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FOREWORD

IICA offices in the member states are not only committed, but also have the obligation to prepare at the end of each calendar year a report on the Institute's Contribution to Agriculture and the Development of the Rural Communities in the different countries.

Based on this paradigm of accountability to stakeholders, collaborators, partners and clients within the agricultural sector as well as the public at large, the Office in Suriname is very pleased to hereby present its 2007 Annual Report.

With this document the IICA Office in Suriname wishes to continue to share information relevant to its contribution and achievements in the development of Agriculture and Rural Life during 2007.

Through direct collaboration with our traditional partners, the Ministries of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (LVV) and Regional Development (RO) as well as other relevant public and private sector enterprises, farmers' organizations and NGOs substantial achievements were accomplished during the year. The office also collaborated with new partners including the OAS, WWF and the Rotary Suriname in expanding opportunities in agriculture and the development of rural areas.



Cromwell Crawford
IICA Representative in Suriname





L/R: Arlington Chesney, former director of Operation and Regional Integration, Trevor Murray Director of Operation and Regional Integration and Cromwell Crawford, IICA Suriname Representative at the handing over of the Office to the new representative.

I was appointed representative of IICA in Suriname as per July 1st, 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to my predecessor Michelet Mascary for his contribution to the agricultural milieu in Suriname during his administration of the office and Dr. Arlington Chesney, former Director of Operation and Regional Integration for providing a smooth transition into the office.

I would like to sincerely thank the staff of the office of Suriname for their sterling contribution during the year 2007.

IICA Suriname will continue to work with public and private sector institutions, farmers and other rural people and regional and international partners to assist the Surinamese nation to realize its vision of a developed and diversified agricultural and rural sector.

*Cromwell Crawford
IICA Representative in Suriname*





1. INTRODUCTION

The IICA Office in Suriname continued to work in different thematic areas aiming at strengthening and modernizing the agricultural sector and improving the quality of life in both rural areas and the hinterland.

During 2007 IICA's activities were mainly based on the following thematic areas:

- Repositioning of Agriculture and Rural Life
- Promoting Trade and Competitiveness of Agriculture
- Strengthening of Rural Communities based on the Territorial Approach
- Promoting Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment
- Strengthening Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems
- Introducing Technology and Innovation for the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Life





The Plan of Operation 2007 of the Office was mainly a continuation of that of 2006 and based on the following national and international actions and initiatives:

- The Suriname Agricultural Sector Plan 2005 – 2010
- The “Jagdeo Initiative” aiming at revitalizing agriculture in the CARICOM member states
- IICA’s Medium Term Plan 2006 – 2010
- The AGRO-PLAN 2003 – 2015
- The Natural Disasters that are significantly impacting on the modalities for the repositioning of Agriculture in the member states.

During 2007 the Office intensified the collaboration with organizations and institutions in the areas of Agro-tourism development, Bio-energy and Management of Natural Resources and Environment.

These activities are embedded in IICA’s mandate to reposition and modernize the agricultural sectors in the member states, to introduce and promote the use of biotechnology and to improve the livelihoods of communities in the rural areas and the interior.

Agricultural diversification as a component of the modernization process is an area that received the necessary attention in close collaboration with public and private sector institutions and organizations.





2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2007 was the twenty-fifth year of IICA's operation in Suriname which coincided with the Institute's sixty-fifth year as the specialized Agency in the Inter-American system for the development of Agriculture and Rural Life.

During the year the office activities were guided mainly by the Plan of Operation which was elaborated toward the end of 2006. The activities carried out were also revised subject to inputs received from stakeholders following the Accountability Seminar held in April and other requests mainly from government agencies.

Results of Technical Cooperation Actions - Several of the Actions carried out in 2007 were a continuation of activities carried out in 2006 and previous years.

Repositioning of Agriculture and Rural Life - Suriname's Agricultural Sector Plan (ASP) was translated and handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV). The Office sponsored a seminar on the Agro-plan and Agro-matrix and the link to Suriname's Agricultural Sector Plan.

A painting competition was conducted among youth in Suriname under the theme: "The Effects of Global Warming on Agriculture" to help strengthen awareness of agriculture among youth.





The Office continued to produce “Partnership” bulletin to inform the milieu of IICA’s activities and also provide information on important topical issues on agriculture and rural life.

With the assistance of the Regional Specialist in Policy and Trade the Office supported the Ministry of Regional Development in formulating a draft Policy Framework for development in the interior.

Promoting Trade and the Competitiveness of Agriculture - Alternative economic activities for Suriname Maroon and Indigenous communities were explored. Investigation of market opportunities for the podosiri berry, the fruit of the Manicole palm (*Euterpe oleracea*) was conducted.

The Office supported the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) through the preparation of a pre-feasibility study on Agricultural Standards (PAS) to facilitate agricultural trade.

An orientation visit was made to Guyana to observe small- scale pineapple and heart of palm processing for export as well as the organizational and operational structure of an export packing house for agricultural produce.

Strengthening Rural Communities based on the Territorial Approach - The OAS/PADF/IICA Flood Relief Project was intensified in 2007. This project was formulated to bring relief to communities in the Upper Suriname River which were severely affected by floods in 2006. The project assisted in improving food production and food security and family nutrition by introducing new varieties and farming techniques. Other activities initiated include a school garden project.

The Office started the implementation of the joint IICA/WWF project on “*Sustainable Small Scale Income Generation Activities for Brownsweeg Commu-*





nities” being the validation of six different income generating farming models as an alternative for illicit gold mining and logging in the Brownsberg nature reserve.

IICA in Suriname, in collaboration with Peace Corps and the United Nation Development programme (UNDP), initiated the process to support the community of Balingsula in the Brokopondo district to establish a model farm to demonstrate improved sustainable commercial agricultural production. The farm will be used for training and skills enhancement in agriculture.

Promoting Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment - Collaborated with Suralco in a committee on the development of a rehabilitation program for mined out bauxite areas in the Moengo area.

A project was implemented in the Brownsweg area to develop farming models to provide alternatives for illicit logging and mining.

Facilitated two workshops on bio-energy one for policy makers and one for dairy and pig farmers.

Strengthening Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems - The office continued to support the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) in the publication of a manual on pests and diseases of vegetables and posters of safe use of pesticide.

Facilitated the participation of the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) technicians in WTO/SPS meetings in Geneva.

Continued support was provided in the Avian Influenza prevention program.





Office support continued for the monitoring and surveillance of Carambola Fruit Fly (CFF).

Introducing Technology and Innovation for the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Life - Thirteen new hot-pepper varieties were introduced into Suriname and are being tested under the local agro-ecological conditions in collaboration with CELOS and the Research division of the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV).

In partnership with Suralco, the Rotary Club Suriname and Stogo, a community based organization; the Office participated in the development of a bio-diesel pilot project in Guyaba. The project aims at generating electrical power in a sustainable manner through the production of *Jatropha curcas*.

Ongoing support provided to the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) in developing an Agricultural Diversification Program for Small Rice Farmers in the districts of Nickerie and Coronie.

The Office continued the collaboration with National, Regional and Hemispheric Institutions such as CELOS, Embrapa and the Proci's for the effective exchange and application of new appropriate technologies for the modernization of the agricultural sector.





3. THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIFE IN SURINAME IN 2007

3.1. Factors in the National Context

The main factors influencing the national context in agriculture are highlighted in the Agriculture Sector Plan (ASP). These include:

- Labour and income for the population in a diversified economy.
- Food security for the population with the emphasis on accessibility to safe and healthy foods.
- A positive contribution by the agricultural sector to the national economy.

The main vision of the ASP is the restructuring of the agricultural sector in order to strengthen the private sector to become independent and organized to build a new agricultural sector.

In this context government participation in production will be reduced and public sector will have major responsibility for education research, extension and food security.





3.2. Changes in legislation and policies on agriculture and rural life

1. *Law Labeling of Pesticides*

The law on Labeling of Pesticides was approved in 2008.

The Committee which is responsible for the use of pesticides already started with awareness workshops and implementing of the law.

2. *Cattle Law*

The laws for prevention of animal diseases - dated April 3, 1954 - and the provisions of meat and meat products, which are detrimental to public health - dated March 25, 1961 - were being revised and are incorporated as Government decisions in the cattle law.

3. *Food Supply Law*

The concept of the “Food Supply Law” was prepared in 2006 and is still awaiting approval before implementation.

3.3. Institutional Reforms in Agriculture and the Rural Milieu

A Unit has been established for the implementation of the Agricultural Sector Plan (ASP). The Unit will come into full operation in 2008. Projects for the various sub-sectors have already been designed and funding for some of these projects is available.





3.4. Agrifood Trade and the Development of Agribusinesses

Globalization and Trade Liberalization and the stricter rules and Regulation of the World Markets had an impact on export of agriculture products from the country.

In 2007 a Trade Support Program was implemented by Ministry of Trade and Industry (HI) which was financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). One of the objectives of the program was to strengthen the institutions to increase food security. A Bureau of Standards was established and is now in the process of setting standards for products including agricultural products.

Despite the stricter rules and regulations, the banana export increased by 10% and the rice export increased by 7%. This is mainly the result of the increasing World Markets prices for both rice and banana and an increase of production in the banana industry.

3.5. Agricultural Health and Food Safety

Due to implementation of stricter standards for agriculture products, the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) continued the restructuring of the Agricultural Health and Food Safety Unit (AHFSU) to assist in the process of improving standards. The Terms of Reference for the Unit are already prepared and awaiting tender.





The Ministry also in 2007 implemented a post harvest management training program for extension workers, producers and exporters to build capacity among these stakeholders.

3.6. Agricultural Innovation, Science and Technology

The Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) started the implementation of the Suriname Component of the Regional Food Security Project which involved the setting up of five (5) greenhouses to demonstrate increases of productivity under controlled environment production.

Under the execution of the ASP activities, the Ministry has initiated a program of vegetable chain development to increase the quality and the quantity of vegetable exported. The program has two main components; improvement of the quality of seeds used in production and improvement of post harvest management. The main crops targeted are yard long beans, eggplant, African eggplants, ochro and bitter gourd.

3.7. Sustainable Rural Development

The Government of Suriname has established a department of agriculture within the Ministry of Regional Development for development of agriculture in the hinterland. This unit in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) and with assistance from IICA will work to improve agricultural production in Suriname's Interior.





4. RESULTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENDA IN SURINAME DURING 2007

a. IICA's Contribution to the Repositioning of Agriculture and Rural Life

During 2007 the Office continued the process of repositioning agriculture and rural life in the country.

The Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) requested IICA to assist in the formulation of an agricultural revitalization and modernization program for smallholders in the district of Coronie. Following interaction with stakeholders a strategy document was drafted and is under review.

The Office organized an art contest for High school students, entitled: *The Effect of Global Warming on Agriculture*". Sixty two (62) students from schools throughout the city participated in the contest.



Winners of the Painting Contest





The Office intensified its efforts in the Duwatra area in the Upper-Suriname River Basin to improve the quality of life in these communities through the introduction of improved agricultural techniques.

At the request of the Ministry of Regional Development the office in collaboration with its Regional Specialist on Policies and Trade assisted the Ministry in the formulation of a policy framework for a new Directorate for Agricultural Development in the Interior. The AgroMatrix was identified as the major tool to develop this framework. A committee was established to coordinate the follow-up activities.



Participants at the Lecture held on July 9, 2007 entitled: "the Agro-Plan 2003 – 2015 in relation to the National Policy and Suriname's participation in the Caribbean Single Market Economy (CSME)" presented by Diane Francis – IICA Regional Specialist





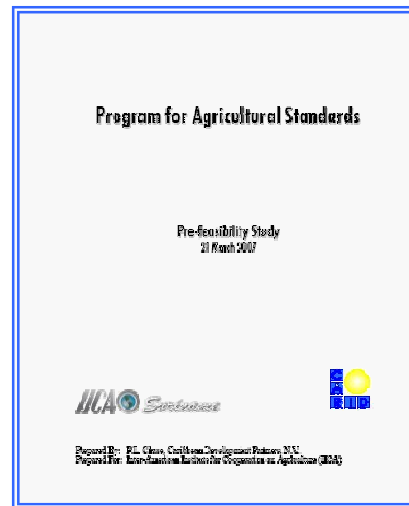
“Partnership” Issue 14 & 15

In order to provide information on Agriculture and Rural Development the Office continued the production and distribution of its newsletter “PARTNERSHIP”.

Issue 14 came out in June and featured new farming system for Upper Suriname Region Communities and the presentation of the second Annual Accountability Seminar. Issue 15 came out in October, featured the announcement of the Office new Representative.

b. Promoting Trade and the Competitiveness of Agribusiness

The Office assisted the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Tourism (ICT), through the Airport Authority, with the formulation of a pre-feasibility study for a Program for Agricultural Standards (PAS) in Suriname. The main objective of the program is to facilitate agricultural trade through the utilization of the packing facility at the Zanderij International Airport by setting standards for selected horticultural and agricultural commodities.



Pre-feasibility study for a program for Agricultural Standards (PAS)





The IICA office intensified the promotion of the *Euterpe oleracea* also known as Podosiri or Acai, a native palm, to move from a minor crop to a major commercial agricultural commodity with significant potential. The Office provided support through imports of germplasm from Brazil as well as generation and dissemination of relevant production information.

Two (2) IICA technicians paid an orientation visit to Guyana to observe small-scale pineapple and heart of palm *Euterpe olereacea* processing for export including the organizational and operational structure of an export packing station for agricultural produce. The information obtained from this visit is being disseminated to producers and potential exporters.

c. Strengthening Agricultural Health and Food Safety Systems

The Office continued to support the development of systems and protocols to facilitate continued development of agriculture in the country.



Participants at the Avian Influenza Workshop held by the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV)





IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety project in Suriname focused on support provided to global trade initiatives and Suriname's effort to access a greater markets share for its agricultural produce.

Continued support was provided by IICA for the GAP registration of farmers and efforts by the Veterinary and Animal Production Services to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza.

Cognizant of the need to prevent the entry of Avian Influenza into Suriname as well as to control the disease should it gain entry, the Office participated in discussions on the Emergency Preparedness Plan, being written by the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV).

The Office facilitated the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) in regional fora to discuss the disease and participated in a two-day workshop held for the staff of the Veterinary and Animal Production Services of LVV and the laboratory staff of CELOS.



Surveillance activity at the Corantijn River

The Ministry's efforts to address the safe use of pesticides, to control the spread of the Carambola Fruit Fly and to reduce post harvest losses through public awareness were also supported.

During 2007 IICA Suriname and Guyana facilitated Suriname's continuous fight against the spread of the Carambola Fruit Fly. The Offices

assisted with the collaboration between the two countries in the mounting of a 4-day surveillance activity in villages along both banks of the Corantijn River.





Manual on the Identification of Pests and Disease

The office supported the lamination of posters for the Ministry's pesticide public awareness campaign. One thousand (1000) posters were prepared, laminated and distributed.

The Office supported the preparation and duplication of a manual on the identification of pests and diseases of major economic importance.

Support was provided to the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) to participate in the discussions of the WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee in Geneva – Switzerland.

d. Promoting the Sustainability Management of Natural Resources and the Environment

The Office facilitated the participation of the Director of the Center of Agricultural Research in Suriname (CELOS) Dr. Rudi van Kanten at the annual meeting of Directors of Procitropicos which was held in Miraflores, Lima, Peru. The aim of the meeting was to approve the Multi Annual Plan 2007-2010, the Annual Plan 2007 and the signing of the new joint operating



Participants at the Procitropicos Directors Meeting





agreement 2007-2010. Suriname was chosen to be chairman of Procitropocos and Venezuela as vice Chairman. As a result the Procitropocos Board of Directors meeting will be held in Suriname in 2008.

e. Strengthening Rural Communities based on the Territorial Approach



Mr. R. Ramdamie, Ministry of Agriculture Extension demonstrating improved technology to Hinterland communities

In May 2006 the hinterland of Suriname was severely flooded, affecting many agricultural plots in different communities.

In order to bring relief to five selected villages in the Upper Suriname River Basin, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Pan-American Development Foundation (PADF) signed a Memorandum of

Understanding, which resulted in the implementation of a relief program aimed at:

- Bringing food production at least to the level prior to the flooding
- Providing food security, improving family food nutrition, introduction of income generating strategies through improved planting techniques and equipment.
- Introduction of new improved rice and other seed varieties.





During 2007, IICA continued to implement activities under the OAS funded Regional Agro Tourism linkages project. This project aimed at strengthening the agricultural sector through linkages with the tourism sector. It is spearheaded by the Agro Tourism linkages centre in Barbados and implemented in seven countries in the region including Suriname.



H.E. Richel Apinsa (r), Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism addressed the participants at the Agro Tourism Workshop

In order to develop a national strategy for agro-tourism in Suriname, IICA hosted a national workshop bringing together stakeholders and other interested parties from both the public and private sector. Based on the recommendations from the workshop a strategy document was formulated including a plan of action for developing the agro-tourism industry in the medium term.



Suriname Network of Rural Women Producers (SUNROP) Revitalizing Workshop

The Office continued its support to Suriname Network of Rural Women Producers (SUNROP) through assistance in revitalizing and restructuring of the organization. A workshop was held in which participants needed to put renewed efforts in revitalizing the Network.





Hesdy Ormskerk, Fruit and Vegetable Specialist (L) and Cromwell Cranford, Representative(R) visiting the poultry and vegetable operations of the WWF/IICA Project at Brownsneg

The IICA office and World Wild-Life Fund - WWF Guyanas continued the implementation of the joint project “Alternative Income Generation Opportunities for Gold miners to reduce the Negative Impact in the Brownsberg Nature Park”. Most of the project goals were successfully accomplished during 2007.

Based on the project document the project was scheduled to be concluded in October 2007. Due to some delays in the execution however, the closing date of the project is set for April 15, 2008. Former gold miners and loggers have begun to utilize transferred skills and knowledge to produce crops and livestock in a suitable manner.





f. Introducing Technology and Innovation for the Modernization of Agriculture and Rural Life

At the Institutional level activities under this thematic area are meant and designed to assist member countries in their efforts to modernize and re-structure their agricultural sectors. By making agriculture more science based and technology driven, it is believed to become more attractive to youngsters and capable of reaching high levels of economic viability.



Jatropha nursery at Guyaba

During 2007, the office in partnership with Suralco, Rotary Club Suriname and Stogo, a community based organization, participated in the development of a bio-diesel pilot project in the village Guyaba.

The project aims at generating electrical power in a sustainable manner through the production of *Jatropha curcas*.

IICA also sponsored a seminar for dairy and pig producers on the production and utilizing of biogas. A seminar a small – scale greenhouse hydroponics production was also organized.



John King – IICA Project Coordinator addressed attendees at the seminar “Diary Farming and the Use of Cow Manure to Produce Biogas”





The Office provided ongoing support to the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) in developing an Agricultural Diversification Program for small-holders in the districts of Nickerie and Coronie.

The IICA office introduced thirteen new hot pepper varieties from Thailand into Suriname. The material will be tested under the local agro-ecological conditions in collaboration with CELOS and the Research Division of the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV).





5. RESULTS OF INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION

In 2007 IICA continued to strengthen relations with partners and clients from the public and private sectors including local, regional and international organizations.

The Office maintained the good existing relations with private institutions e.g. Suralco, Billiton, Farmers and Community based organizations. IICA continued working with regional and extra-regional institutions, such as CANROP, CACHE, OAS, EMBRAPA and PAHO.

The office also strengthened the relationship with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Suriname, especially in the area of biotechnology development in the country.





6. RESULTS OF HORIZONTAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION

During 2007 two technicians from the office with the support of the IICA Guyana office visited Guyana to observe the production and processing of organic pineapple and the heart of palm from the Manicole palm (*Enterpe oleracea*) Information collected during this visit has been incorporated in the elaboration of the 2008 Annual Action Plan.

Dr. Hector Muñoz, Associate International professional supported the Office in holding workshops in low-input hydroponics greenhouse operations and production of biogas from pig and cattle operations.

Diane Francis, Regional Specialist Policies and Trade Negotiations - Caribbean assisted the Office in responding to a request from the Ministry of Regional Development to develop a policy framework for the new directorate for agricultural development in the hinterland. She also presented a seminar on the relationship of the Agro Plan, Jagdeo Initiative and the CSME and how Suriname agriculture can benefit from these initiatives.

Joseph Peltier Regional Specialist in Sustainable Rural Development supported the Office in its efforts to revitalize the Suriname Network of Rural Women Producers (SUNROP) the Suriname chapter of CANROP. He facilitated a workshop in leadership and group dynamics and held meetings with the Executive of the local Chapter.





7. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The IICA office in Suriname will continue working with partners and clients for the development of agriculture and rural life in the country. Continued efforts in the following areas include:

- Assist the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) with the implementation of the Agricultural Sector Plan (ASP).
- Support the Ministry of Agriculture (LVV) in the intensification of its Agricultural Diversification Programme.
- Support to the establishment of the department for agricultural development in the interior.
- Intensify relations with EMBRAPA and PROCITROPICOS to provide producers with improved plant and animal genetic material.
- Establishment of active Youth Forums in the country
- Support SUNROP to become fully operational
- Working together with WWF-Guyanas on income generating projects in the hinterland.
- Support the national efforts in the development of biotechnology and biofuels.





8. MAIN ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY IICA

#	Official name of the event	Date held	Site of the event	# of participants	Place and date of publication of the report of proceedings of the event
1	Accountability Seminar: 2006 Annual Report "IICA's Contribution to Agriculture and the Development of the Rural Communities in Suriname"	April 25, 2007	Torarica Hotel	70	
2	Seminar: The Agro Plan 2003 – 2015 in relation to the National policy and Suriname's participation in the CSME/Jagdeo initiative by Ms. Diana Francis.	July 9, 2007	Spice Quest	40	July 10, 2007, IICA Office Suriname
3	Painting Contest: The influence of global warming on the Agricultural sector.	July 7, 2007	IICA Office	63	October 2007 in Partnership no 15 & IICA Office Suriname
4	Agro – Tourism Workshop: Strengthening of the Tourism sector through the development of Linkages with the Agricultural sector in the Caribbean.	November 20, 2007	Unique	67	November 27, 2007, IICA Office Suriname
5	Revitalizing SUNROP Workshop	December 1, 2007	De Mantel	60	





9. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

BULLETINS :

1. issue # 14
2. Issue # 15

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ANNEX I

ACRONYMS

AHFS	Agricultural Health and Food Safety
AI	Avian Influenza
ASP	Agricultural Sector Plan
CABA	Caribbean Business Association
CACHE	Caribbean Council of Higher Education in Agriculture
CAFY	Caribbean Agricultural Youth Forum
CANR♀P	Caribbean Network of Rural Women producers
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CELOS	Center for Agricultural Research Suriname
CTA	Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation
CTO	Caribbean Tourism Organization
CWA	Caribbean Week of Agriculture
Embrapa	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation
EU	European Commission
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IICA	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
LVV	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
OAS	Organization of American States
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
PADF	Pan-American Development Foundation
PLOS	Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation
Procitropicos	Cooperative Program on Research and Technology Transfer for the South American Tropics
Suralco	Suriname Aluminum Company
SUNR♀P	Suriname Network of Rural Women Producers
RO	Ministry of Regional Development
TCT	Ministry of Transport Communication and Tourism
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wild-Life Fund





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