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- **Strategic work with USDA and the US Department of State.** IICA has worked together with the USDA and the U.S. Department of State to address the most important issues facing agriculture, which, in turn, has enabled the Institute to strengthen its technical and political standing, as well as its financial capabilities. This relationship has also contributed to furthering the interest of US government agencies in agricultural trade, agricultural health and food safety (AHFS), biotechnology, organic agriculture, climate change, climate smart agriculture, *Codex Alimentarius*, market information systems, coffee rust and post-harvest loss management. The relationship has also included financial contributions to IICA to develop technical projects on the areas mentioned.
- **Solid support to the OAS.** As the specialized agency for agriculture of the Inter-American system, IICA made solid technical contributions to the Organization of American States (OAS) through its support to the Summit Process, through which the Institute has highlighted the importance of agriculture and how it relates to food security, reduction of poverty and preservation of natural resources. The Institute also provided technical cooperation and training in water resource management, agricultural value chains, innovation, agricultural policies, climate change, risk management and non-communicable diseases to specialists and technicians from OAS member countries, via the Country Ambassadors to the Organization.
- **A trusted partner for the development of agriculture.** International organizations and institutions such as FAO, IFPRI, IDB, ECLAC, World Bank, Global Harvest Initiative, PAHO and WFP, companies such as John Deere, Dupont/Pioneer and Monsanto, and a number of academic centers from the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean have trusted IICA to establish joint projects and deliver training. The aim of this is to create a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture in the Americas, via the administration of funds, co-organization of technical fora and production of



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outlook reports, among other services. The Institute has proved its technical soundness in being a partner of choice for such highly recognized organizations.

- **Promoting agricultural insurance and risk management in the Americas.** IICA has influenced changes in the policies of several countries of the hemisphere regarding agricultural insurance and risk management, through profiling and evaluation of public and private insurance programs. The Institute also collaborated with the organization of a distance-learning project, met specific requests from Ministries, led a group of international organizations providing financial and technical assistance to governments on this topic and has published a book that provides critical risk management and insurance concepts, in addition to individual profiles of country insurance programs around the hemisphere. Key partners in this work have been the Latin American Association for the Development of Agricultural Insurance (ALASA) and the Inter-American Federation of Insurance Companies (FIDES).
- **Scientific research at the service of agriculture.** The Cooperative Program in Agricultural Research and Technology for the Northern Region (PROCINORTE), whose Technical Secretariat is managed by IICA, allowed researchers and regulators from Canada, Mexico and the United States to share experiences on the management and extraction of information from gene banks, as well as strengthen their capabilities in monitoring and control of the H1N1 virus, Animal Influenza pandemic and tuberculosis. Another achievement was the establishment of a network in biological control of invasive insects and enhancement of the quality and shelf life of mangos and avocados, including the development of a tool for measuring their firmness without damaging the fruit, in order to reduce fruit losses and increase profitability from its production.