

Main achievements

2012

United States of America

- Relations were strengthened with US Government agencies, particularly the State Department and a Member of the US Congress, resulting in 1) endorsement by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (USDA) to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State, advocating an increase in financial contributions to IICA by the US Government, 2) joint technical cooperation projects, training and workshops totaling approximately \$300,000 in year-end funds from the USDA, and 3) funding to support three technical positions addressing food security, climate change and risk communications regarding food safety.
- Strategic partnerships were consolidated through dialogue, exchanges and project management development with key stakeholders, universities, foundations, NGOs, the private sector and other US-based organizations. Formal agreements were signed with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) and Natural Partners and Trees for the Future to provide technical cooperation to Haiti.
- Sustainable agricultural insurance programs were promoted in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Venezuela, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Uruguay. Member countries have access to a new IICA publication entitled, [Agricultural Insurance in the Americas: A Risk Management Tool](#), which provides critical risk management and insurance concepts and individual profiles of country insurance programs in the hemisphere.
- IICA served as the technical consultant to the Member Countries in the development of the OAS Declaration entitled: “Declaration of Cochabamba on Food Security with Sovereignty”.