



Grenada

2019 Annual Report

Significant Achievements

- IICA continued to support the Ministry of Agriculture in operationalizing the Mirabeau Abattoir, through strategic interventions, including resource mobilization and capacity strengthening of staff at the facility. In collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economic Development and Physical Development, grant funding was secured from the Caribbean Development Fund (CDF) to purchase equipment and enhance the food safety systems at the abattoir. IICA also facilitated a visit to Grenada by an engineer from Italy to assess the equipment and train the staff on its use and maintenance. A follow-up training exercise on food safety and occupational safety and health was conducted by IICA for 20 butchers and staff at the abattoir.
- The Institute, in collaboration with the Government of Grenada, the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission organized and executed an Agro-Tourism Policy Setting Workshop to promote sustainable use of local food by the tourism industry, through strengthened inter-sectoral policies. Amongst the 45 participants were government officials from agriculture; representatives from the trade and tourism ministries; the private sector; farmers; agro producers; chefs and members of the hospitality sector; civil society; and academia. The workshop provided a forum for stakeholders to identify the most critical policy gaps that would have to be addressed in order to create an environment conducive to strengthened linkages between the agriculture and tourism sectors in Grenada. The Ministers of Agriculture and of Tourism contributed to the discussion, by highlighting their respective roles in creating linkages between agriculture and tourism. Improving the capacity of local farmers to supply fresh produce to the hotel sector was identified as a critical priority for strengthening the agriculture-tourism linkage, including the development of culinary tourism and food festivals, as well as farm tourism.
- In response to a request from the Grenada Bureau of Standards, IICA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Marketing and National Importing Board, enabled 18 fresh produce inspectors from these institutions to improve their capacities. The training of the inspectors, one of the pre-requisites for the effective enforcement of the Grenada Fresh Produce Act, instructed participants on how to recognize and to measure different types of defects and on how to determine the possible causes, which could affect the wholesomeness and safety of the produce.
- The Grenada Chocolate Company strengthened its capacity in food safety procedures, through a workshop conducted by IICA. Given that one of the objectives of the Company is to comply with internationally accepted food safety measures, 15 staff members were informed about the different food safety compliance and certification standards; various types of hazards and the food-processing environment that contributes to these hazards.



- IICA continued to enhance the capacities of technical staff in the Ministry of Agriculture and farmers in field management practices for improved coconut cultivars, under the Ministry's coconut rehabilitation programme. The Institute's 2016 cooperation efforts facilitated the development of improved, early-bearing cultivars that are high yielding, disease (Lethal Yellowing) resistant and superior in quality and taste (water/jelly/copra). However,

there was a need to provide more guidance and training in the agronomy and general care of these plants, in order to maximize production potential. In 2019, IICA collaborated with the Ministry of Agriculture and conducted a workshop in which 25 farmers and extension staff improved their capacities, with respect to best practices that should be adhered to during cultivation of coconut plants.