

Important achievements in 2016

- 83 stakeholders from thirteen institutions have improved their networking, knowledge and capabilities to plan for and execute actions in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the building of resilience across communities, as a result of IICA's execution of a series of five knowledge-building virtual technical forums on climate smart agriculture, provision of capacity-enhancing training on risk mapping for technicians, and hosting of promotional events to support the adoption of climate smart agricultural practices by producers.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation (MAFFRT) and the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment have improved capacities to plan and implement activities in support of the development of Agricultural Health and Food Safety systems through the provision of capacity development and training support from IICA to their staff members, through the SPS programme financed by the European Union (EU), in the areas of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), food inspection, bio-security and food traceability systems.
- The MAFFRT has increased its capacity to supply planting material from its plant tissue culture facility, and has new knowledge on the micro-propagation of coconut, through the provision of capacity-enhancing training of staff and the provision of a bio-reactor to the institution, thanks to the execution of a project under the IICA-SAGARPA programme.
- The Association of Vincentian Agro-processors (VINCYKLUS) has found new market opportunities and forged networking arrangements and is now positioned to exploit new economic opportunities for the export of agricultural products to the United States of America, through its successful participation in Vincy-Expo (exhibition of Vincentian Products) in the USA, with support from IICA through the Agriculture Policy Programme financed by the EU.
- IICA strengthened the institutional capacity of MAFFRT to efficiently and effectively formulate and execute a programme for the development of a competitive coffee industry, and the Ministry is now positioned to support private sector efforts to develop an industry to produce and export coffee to the international markets,

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