

Main achievements

2012

Canada

- Action plans for Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru in AHFS were reviewed and agreed on after 60 AHFS regulators in the Andean region received training in inspection and certification in the area of plant and animal health and food safety.
- A market scoping report prepared by IICA Canada highlighted agri-food trade prospects between six LAC countries and Canada. This report will serve as a valuable resource for potential exporters in the related countries.
- A common understanding was reached among the member countries of IICA in the area of biosafety and Low Level Presence (LLP) of genetically modified organisms for Food, Feed and Processing (FFP), and an agreement on the need to harmonize positions was reached during two Biotechnology workshops coordinated and implemented in Argentina and Panama for some sixteen LAC countries.
- The Conference Board of Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), under the Canada America Trade Related Technical Assistance (CATRTA), program approved a project to build the capacity of Peruvian and Colombian small and medium sized agri-food enterprises (SMEs) to comply with and improve Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures.
- IDRC approved an IICA project developed in collaboration with McGill University and Universidad Rafael Landivar in order to address food and nutrition insecurity in Guatemala using science-based tools to guide governmental, non-governmental and donor agencies in replicating effective Food Security programs.