



## Achievements 2022

# United States



- The participation of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in the Ninth Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, California, from June 6 to 9, allowed for ensuring that food security was front and center on the agenda of the summit, which is held every three years throughout the Americas. The Institute participated in high-level events on food insecurity, agriculture, climate change and recovery from the Covid pandemic. IICA also shared the May 31 Declaration, “On the Road to the 2022 Summit of the Americas and Beyond”, in which the ministers of the hemisphere stated their concerns as food-producing nations regarding the global food security crisis.
- IICA co-organized a summit side event entitled “CEO Summit Private-Sector Roundtable on the Food Crisis”, in which 12 private-sector corporate leaders participated in a moderated roundtable.
- The Institute co-organized a high-level panel discussion entitled “The Global Food Crisis and the Americas: Challenges and Response”, in which the USAID Administrator announced new investments for food security in the Americas. The Director General of IICA also presented an overview of the growing crisis in the region and called for a hemispheric partnership to tackle food insecurity and produce more food in a sustainable manner.
- In recognition of IICA’s leadership at the Summit of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government of the OAS tasked IICA with organizing a meeting of ministers of Agriculture of the Americas. In their final policy declaration, “Our Sustainable Green Future”, adopted on June 9, they agreed to: “strengthen the role of all stakeholders in the agricultural sector in international and national climate efforts, and invite them to present their recommendations at a meeting of ministers of agriculture of the Americas before the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27), to be organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture”.
- In November 2022, at COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, the Institute’s Agricultural Climate Action and Sustainability Program mobilized partnerships and resources to set up the Home of Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas pavilion, which hosted representatives of IICA Member States and their ministries of Agriculture. IICA’s successful participation at the conference resulted in the establishment of new partnerships with eight private-sector stakeholders, farmers and environmental organizations.
- In October 2022, IICA took part in three major plenary and panel events at the World Food Prize Foundation’s Borlaug Dialogue. The Institute’s high-level participation allowed for increasing its



visibility in the United States and in the global food security community.

- IICA's Agricultural Health, Safety and Agrifood Quality Program provided robust technical and logistical support for major activities related to the control and prevention of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the hemisphere or hosted by the WTO's SPS Committee and Codex Alimentarius, namely:
  - TASF Tripartite Meetings (USA, Haiti and Dominican Republic), held in Costa Rica. In addition, during a visit by Dominican Republic health authorities to Washington, D.C., training meetings with their counterparts from USDA/APHIS were facilitated.
  - TVirtual coordination sessions on issues related to the WTO SPS Committee in March, June and November 2022. The Program also represented the Institute at the WTO SPS Committee sessions in those same months.
  - TVirtual colloquia in preparation for the CCNFSDU, CCSC, CCFH and CAC45 Codex Committees with public and private agents. The Program facilitated hemispheric coordination on Codex Alimentarius issues and also represented the Institute at the 45th Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC45).
- IICA established two new strategic partnerships to foster the sharing of knowledge and resources to drive agricultural development in the hemisphere. The first, involving AltaSea, will provide aquaculture cooperation in the Caribbean. The second partnership, with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, will involve the organization of a symposium on fruit fly and climate change issues. The MOUs, which are currently under legal review, are expected to be signed in early 2023.
- The Institute signed an MOU on 7 December 2022 with the Trust for the Americas, aimed at establishing cooperative partnerships to bring new financial resources to countries in Central America.
- Finally, the IICA Delegation in the United States has accommodated the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (FONTAGRO) at its offices since February 2022, providing administrative and strategic support to familiarize the organization with the rules and procedures of the Institute. The Delegation's staff assisted FONTAGRO with its annual board meeting, held in September 2022 in Washington, D.C., and facilitated connections with the D.C. policy and research community to support FONTAGRO's programmatic work.