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Resumen

The formation of an institute of tropical agriculture has been under consideration by the leaders in agriculture in this hemisphere for several decade. It has been discussed from time to tiem as far back as the first Inter-American conference on Agriculture held in Washington in 1930. The movement received considerable ímpetus when Vice President henry Wallace, then Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, presented a paper at the eighth scientific congress held in Washington in 1940 advocating the formation of such an Institute.

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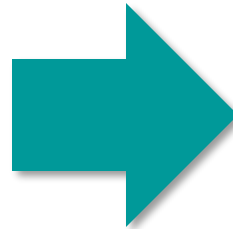


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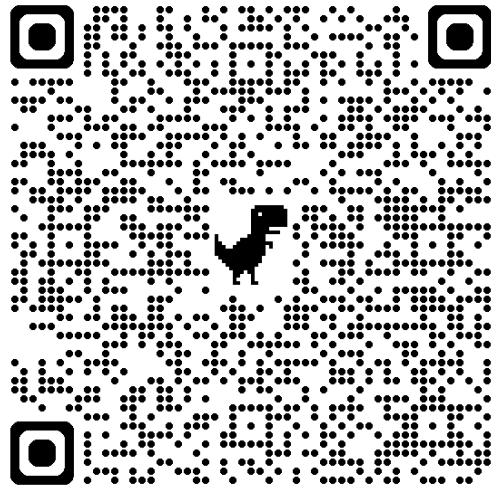


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Significant Achievements 2023

- A series of agri-tourism linkages and opportunities, led by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) in collaboration with the Barbados Agricultural Society and the Barbados Environmental Conservation Trust, presented awareness of the value of linkages between the agriculture and tourism sectors by providing agri-tourism business opportunities and success stories. It also highlighted the value of research links between the hospitality sector and the farming community. As a result of the series, visitors offered entrepreneurs their expertise in diversifying their businesses and business activities between tourists and farmers requested. Furthermore, IICA's Chief for Development Programme, which was supported with support from the Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CITA), called for continuing to promote the relationship between culinary activities and the farming sector.
- Youth Farm 2023 resulted in the national/regional contribution of 25 young persons to agriculture, livestock and general poultry rearing. These individuals are now equipped to contribute to the country's ongoing food security efforts. Through the eight-week training program, participants learned about production and marketing practices that will allow them to participate actively in the agriculture sector. The program is delivered with collaboration from the ministries of Education and Agriculture, as well as the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Council.
- Eight exporters from Barbados participated in the Caribbean Virtual Agri Trade Trade Mission, contributing to regional food security by showcasing intra-regional trade. Participating businesses obtained access to



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Significant Achievements 2023

- AICORPS, for a second year, the Inter American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) led an international initiative geared towards increasing hemispheric participation in the UN-COP processes to advance mitigation and adaptation in the agriculture sector of the Americas. The Institute obtained important external resources from partners to support the Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas portion of the meeting. At AICORPS, strategic partnerships were forged with Fossil Tank, the Inter American Development Bank (IDB), ECHO Trust, the Department of Sustainable Development of the Organization of American States (OAS), and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) of the Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centres (CGIAR), among others.
- IICA supported external resource mobilization efforts for agricultural climate action and sustainability initiatives in the hemisphere, helping to secure resources from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a multi-year grant.
- A new General Agreement between IICA and the World Food Price Foundation and an extension of the General Agreement between IICA and the Pan American Development Foundation (PAF) were finalized in 2023. The agreement with the World Food Price Foundation enhances their mutual work in the hemisphere, specifically with respect to food security and the monitoring of emerging food risks. The extension of the PAF agreement will allow for mobilizing resources for the Central America Regional TTA, of which IICA serves as Secretariat. A General Agreement between IICA and Virginia Tech University is also under final review with the university's legal department and will be finalized in early 2024. This agreement will enable IICA to collaborate with Virginia Tech on the GAP Report, the GAP initiative and funding opportunities for agricultural research and innovation.
- At the 2023 Barbagi Dialogue in Des Moines, Iowa, IICA took part in three high-level events and projects aimed at addressing the challenges of climate change, increasing water for agriculture, and protecting important food crops both in terms of diseases. In the event, the Institute organized three panels on water, the Tropical Pest 4 (TP4), or Fusarium (mycotoxin) harmful disease, and regenerative agriculture. High-level visits between the Vice President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Minister of Agriculture of Ecuador, as well as with private sector companies, were also held at the Barbagi Dialogue.
- The ICA Leaders of Rurality Assembly gave visibility to individuals making a difference in rural areas of the Americas. Keylla Heister, former CEO and President of the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC), was recognized for her efforts to promote sustainable dairy products and elevate the status of women in agriculture. Marilyn Hervey, in turn, was recognized as a Leader of Rurality of the Americas at the AAU for Climate Summit in Washington, D.C.
- IICA joined forces with global women's associations in New York City at the United Nations 67th Commission on the Status of Women, with a view to addressing the gender gaps faced by rural women and girls in the Americas. IICA participated in a side event entitled "Food Women and Girls: Empowerment to Guarantee the Fu-



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