

RESOLUTION No. 557

**REPORT ON THE EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR
JOINT ACTION BETWEEN THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND
HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE) AND IICA FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2014**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc. 591 (12), “Report on the evaluation of the progress made in implementing the IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program,”

CONSIDERING:

That, in compliance with Law No. 8028 of the Republic of Costa Rica and in order to establish a legal framework for strengthening, complementing and enhancing cooperation between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), on July 13, 2011, the Directors General of the two institutions signed the General Bilateral Agreement for Inter-institutional Cooperation between IICA and CATIE;

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 532 (XXX-O/10), the Executive Committee instructed the Directors General of IICA and CATIE to present to the consideration of the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a joint action program including projects in high-priority areas identified in IICA’s 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan that would effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Institute’s Member States;

That, in the same resolution, the Executive Committee urged CATIE and IICA to strengthen the technical and administrative mechanisms for joint efforts in the Member States with a view to consolidating and broadening joint actions;

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 550 (XXXI-O/11), the Executive Committee accepted the “IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action for 2011-2014”; and,

That the Directors General of CATIE and IICA presented the progress and results of the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action for 2011-2012,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the “Report on the evaluation of the progress made in implementing the IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program.”
2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue strengthening their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Program for Joint Action, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.

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