



Saint Kitts and Nevis



Significant Achievements 2020

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) provided guidance and technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the first detection, diagnosis, and survey of Black Sigatoka disease on bananas and plantains in St Kitts and Nevis. IICA has built country capacity by training 88 persons—including plant quarantine officers, agricultural extension officers and farmers—in disease detection; survey strategy; epidemiology and management; and banana crop production.
- Focusing on the CARICOM agriculture sector's readiness to participate in the Green Climate Fund (GCF), IICA positioned the St Kitts and Nevis government to engage in and contribute to regional discussions and to participate in the GCF Readiness Project, "Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector in the Caribbean". The project includes nine countries: The Bahamas (project lead), Belize, Dominica, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago. IICA will provide support to the government and other stakeholders during the project implementation phase.
- The Institute worked with the Departments of Agriculture in St Kitts and Nevis, providing leadership and technical assistance for the country's COVID 19 pandemic plans. IICA participated in the St Kitts Food Security Planning Committee, the St Kitts COVID-19 Marketing Committee and the St Kitts and Nevis Agriculture Advisory Committee.
- Under IICA's Special COVID-19 Fund for the Caribbean Region, the Institute partnered with the Department of Agriculture and the Rabbit Association to build capacity in the production of this local protein source for food insecure households. For sustained impact, a rabbit training video was produced (<https://youtu.be/Uk0SrIkKCAM>), while 73 persons (24 female and 49 male) received face-to-face training and were given a pair of rabbits to start their rabbit production. Moreover, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Gender Affairs and Social Development, the Office facilitated the handing over of caged raised beds for vegetable farming to 20 other individuals (17 females and 3 males) from food insecure households (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKWj6Zzt1U&t=8s>).
- In support of the Ministry of Agriculture's preparation for the impact of climate change on water security in the agriculture sector, IICA, with funding from the FonPRI pre-investment fund, assisted in the development of a GCF Concept Note, in collaboration with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC). Stakeholder meetings, which included the National Designated Authority, CCCCC, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Departments of Sustainable Development, Water Resources, the Environment, and Forestry, as well as agricultural producer groups, and related cooperatives and educational institutions, were facilitated by IICA, in order to ensure that the country's requirements were accurately represented.