



Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Forty-second Regular Meeting
of the Executive Committee**

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I. General information

The Forty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held as a virtual meeting from the Headquarters of the Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 19 – 20 July 2022. It was attended by the representatives of the following Member States that were members of the 2022 Executive Committee: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Suriname. Moreover, twelve IICA Member States participated as observers, namely: Argentina, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and the United States of America.

Mrs. Laura Suazo, Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock of Honduras, served as Chair of the Meeting and Mr. Parmanand Sewdien, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Suriname was the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 685 “Proposed Adjustments to the 2022-2026 Medium-term Plan (MTP)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the adjustments to the IICA MTP for implementation during 2022-2026, which will provide a framework to guide the actions of the Institute during that period, and to instruct the Director General to incorporate the suggestions received from the Member States.2. To express satisfaction for the widespread participation of countries in the process to prepare the 2022-2026 MTP and to urge all IICA Member States to support its implementation at the national, regional and hemispheric levels.	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 686 “Collective Action by the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Foster Environmental Sustainability”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To recognize that coordinated efforts by the countries of the Americas is critical to address a food, nutritional and humanitarian crisis in the region and the world, at a time when the combined	Resolution implemented	

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<p>effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, adverse climate phenomena and warfare throughout the world are disrupting supply chains and triggering increases in agrifood production costs and food prices.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States of the Institute to endorse the “Proposals for Collective Action in the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Ensure Sustainable Development”, which the Director General presented at the IX Summit of the Americas, where he was asked to undertake the necessary actions with the governments to implement these proposals and to inform the governing bodies of the Institute on progress made in this respect.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to offer IICA's support to the food and humanitarian aid initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as other initiatives that may arise with the same objective.</p>		<p>The Summit of the Americas, as well as various related forums and initiatives have taken place.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 687 “The Strategic Role of the Agrifood Systems of the Americas with Respect to Processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”</p> <p>1. To express full support for national and multilateral efforts that contribute to raising the profile of the agriculture sector at COP27 and the UNFCCC.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to develop key messages to be presented by the ministers of agriculture of the Americas at UNFCCC COP27, and to submit them for the consideration of the Ministerial Meeting on</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>IICA supported the countries, through its active participation in COP27, among other actions.</p> <p>The messages presented at COP27 were disseminated through various channels and posted online at https://cop27.iica.int/.</p>

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<p>Climate Change and Agriculture, which will take place in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 23 September 2022, and which will discuss strategies for the public and private sectors to progress jointly towards achieving the required transformation in the agrifood sector in response to climate change.</p> <p>3. To entrust the Director General with organizing a pavilion at the COP27 to showcase the progress, challenges, priorities and proposals of the agriculture sector in its effort to tackle climate change, as well as the multiple benefits that would be gained from increasing the resilience of the sector in the countries of the Americas, as it relates to food and nutritional security, environmental sustainability, water conservation and management, livelihoods, peace and stability, poverty reduction and reduced land and soil degradation.</p> <p>4. To instruct IICA to send a letter to the Presidency-elect of UNFCCC COP27, Egypt, to express the support of the ministers of agriculture of the Americas to make agriculture a central theme of COP27, thereby fostering greater climate support, action and ambition.</p> <p>5. To request that IICA continue to assist its Member States in building capacities to facilitate the increased participation and influence of the agriculture sector in national and international climate processes, in the development and implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and national adaptation plans (NAPs) in the sector, as well as in mobilizing the financing required to achieve these objectives.</p>		<p>IICA organized and coordinated a series of activities, held at its pavilion at COP 27 in Egypt.</p> <p>The Agricultural Climate Action and Sustainability Program is spearheading integrated solutions, based on principles that are in keeping with the priorities of IICA Member States to build a more sustainable, climate resilient and low-carbon agriculture sector. The Institute is seeking to support actions that further the national priorities outlined in the NDCs, as well as actions that ensure greater inclusion of agriculture in</p>

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<p>6. To recognize the work undertaken by IICA to support its Member States in their preparations for COP27 and in the ensuing processes.</p>		<p>future versions of the NDCs, so that the sector may contribute to the achievement of multiple sustainable development goals. A strategy is being developed to promote greater political will to facilitate technical actions, through processes that seek to increase access to climate financing and to strengthen linkages with other programs.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 688 “The Importance of Science, Technology and Innovation in Agriculture”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Raquel Chan, IICA Chair in Biotechnology and Sustainable Development, and her contribution to the development of plant biotechnology, as well as to thank her for her presentation to the Executive Committee meeting. 2. To reiterate the importance of innovation, science and technology to increase the productivity, sustainability and inclusiveness of the agrifood systems of the Americas, and to help achieve a new production-productivity-sustainability balance in agriculture, while also creating linkages between these systems and other sectors of the economy, through research and development (R+D). 3. To urge the Institute’s member countries to continue building capacities for innovation, science and technology development in the agriculture sector, promoting increased public and private investment in this strategic area. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Dr. Chan was conferred with the title of IICA Chair.</p>

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<p>4. To ask the Director General to redouble IICA’s efforts to support the creation of public policies, rules and regulations aimed at fostering and developing innovation, science and technology at the national, regional and hemispheric levels that reflect the unique characteristics and specific needs of the member countries of the Institute.</p>		<p>Work is being doing in all the programs, particularly in the programs on Innovation and the Bioeconomy and on the Digitalization of Agrifood Systems, etc.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 689 “2021 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-Eighth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the 2021 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General of IICA to submit them to the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA for its information. 2. To approve the Twenty-eighth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein. 3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished. 4. To recognize the efforts made by IICA to maintain financial records with a clean opinion and to urge the Director General to continue his policy of transparency. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The 2021 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors will be presented at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 690 “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To acknowledge the fact that, amidst the difficult situation that IICA and its member countries are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more important to maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to urge the Institute’s Member States to make their annual quota payments and pay arrears for previous years in a timely fashion. 3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2022 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA’s member countries informed of progress in this area. 4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed upon to meet their financial obligations to IICA, which are key actions to enable the Institute to remain a strong institution that effectively carries out its mission to support its Member States. 		
<p>Resolution No. 691 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2020-2021”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s Biennial Report for 2020-2021. 2. To recognize the collaborative work of the directors general of IICA and CATIE, as well as the progress achieved in the joint Master Plan. 	Resolution implemented	

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<p>3. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p> <p>4. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE's Governing Council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 692 "Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for the 2020-2021 Biennium"</p> <p>1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the report on the implementation of its work program for the 2020-2021 biennium.</p> <p>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 693 "2021 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)"</p> <p>To approve the 2021 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 694 "Report of the 2022 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)"</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2022 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	Resolution implemented	

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<p>Resolution No. 695 “Status of the Resolutions of the Forty-First Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Twenty-First Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <p>To accept the reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee” and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 696 “Date and Venue of the Forty-Third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2023. 2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect. 	Resolution implemented	<p>The notice of the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was sent to the IICA member countries, permanent observer and associate countries within the prescribed time and manner.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 697 “Designation of the External Auditors of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the 2022-2023 Biennium”</p> <p>To designate the firm Deloitte & Touche S.A. as external auditors of IICA and CATIE for the period 2022-2023, an appointment that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two year-period.</p>	Resolution implemented	

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p> <p><i>Article 3 m. of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA – an annual report on its activities, which may include recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2022 is available on the online information document of the Executive Committee and will be presented as an information document at its Forty-third Regular Meeting.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 572 “IICA cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013</p> <p>To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s facilitation of Member States’ collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint activities carried out by IICA and the MIOA to promote agricultural market information, as well as the institutional strengthening of the Market Information Systems (MIS) and the MIOA, will be presented as an information document at the Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>