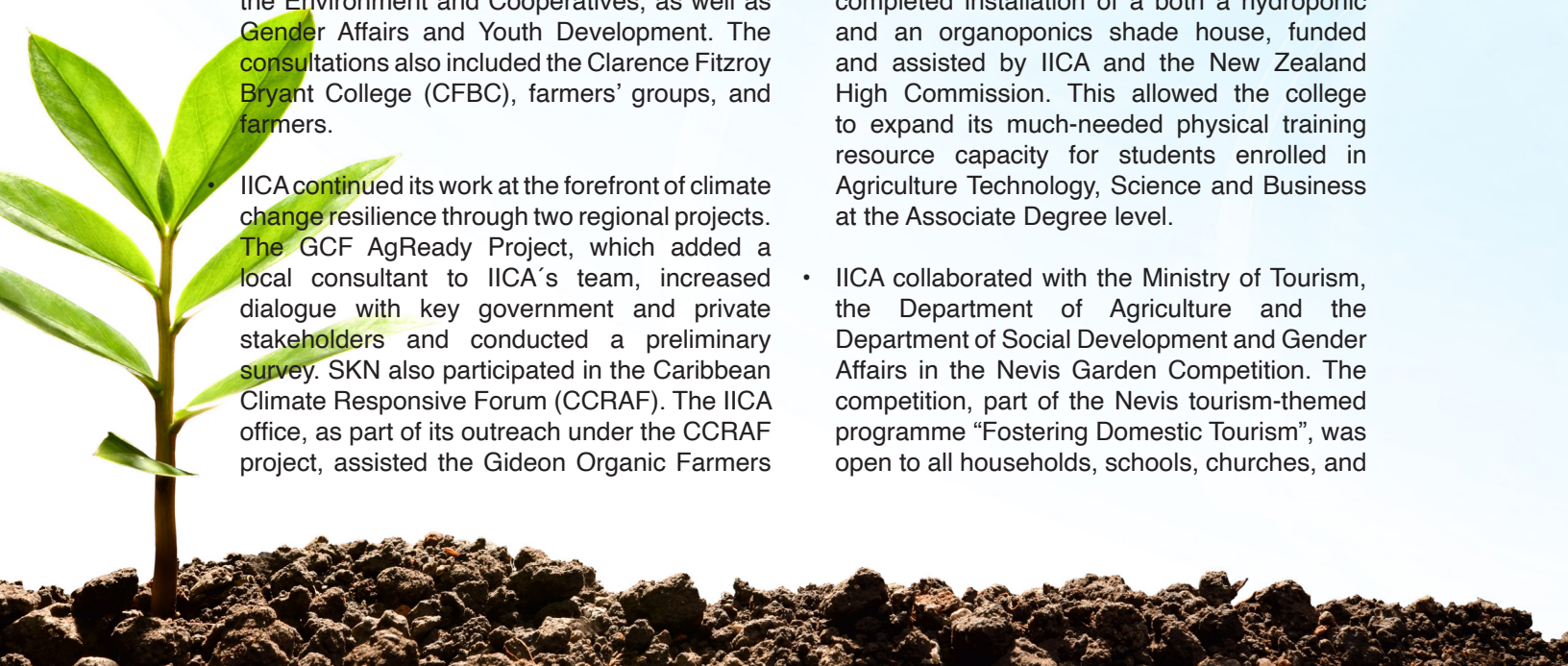


Significant Achievements 2021



Saint Kitts and Nevis

- Specialists from the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) undertook consultations to support the conceptualization and writing of a concept note for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Simplified Approval Process (SAP), entitled “Enhancing Climate Resilience of the Agriculture Sector by Improving Water Management Strategies of Smallholder Farmers against Climate Risks, St. Kitts and Nevis”. In developing the concept note, multi-actor consultations were conducted, for example, with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and with SKN government entities, such as the Ministry of Agriculture, the Department of Economic Affairs and Public Sector Investment Planning (National Designated Authority), the Ministry of the Environment and Cooperatives, as well as Gender Affairs and Youth Development. The consultations also included the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC), farmers’ groups, and farmers.
- IICA continued its work at the forefront of climate change resilience through two regional projects. The GCF AgReady Project, which added a local consultant to IICA’s team, increased dialogue with key government and private stakeholders and conducted a preliminary survey. SKN also participated in the Caribbean Climate Responsive Forum (CCRAF). The IICA office, as part of its outreach under the CCRAF project, assisted the Gideon Organic Farmers Cooperative in strengthening their soil and water management system, by improving their water harvesting and expanding their irrigation infrastructure.
- The Institute strengthened its relations with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), by co-hosting a conference on climate-smart agriculture, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, entitled “Building Sustainability and Resilience of Agriculture”. Two IICA Specialists served as keynote speakers at the event, which was attended by officials from Taiwan and twelve countries across Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) completed installation of a both a hydroponic and an organoponics shade house, funded and assisted by IICA and the New Zealand High Commission. This allowed the college to expand its much-needed physical training resource capacity for students enrolled in Agriculture Technology, Science and Business at the Associate Degree level.
- IICA collaborated with the Ministry of Tourism, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Social Development and Gender Affairs in the Nevis Garden Competition. The competition, part of the Nevis tourism-themed programme “Fostering Domestic Tourism”, was open to all households, schools, churches, and



businesses on the island. This enabled IICA to increase its visibility and to continue reinforcing its relationships with stakeholders and the community.

- Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) remained a priority for IICA. Technical support was given to build the country's capacity to tackle African swine fever and plant diseases, including those affecting citrus, bananas and mangoes. Through the 11th EDF Sanitary and Phytosanitary Project, a regional and local

AHFS policy and action plan was developed, with the participation of local stakeholders.

- Promoting channels of South-South collaboration, IICA in Saint Kitts and Nevis reinforced partnerships with other IICA offices in the Hemisphere, through collaboration and participation in the *Fusarium* TR4 Project group, and in supporting IICA in its role as Technical Secretary of the fruit fly and *huanglongbing* (HLB) working groups of the Inter-American Coordinating Group in Plant Protection (GICSV).