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## Canada

### Most significant results 2010-2017

- **More opportunities for exporters to Canada.** Together with the Conference Board of Canada, IICA led a project to increase access for Colombian and Peruvian small and medium-sized producers of cacao, quinoa, aromatics, panela and tilapia to Canada. Training in Canadian sanitary and phytosanitary regulations, market requirements and export potential, for South-American producers, and missions to generate new business for Canadian importers, were some activities undertaken under the project. The success of the initiative was documented in a video and shared with small-scale producers throughout Latin America in order to enhance their exporting opportunities to Canada.
- **A program for young researchers.** Through the Research Internship and Assistance Program (RIAP), IICA supported young agricultural researchers and producers from Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada to obtain and apply knowledge and experience in Canadian universities and research centers, or in other countries in the case of Canadian students. In recent years, young professionals from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and the Caribbean countries gained experience in agroforestry systems, modern diagnostic and measurement tools, apiculture, small ruminant value chain management and food processing operations.
- **Sharing knowledge through PROCINORTE.** PROCINORTE operated as a successful platform for sharing results of the latest scientific agricultural research in Canada, the United States and Mexico. With the support of its Secretariat in Canada, PROCINORTE and its task forces in plant health, tree fruits, genetic resources and animal health held numerous activities, including workshops, for responding to animal disease outbreaks and reducing food losses and waste, as well as the management and use of food crop genetic resources by indigenous



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populations. A communication plan for increasing its visibility among researchers and industry was also implemented.

- **Bridging international cooperation in the Americas:** By leveraging the mature and successful agri-food systems in Canada, requests for guidance and assistance from other IICA member countries were responded to in areas such as food safety regulatory system development, greenhouse technology, production of organic seed potato and livestock sector development.