



Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023  
Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IIBA)

## **Provisional schedule**

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<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Monday, 2 October</b>		
	Participants arrive and are transported to hotel  Registration begins at hotel	
<b>Opening ceremony</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 3 October</b>		
17:00-18:40	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National anthem of the Republic of Costa Rica</li> <li>• National anthem of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana</li> <li>• National anthem of the Republic of Panama</li> <li>• Remarks by Honorable Mr. Manuel Otero, Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)</li> <li>• Message by Mr. Alfredo Carrasco, rural leader from Chile</li> <li>• Remarks by the Chair of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) - Brazil:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His Excellency Mr. Carlos Fávoro, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock (video)</li> <li>- His Excellency Mr. Paulo Teixeira, Minister of Agricultural Development and Family Farming</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remarks by His Excellency Amb. James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs of</li> </ul>	Main lobby

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	<p>the General of the Organization of American States (OAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video message from Her Excellency Mrs. Marian Bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri, Minister of Environment of the United Arab Emirates (host country of COP28) (video)</li> <li>• Remarks from His Excellency Mr. Terry Branstad, CEO of the World Food Prize Foundation</li> <li>• Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Solano, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of an award of recognition to His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of an award of recognition to His Excellency Mr. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, President of the Republic of Panama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, President of the Republic of Panama</li> </ul> <p>Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Víctor Carvajal Porras, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, who will announce the official opening of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 and the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</p>	

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18:25-18:35	Formalization the General Technical Cooperation Agreement between the World Food Prize Foundation and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)		
18:35-18:55	Cultural presentation		
18:55	Official photograph		
19:10	Cocktail reception		Auditoriums
<b>Wednesday, 4 October</b>			
07:00	Participants transported to IICA		
07:40	Registration continues	IICA personnel	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
08:00-08:30	Preparatory session - Election of meeting officials - Approval of meeting schedule	Heads of delegation, Director General, Deputy Director General, Technical Secretary and Legal Advisor of the Governing Bodies	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
<b>Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023 “Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development”</b>			
08:30-09:00	Remarks by the Director General of IICA	Director General of IICA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms

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09:00-09:30	Comments by the Member States		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
09:30-11:00	<p>Forum 1: “Bridging gaps in innovation, science and technology, with special emphasis on digital agriculture and the bioeconomy”</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Michael Kremer, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics</li> <li>- Minister of the Central Region (Panama)</li> <li>- Minister of the Southern Region (Argentina)</li> <li>- Minister of the Northern Region (Canada)</li> </ul> <p>Comments by the Member States</p> <p>Signing of a memorandum of understanding between IICA and the University of Chicago</p>		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
11:00-11:30	<i>Break</i>		<i>Main lobby</i>
11:30-13:00	<p>Forum 2: “Scaling up climate funding: opportunities for agriculture”</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Rattan Lal, recipient of the World Food Prize</li> <li>- Minister of the Andean Region (Ecuador)</li> <li>- Minister of the Central Region (El Salvador)</li> <li>- Minister of the Caribbean Region (Barbados)</li> </ul>		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms

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13:00-14:30	<i>Working luncheon “Trade and integration”</i>		Auditoriums
14:30-16:00	<p>Forum 3: “Including family farming, women and youth in the development of agrifood systems”</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Graciela Fernández Quintas, President of the International Cooperative Alliance for the Americas</li> <li>- Minister of the Southern Region (Brazil)</li> <li>- Minister of the Andean Region (Colombia)</li> <li>- Minister of the Northern Region (Mexico)</li> <li>- Minister of the Southern Region (Chile)</li> </ul> <p>Comments by the Member States</p>	Heads of delegation	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
16:00-17:30	<p>Forum 4: “Agricultural health in agrifood systems”</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mrs. Carol Thomas, Agricultural Health and Food Safety Consultant</li> <li>- Minister of the Northern Region (United States of America)</li> <li>- Minister of the Southern Region (Paraguay)</li> <li>- Minister of the Caribbean Region (Dominican Republic)</li> </ul> <p>Comments by the Member States</p>	Heads of delegation	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms

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17:30-17:50	<i>Break</i>	
17:50-18:10	Presentation of a gift to IICA on behalf of the Government of Ecuador	
18:10-18:30	Informational video on COP28	
18:30-19:30	<p>Side-event: “Roundtable on funding for food security and sustainable development”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras</li> <li>- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Álvaro Lario, President</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Alicia Montalvo Santamaría, Climate Action and Positive Biodiversity Manager, Corporate Vice Presidency of Strategic Programming</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Juan Pablo Bonilla, Manager of the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector</li> </ul> </li> <li>- World Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. David Treguer, Program Leader, Sustainable Development, Central America and the Dominican Republic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms



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<b>Thursday, 5 October</b>		
08:00	Participants transported to IICA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
<b>Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</b>		
09:00-09:10 09:10-09:40	Welcoming remarks by the Director General Agreements of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2023	Director General of IICA Heads of delegation United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
09:40-10:40	<p>Financial and programmatic-budgetary situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial Statements of IICA for 2021 and 2022 and Reports of the External Auditors</li> <li>- Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</li> <li>- Video</li> <li>- 2024-2025 Program Budget</li> <li>- Report on the Collection of Quotas</li> <li>- Amendments to the regulations of the General Directorate of IICA</li> </ul> <p>Comments by the Member States</p>	<p>Directorate of Corporate Services</p> <p>Audit Review Committee (ARC)</p> <p>Directorate of Corporate Services</p> <p>Financial Management Division</p> <p>Legal Advisor of the Governing Bodies</p> <p>Heads of delegation</p> <p>United States and Canada Meeting Rooms</p>
10:40-11:10	<i>Break</i>	<i>Main lobby</i>

11:10-11:30	<p>Report of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the period 2022-2023</p> <p>Report on the Status of Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA and of the Forty-second and Forty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Date and venue of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the IABA</p>	Technical Secretariat	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
11:30-12:00	Reading and approval of draft resolutions	Rapporteur and heads of delegation	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
12:00-14:00	<i>Working luncheon “Water and Agriculture Initiative”</i>		<i>Auditoriums</i>
14:00-14:50	<p>The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mario Lubetkin, Assistant Director-General of FAO and Regional Representative of FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Personnel of ECLAC, FAO and IICA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Manuel Otero, Director General</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Comments by the Member States	Heads of delegation	
14:50-15:40	“Leaders of Rurality in the Americas” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Alfredo Carrasco</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Honduras <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Eodora Méndez</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Guyana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Rosamund Benn</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Institutional Communication Division	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
15:40-16:20	“The importance of public-private coordination to transform agrifood systems” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maris Llorens Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Maris Llorens, Director</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Bayer Crop Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Alejandro Girardi, Head of Agricultural Affairs Sustainability for Latin America</li> </ul> </li> <li>- National Milk Producers Federation / United States Dairy Export Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jaime Castañeda, Executive Vice President for Policy and Strategy</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Federation of Agricultural Chambers of Central America and the Dominican Republic (FECAGRO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Francisco González, President</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		United States and Canada Meeting Rooms

16:20	Close of meeting	Director General of IICA Chair of the IABA	United States and Canada Meeting Rooms
16:30	Optional tour of the "IICA of Open Doors" (CIMAG, FabLab, Plaza of Agriculture of the Americas, Forest of the Americas, Typical Rural House)	IICA personnel	