



Saint Lucia

Significant **achievements** in **2015**

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) organized a workshop, in collaboration with GIZ, for the Ministries of Agriculture, Sustainable Development and Finance from ECS countries on adaptation of ECS Agriculture in food security and development in a changing climate. Twenty-seven participants benefited from the training in understanding climate-proofing methodologies for agricultural development planning.
- Thirty-seven farmers were trained in Saint Lucia in permaculture management and the production of Perone hives. The capacities of the participants were enhanced in adapting low cost bee-keeping technology and appropriate management techniques to strengthen bee-keeping production.
- Seven staff members from the Ministry of Agriculture in St. Lucia were trained by IICA in collecting, processing and analysing price data for cloud base Marketing Information System under the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA) initiative supported by USDA.
- The capacity of six targeted members of the Saint Lucia Ruminant Cooperative Society Limited in Saint Lucia was improved in herd management.
- IICA hosted a national validation workshop with 10 stakeholders from the Saint Lucia Ruminant Cooperative Society Limited and the Ministry of Agriculture in Saint Lucia to develop a climate-proofed action plan for development of the small ruminant industry in Saint Lucia through sensitization and factoring of climate smart interventions to make the sector more resilient to climate change effects.
- Technical support was given to the Saint Lucia Ruminant Cooperative Society Limited in the establishment of a forage bank in Beausejour as a climate-proofing intervention to enhance the resilience of the small ruminant value chain. Increasing local forage production was a major recommendation for improving the climate resilience of the small ruminant value chain determined through a stakeholder assessment conducted in 2015.
- In collaboration with the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards and the Ministry of Agriculture a workshop was organized by IICA with funding from the EU 10th EDF SPS Project for private and public sector stakeholders to develop an action plan to improve the National Quality Infrastructure and prioritize Quality Infrastructure Services that are needed for stakeholders in the agriculture sector.



- IICA organized a training program for Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Grenada in Sustainable Soil Management for Resilient Agriculture to Climate Change. Staff members of the respective Ministries of Agriculture were trained in the methodology and tools for sustainable soil management and to improve efficiency in the use of soil for agricultural production. A promotion strategy for the countries in sustainable soil use was also formulated and validated during the training.

