



Significant achievements in 2017

Agriculture

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Barbados



- With funding from the EU-SPS project, IICA provided training and capacity building for technicians in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management, and to seven private sector companies, in the rationalisation of the national Agricultural Health & Food Safety coordination system; development of model legislation; compliance with Food Safety Modernization Act Preventive Control and Inspection; HACCP and Food Safety; Plant quarantine; One-Health Leadership, Pesticide Risk Management (DPRM); IPPC standards and Traceability. HACCP trainers further trained 40 quality control supervisors in private companies and expanded the AMR services offered by the Ministry's laboratory with their new skills.
- Investments and entrepreneurship increased through training and certification of 72 women, youth and farmers in National and Caribbean Vocational Qualifications in commercial crop and livestock production and agro-processing. Addis Alem Farmers' Cooperative now has processed products in three outlets, as well as market products for other cooperatives. Two persons received online training in Agrotourism and IICA provided support to link 30 local agribusinesses to foodservice and hospitality. Members of the Barbados Beekeepers' Association received training and assistance with institutional strengthening, and 30 working Perone hives were established on members' farms under the Family Agriculture Flagship Project.
- Barbados BlackBelly Sheep farmers now have access to technical support for increasing the quantity and quality of breeding stock and flocks of sheep through funding provided by the New Zealand High Commission, through IICA, for the Greenland Livestock Improvement Project. Institutional collaboration is also being strengthened with the Ministry of Agriculture, Veterinary Services, FAO, CARDI and the BAS.
- At least 10 Ministry of Agriculture technicians and agriculture stakeholders have increased knowledge about climate change and its impacts, and have the tools to improve adaptation and build resilience, as a result of their participation in IICA's Caribbean Climate Smart Agriculture (CCSA Forum and climate smart agriculture initiatives (under IICA's Resilience Project). In addition, the Ministry has been provided with GPS tools and training to address the problem of Citrus Greening.
- Collaboration among public and private sector institutions, including the Ministry of Labour (via the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Council), Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, FAO, agency partners and the private sector has been strengthened under the IICA Youth Farm Summer Programme, and Competency Based Training projects, funded by TVET and the IDB respectively.
- Barbados and the Caribbean Region have benefitted from IICA's leadership and support in the development of agrotourism through: IICA's funding of an inaugural Agrotourism Award as part of the annual CTO Sustainable Tourism Awards; information sharing with the Caribbean Tourism Organisation, the Caribbean Development Bank, the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation (BIDC) and the Ministry of Tourism, and through funding and support for the launch of a Caribbean Culinary Alliance which will promote culinary professionals as advocates for food and nutrition security and linkages between producers and the foodservice sector.

- Fifty agencies, including the Ministry of Agriculture, IICA, FAO, UWI, agricultural colleges and various NGOs now have enhanced knowledge and are better networked as a result of a Youth Agribusiness Forum funded by IICA and the Ministry of Agriculture. 202 candidates were trained and 53 agricultural stakeholders received full certification in 9 new National and Caribbean Vocational Qualification (N/CVQ) courses in Crop Production, Livestock Rearing, Rabbit Rearing, Tree Crop Farming, Butchery and AgroProcessing under the IDB-funded Competency Based Training Fund (CBTF) project.
- Barbados' ability to deliver N/CVQ training has been enhanced with the development and availability of tools, including question banks for candidate assessments, assessor portfolios, internal verifier portfolios, and training packages, complete with resource kits, developed by IICA under the CBTF project. In addition, Barbados now has access to a cadre of 24 new N/CVQ assessors, 15 of whom are now certified assessors approved for working with

the Technical Vocational and Education and Training (TVET) Council.

- The Institutional framework for addressing praedial larceny in Barbados was strengthened through sharing of successful models and strategies with 51 public and private sector stakeholders, at a workshop funded by IICA and CARICOM and through collaboration with FAO, CARICOM and the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Barbados and the Caribbean Region now have new model legislation for Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety and Fisheries through the training of 2032 persons in key AHFS areas, and upgrading of national and regional coordination systems, with funding under the EU-SPS project executed by IICA. Inter-institutional coordination at the regional level has also been strengthened, under the EU-SPS project, with major regional partners in Caricom, CARIFORUM, CROSQ, CAHFSA, CAFAN and CRFM.



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