



Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

## **Election of a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)**

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## **AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024-2029 PERIOD**

Article 3.k of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and Article III of the Statute of the Audit Review Committee (“ARC Statute”) stipulate that the Executive Committee is responsible for electing the members of the Audit Review Committee (“ARC”), which was established to coordinate the examination of the accounts of the Institute by the Member States.

Pursuant to the ARC Statute, the ARC comprises three members, none of the same nationality, who serve six-year terms. At least one of the three members of the ARC shall be elected from among the candidates proposed by the six Member States that are the largest contributors to IICA’s Regular Fund, and at least one member shall be elected from among candidates nominated by the other Member States.

On 31 December 2023, Mrs. Mitzila Samudio, a national of Panama, will complete her term on the ARC. Thus, the election of her successor is on the agenda of the Executive Committee’s upcoming regular meeting, convened for 19 –20 July of this year.

On this occasion, the new member will occupy the position reserved for someone elected from among the candidates proposed by all the Member States, and, according to the Statute of the ARC, “...shall be a high-ranking official of the office or entity responsible for examining the accounts for the public administration of the Member State of which he [or she] is a national.”

Accordingly, the Director General asked the Member States to nominate potential candidates to sit on the ARC from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2029. In response to that request, two nominations have been received:

Canada: Mr. Martin Rubenstein

Dominica: Mr. Shannon Bedminister

Attached are the nominations and curriculum vitae of the candidates.



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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the Organization of American States (OAS) presents its compliments to the Office of the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and has the honour to inform of its decision to nominate Mr. Martin Rubenstein of Canada for membership on the Audit Review Committee (ARC) at the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) at elections to be held in July 2023.

Mr. Rubenstein possesses an extensive track record as an audit executive in the Government of Canada and as a member of the OAS Audit Committee since 2014, during which time he has gained a deep understanding of the OAS and has consistently applied his audit expertise to formulate practical recommendations that have helped guide Member States' efforts over the years to strengthen financial and management practices in the General Secretariat. Mr. Rubenstein's CV is attached.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the Organization of American States avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Dear Director General,

I refer to your letter regarding the convening of the Forty-Third Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture in July and the request to present candidates to serve on the Audit Review Committee.

In that regard, the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica hereby wishes to nominate Mr. Shannon Bedminster, Acting Budget Comptroller for a position of the aforementioned Committee.

In that regard, a copy of Mr. Bedminster's curriculum vitae is herewith attached for your perusal and consideration.

Please accept Director General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**BARBARA DAILEY (Mrs.)**  
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