



Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the
Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee**

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I. General information

The Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 16-17 July 2019. The 2019 Executive Committee was made up of representatives of the following Member States: The Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay.¹

Mr. Michael Pintard, Minister of Agriculture and Marine Resources of The Bahamas, served as Chair of the meeting, and Mr. Edgar Mata, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat for Agriculture Sector Planning (SEPSA) of Costa Rica, served as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 643 “2018 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>To approve the 2018 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 644 “Strategic Analysis of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>1. To accept the “Report on Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 506 (XIX-O/17): Strategic Analysis of IICA”.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States to support the efforts undertaken by the Director General to improve strategic processes geared toward institutional modernization, thereby enabling the Institute to provide the countries with technical cooperation of excellence that contributes to the achievement of competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development in the Americas.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

¹ The system for rotation of Member States on the Executive Committee was established by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 515, and was approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 25-26 October 2017.

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<p>Resolution No. 645 “Strengthening the strategic alliances of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Director General and the different strategic partners for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements with the Institute, in order to strengthen and bolster international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas. 2. To urge the Member States to support and promote joint actions that result in new strategic alliances for IICA, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 646 “Report on the collection of quotas”</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 acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s 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: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2019 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The corresponding thank you letters for quota payments have been sent out.</p> <p>Constant communication highlighting the importance of these resources has been maintained in order to manage the collection of quotas owed for previous periods.</p> <p>A report on progress made in the collection of quotas was presented during the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p>

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<p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to IICA, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to the Institute.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Member States will be informed of progress made in the collection of quotas during the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held on 18 June 2020 at IICA Headquarters.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 647 “2018 Financial Statements of IICA, Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-fifth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To accept the 2018 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General of IICA to submit them to the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the report of the Director General on management actions in relation to the external auditors’ qualified opinion for the 2018 fiscal year.</p> <p>3. To approve the Twenty-fifth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>4. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The financial statements of the Institute were presented to the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Institute has followed up on the recommendations issued by the ARC.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 648 “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To elect Mr. Gustavo Pereira da Silva Filho of Brazil, to occupy the position of the member of the ARC reserved for a candidate nominated by the six largest contributors to IICA, for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2020 and concluding on December 31, 2025.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The election of the member of the ARC reserved for a candidate nominated by the Member States that are the six largest contributors to IICA was carried out during the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 649 “Recognition of the contribution made by Mr. Steve Rickrode as a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Government of the United States of America for the support provided by Mr. Rickrode, in his capacity as a member of the ARC. 2. To recognize the excellent, dedicated and professional work of Mr. Rickrode and express its deep gratitude to him for his contributions to the ARC and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 650 “2020-2021 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the IABA adopt a resolution to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the amount of USD 32,074,100 per year from the Regular Fund of IICA as the overall allocation for the 2020-2021 biennium, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of USD 29,574,100 per year, including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Annex A”, and miscellaneous income in the amount of USD 2,500,000 per year, consisting of income estimated to be generated. 2. Approve the expenditure budget for the 2020-2021 biennium, in keeping with the allocations for each of the chapters, budget items and strategic priorities established in the document IICA/CE/Doc. 691 (19), “2020-2021 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached as “Annex B” to this resolution. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At its Twentieth Regular Meeting, the IABA approved the 2020-2021 Program Budget by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 523, under the terms recommended by this resolution of the Committee.</p>

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<p>3. Authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. To 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 2020 and 2021 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 651 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2017-2018”</p> <p>1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2017-2018 and to thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation.</p> <p>2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p> <p>3. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s governing council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>A report on the actions recently carried out within the framework of the IICA-CATIE Program of Joint Action will be presented during the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The reports submitted to CATIE’s Governing Council, including financial reports, will form part of the information documents of the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held on 18 June 2020.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 652 “Strategy for the Future of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <p>1. To accept the proposal for the future of CATIE and the strengthening of a synergistic relationship between IICA and</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>the Center, prepared by the <i>ad hoc</i> working group and approved by the Director General of IICA, the Director General of CATIE, and the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Costa Rica.</p> <p>2. To support and endorse the recommendations included in the annex to this resolution and to task the directors general of IICA and CATIE with developing an implementation plan, based on the understanding that some aspects of the recommendations require further development and eventual consideration by the IABA.</p> <p>3. To request that the Director General of IICA inform the IABA, at its Twentieth Regular Meeting, of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee, in fulfillment of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 507 (XIX-O/17).</p> <p>4. To request that the Director General of CATIE inform his Board of Directors of progress made in the implementation of the recommendations and urge that governing body of the Center to provide timely follow-up on these recommendations.</p> <p>5. To request that the Director General of IICA inform the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, of progress made in the implementation of this resolution.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>At its Twentieth Regular Meeting, via Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 519, the IABA resolved to establish a special committee, pursuant to Article 60 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, in order to study, analyze and make recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the following: a) measures to make the land belonging to IICA and CATIE more productive; and b) feasibility of incorporating CATIE as a division of IICA in charge of technical and scientific</p>

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		research and post-graduate education in agricultural sciences, as well as other structural options that may lead to more efficient and economical integration and coordination that meet the needs of the Member States.
<p>Resolution No. 653 “Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2018-2019”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the presentation of the report on activities implemented during the 2018-2019 biennium. 2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint actions recently carried out by IICA and CARDI will be included among the information documents of the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held on 18 June 2020.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 654 “Report of the 2019 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Report of the 2019 Regular Meeting of the SACMI. 2. To urge the Director General to consider convening a face to face meeting of the SACMI in 2020, taking into account the benefits and costs of this important member engagement. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>In light of the global emergency caused by COVID-19, and in order to protect the health of the SACMI members, the 2020 meeting was held virtually on 6 May 2020.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 655 “Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”; and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 656 “Provisional Agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas – 2019 Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the provisional agenda for the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas – 2019 Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA). 2. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with the ministers of agriculture of their respective countries the importance of their presence at this event. 3. To encourage the Director General to draft a document for ministerial consideration that contains concrete, actionable steps and results-based outcomes to promote sustainable, inclusive agriculture in the hemisphere. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 657 “Date and Venue of the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2020. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>At the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA in 2019, the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic extended his country’s invitation to host the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the</p>

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<p>2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Executive Committee. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the country had withdrawn the offer. For this reason, the Director General had to request the approval of the member countries of the Executive Committee to conduct the meeting virtually on 18 June 2020. The request was explicitly approved by ten of the 12 members of the Committee.</p> <p>The invitation to the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was sent out to the member countries of IICA on 4 May 2020.</p>

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p> <p><i>Article 3 m. of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA – an annual report on its activities, which may include recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2019 will be presented as an information document at the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 572 “IICA cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013</p> <p>To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s facilitation of Member States’ collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint activities carried out by IICA and the MIOA to promote agricultural market information, as well as the institutional strengthening of the Market Information Systems (MIS) and the MIOA, will be presented as an information document at the Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>