



# United States of America

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Annual Report

## Significant Achievements

- IICA established and further strengthened high-level (Cabinet) technical relations with relevant US government agencies, including the US Department of Agriculture, US Department of State, USAID, US Mission to the OAS, and the White House. Meetings and collaboration at the highest level took place between IICA and the aforementioned agencies, including the following:
  - White House: Presidential Assistants' visit to IICA Headquarters
  - White House, Office of the Vice President: Visit to IICA USA, specifically in support of the IICA VZ Task Force Meeting.
  - State Department: Visit of Assistant Secretary IO to IICA Headquarters; meetings with the Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs and the Deputy Assistant, Western Hemisphere Affairs.
  - US Mission to the OAS: Dinner and meetings with the US Ambassador to the OAS.
  - VZ Assembly Senior Leadership: High-level meetings.
  - USDA: Multiple meetings with the Undersecretary for Trade; Undersecretary for Research Education, and Economics; the Administrator; Deputy Secretary; and the Director of the National Institute for Food and Agriculture. This culminated in the payment of this year's quota in full and the development of joint activities, including the country's participation in the IABA to approve a Technical Resolution on MRLs and to expand external resource opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean.
  - USAID: Participation as a co-speaker with the USAID Administrator at a World Food Prize reception. Meetings with the Chief of Staff; Food for Peace Officer; Deputy Administrator, LAC; and the Chief Scientist.
- IICA worked more closely with the World Bank, IADB, UN WFP, UN FAO and IFPRI. The strengthened relationship between IICA and these institutions is reflected in the opportunities pursued for increased collaboration in developing joint studies and fundraising.
- The Institute strengthened relations with the Pan American Development Foundation, through the preparation of joint development projects. Similar actions were undertaken with Winrock, which resulted in the development of a joint proposal for a project to be undertaken in Belize.
- IICA strengthened its relationship with Corteva, signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU), under which funds were provided for joint activities (for example, the launch of the book "Warriors", which highlights the role of rural women in the hemisphere). The Institute also participated in the Corteva Agriscience CEO Summit, where it was the only international organization to have been invited.
- The Institute co-hosted a reception and launched Warriors to the largest audience of any parallel event at the World Food Prize Awards.
- Other recently formalized joint partnerships and MOUs were with:
  - CODESPA
  - National 4-H
  - UN World Tourism Organization
  - Global Alliance for Sustainable Livestock
  - Corteva Agriscience and

