emphasis on improving the use of water in agriculture, as well on participation and contribution by other technical and financial institutions in support of the implementation of the Inter-American Agenda on Water for Agriculture.</p> <p>3. To request that IICA submit for consideration by the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a proposal for incorporating the issue of water in agriculture into its technical cooperation</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>In the proposed 2014-2018 MTP that is being presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, integrated water resources management is included as one of the areas on which the Institute's technical cooperation will focus. Once the Executive Committee has approved the MTP and the budget for implementing it, one of the next objectives will be to design the hemispheric agenda on the subject.</p>

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<p>program, including the budget required to implement the component in question.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 483 <i>“Report on the collection of quotas”</i></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 in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute. 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 in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years. 3. To instruct the Director General 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, especially those countries that have agreed plans with the Institute for the payment of quotas owed for previous years. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Institute has sent letters of appreciation and continued to provide follow-up to the payment of quotas as planned, with satisfactory results.</p> <p>The latest information on the results achieved in collecting quotas will be presented to the Executive Committee at the governing body’s Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, due to be held from May 21-22, 2014.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 484 <i>“2011-2012 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Eighteenth and Nineteenth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 2011 and 2012 financial statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), as well as the reports of the external auditors. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>To accept the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Reports of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of IICA for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 485 <i>“2014-2015 Program Budget”</i></p> <p>1. Approve the amount of USD33,910,000 per year from the Regular Fund as the 2014-2015 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States totaling USD27,810,000 per year, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, and USD6,100,000 per year in miscellaneous income, consisting of USD3,500,000 estimated to be generated annually and the use of up to USD2,600,000 per year of the resources of the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p> <p>2. Approve the use of resources for the 2014 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 362 (13), “2014-2015 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as “Annex B” to this resolution.</p> <p>3. Instruct the Director General to present to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, a draft budget of expenditures of the funds approved for the 2015 Program Budget, consistent with the priorities of the new Medium-term Plan of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Implementation is under way of the Program Budget for the first half of 2014, in strict compliance with the allocation of resources approved in Resolution No. 485.</p> <p>Implementation of the new 2014-2018 Medium-term Plan will begin in the second half of the year.</p> <p>A proposed expenditure budget for the funds approved for the 2015 Program Budget will be submitted to the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. The proposed budget will dovetail with the priorities of the Institute’s proposed new Medium-term Plan.</p>

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<p>4. Authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than fifteen per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>5. Authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years 2014 and 2015 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 486 <i>“General Power of Attorney of the Director General-elect of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for the period 2014-2018”</i></p> <p>1. To grant to the Director General-elect general power of attorney for a period of four years, beginning January 15, 2014, so that he may faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of Director General conferred upon him under Article 20 of the Convention and Chapter II of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate.</p> <p>2. To confer this general power of attorney pursuant to the general stipulations of the Civil Code of the Republic of Costa Rica, the host country of the Institute and, in particular, to Article 1253 of said Code.</p> <p>3. To authorize the Director General-elect, Dr. Víctor Manuel Villalobos Arámbula, to grant and revoke powers of attorney of all kinds, and to register the power of attorney conferred upon him, where indicated.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>As authorized in the resolution, the Director General proceeded to register the general power of attorney, which is valid from January 15, 2014 to January 15, 2018, with the Public Record Office of Costa Rica.</p> <p>Under the legal instrument in question, the Director General is granted all the powers established in the resolution.</p>

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4. To request that the Director General-elect carry out the other legal procedures required to comply with this resolution.	Operative paragraph implemented																			
<p>Resolution No. 487 <i>“Proposed amendment to the mechanism for appointing the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</i></p> <p>1. To establish that, beginning in 2015, the person who represents the IABA on the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE be appointed by a single IICA Member State, in accordance with the following table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="184 797 898 1078"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" data-bbox="184 797 898 894">REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IABA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CATIE</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="184 894 390 930">Region</th> <th data-bbox="396 894 690 930">Country</th> <th data-bbox="697 894 898 930">Period</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="184 930 390 966">Southern</td> <td data-bbox="396 930 690 966">Chile</td> <td data-bbox="697 930 898 966">2015-2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="184 966 390 1002">Andean</td> <td data-bbox="396 966 690 1002">Ecuador</td> <td data-bbox="697 966 898 1002">2018-2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="184 1002 390 1037">Caribbean</td> <td data-bbox="396 1002 690 1037">Grenada</td> <td data-bbox="697 1002 898 1037">2021-2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="184 1037 390 1073">Northern</td> <td data-bbox="396 1037 690 1073">Canada</td> <td data-bbox="697 1037 898 1073">2024-2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. Instruct the Director General of IICA to adhere to the rotation mechanism established in the above table and, at the appointed time, to request that the corresponding Member State appoint the person who will represent the IABA on the aforementioned governing bodies of CATIE; and</p> <p>3. Amend the annex of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 473 (XVI-O/11) so that:</p>	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IABA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CATIE			Region	Country	Period	Southern	Chile	2015-2017	Andean	Ecuador	2018-2020	Caribbean	Grenada	2021-2023	Northern	Canada	2024-2026	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The Member States listed in the table are aware of the contents of this resolution. They were sent a copy of the report of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which contains all the agreements and resolutions approved in the meeting.</p> <p>During the second half of 2014, each of the Member States mentioned in Resolution 487 will be sent a letter requesting that they designate the individual who will represent the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE.</p> <p>The corresponding adjustments were made to the document.</p>
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<p>i. The title reads, “Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE”;</p> <p>ii. The text of subparagraph 2 reads:</p> <p><i>To coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA’s position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions taken to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities; and</i></p> <p>iii. The text of subparagraph 4 reads:</p> <p><i>To confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA regarding any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters requiring a vote of the Council or the Board of Directors.</i></p>		
<p>Resolution No. 488 “Status of the resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA” and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 489 <i>“Date and venue of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To express deep appreciation to Mexico for its offer, which demonstrates its exceptional interest in the affairs of the Institute. To provide, based on the provisions of the Convention and the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, that the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Board shall be held in Mexico in the second half of 2015. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>During the closing session of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, the Board thanked the Government of Mexico for its offer to host the next meeting.</p> <p>In official letter No. 101.-0458 of March 13, 2014, addressed to the Director General of IICA, the Government of Mexico reiterated its commitment to hosting the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2015 and the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 490 <i>“Vote of thanks to the Government of Argentina”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To express its sincere appreciation to H.E. Mr. Norberto Yahuar, Minister of Agriculture of Argentina, for his support in the organization and implementation of the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2013 and the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, events of great importance for agriculture in the Americas. To express appreciation to the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship and other public and private institutions of Argentina for their warm welcome and their collaboration in the implementation of the two events, which have been determining factors in the success of both. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>During the closing session of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, the Board thanked the Government of Argentina.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 491 <i>“Restoration of the financial health of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</i></p> <p>To ask the Director General to submit to the consideration of the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, subsequent to consultation with the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI), different proposals that reflect the current financial situation of the Institute as well as recommendations for its financial strengthening.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Document 04-DT-CCEAG/O-2014, “Proposals for the Recovery of the Financial Capacity of IICA,” was presented to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) at the latter’s 2014 Regular Meeting.</p> <p>Proposals for the recovery of IICA’s financial capacity, incorporating recommendations made by the SACMI, will be submitted to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting.</p>