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I. Background Information

The Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), at its Twentieth Regular Meeting, in October 2019, resolved in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 529 (XX-O/19), to request that the Director General:

1. Strengthen IICA's coordination of efforts with other public and international organizations, donors, and other strategic partners engaged in agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.
2. Develop and discuss with those strategic partners a proposal for a coordinated approach to effectively address the sectoral challenges and opportunities for agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.
3. Present a report to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on progress in developing and discussing that proposal with the pertinent strategic partners, together with the corresponding recommendations. These recommendations may include, among others, the convening of a meeting of the strategic partners for the purpose of reaching the necessary agreements.

As such, IICA presents to the Executive Committee the actions that have been undertaken in the year 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 to accomplish the requests addressed to the Director General in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 529 (XX-O/19).

Agreements with Key Regional Integration Bodies

IICA has active working agreements with the two main Regional Integration Bodies in the Caribbean Region.

The Memorandum of Understanding between IICA and the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) was signed on July 17th, 2018, and is due on July 17th, 2021; currently, discussions are going with the OECS Commission for the renewal of the agreement.

The IICA-CARICOM General Technical Cooperation Agreement was signed on August 5th, 2019, and is due to execution until August 4th, 2022. This agreement covers actions aimed at contributing as effectively as possible to agricultural development in any country in Latin America and the Caribbean in which both institutions have common areas of interest, to accelerate the improvement of agriculture and rural development.

II. Strategic Alliances 2020-2021

Among others, IICA has in place the Memorandum of Understanding with the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States and the IICA-CARICOM General Technical Cooperation Agreement. A detailed list of IICA’s strategic alliances is the following:

IICA LEGAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN	Date Signed	End Date	Observation
IICA-OECS Commission Memorandum of Understanding	17-Jul-18	17-Jul-21	
IICA-CARDI General Technical Cooperation Agreement - Annual CARDI subvention.	1-Jan-19	31-Mar-21	
Memorandum of Understanding between Guyana Power and Light Inc.(GPL) and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	10-Apr-19	10-Apr-22	
IICA-CARICOM General Technical Cooperation Agreement.	5-Aug-19	4-Aug-22	
IICA-Caribbean Forum of ACP States Acting through the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARIFORUM).	24-Oct-19	16-Dec-22	
IICA-FAO "Service for capacity building training to producer groups in six Caribbean Countries (the Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago)".	12-Nov-19	25-Dec-20	
Obligating Work Plan IICA-USDA-APHIS-PPQ for the Greater Caribbean Safeguarding Initiative (GCSI) for Mutual Collaboration to Strengthen Offshore Safeguarding Efforts in the Greater Caribbean Region-2020. Referencia USDA 20-8100-1632A-CA. *(Generated from IICA-CARIFORUM Technical Cooperation Agreement).	12-Mar-20	31-Mar-22	
IICA-CBF for the project execution "Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Community Engagement".	17-Mar-20	13-Mar-23	
IICA-CTA for Consultancy Assignment - Preparation of a Funding Proposal for the Caribbean Regional Agritourism Development Project: "Improving Linkages between Agriculture, Trade and Tourism: Strengthening the Local	8-May-20	31-Jul-20	CTA is closed.

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Agrifood Sector and Promoting Healthy Food in Agritourism in the Caribbean”.			
IICA-Caribbean Water and Sewerage Association Inc. (CAWASA).	15-Jun-20	15-Jun-22	
Memorandum of Understanding between The Basic Needs Trust Fund Implementation Agency in Guyana (BNTF IA Guyana) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (NAREI) and the University of Guyana Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry (UoG-FoAF) for provision of “Building Climate Resilience Through Climate Smart Agriculture – Shade House Technology to Ensure Food Security and Create Rural Wealth”	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
IICA-Global Water Partnership-Caribbean (GWP-C).	6-Jul-20	6-Jul-22	
IICA-Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) for the Implementation of the 11th EDF Project. *(Generated from IICA-CARIFORUM Technical Cooperation Agreement).	15-Jul-20	15-Nov-22	
IICA-Caribbean Development Fund (CDF) General Technical Cooperation Agreement.	10-Sep-20	10-Sep-25	
Agreement on the Transfer of Intellectual Assets and Intellectual Property Rights between: the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA), hereafter known as "CTA", and: The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)	20-Oct-20	31-Dec-20	CTA is closed and IICA now has the Intellectual Assets and Intellectual Property Rights that were transferred by CTA.
CTA Legacy Asset Transfer to IICA – Grant Contract - Promoting Agrotourism Development in the Caribbean Region	11-Nov-20	31-Dec-21	
Memorandum of Understanding between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and the French Agency for Ecological Transition	1-Dec-20	1-Dec-22	
Grant Support Agreement in Support of GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme: “Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector in the Caribbean” Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) LAC-RS-009	8-Mar-21	8-Mar-23	
General Agreement for Technical Cooperation between Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee COLEACP and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture	30-Mar-21	30-Mar-24	

III. Projects under execution in 2020-2021 (by Country)

COUNTRY	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING SOURCE	BUDGET (USD)	PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND STATUS
Antigua and Barbuda	1. Strengthening the Agriculture Sector in Antigua and Barbuda through the Provision of Inputs and Supplies to Support Small Scale Farmers	IICA DG Special COVID-19 Single Technical Cooperation Response	18,000	To improve the availability and accessibility to food for vulnerable populations in Antigua and Barbuda affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, through technical and material interventions to support commercial vegetable and livestock farmers. STATUS: Activities started on the 6th October whereby beneficiaries have received

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		Fund for the Caribbean		inputs and supplies. The MoA continues to monitor and evaluate the small farmers to collect production data. (Completed)
	2. Developing Sustainable Protein-Sources for Community Nutrition Resilience in Antigua	Australian High Commission Direct Aid Program	15,578.31	To address these barriers and strengthen the resilience of protein food systems and community food and nutrition security. STATUS: 100% of the activities have been (Completed) .
	3. Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 through the supply of fresh food to rural households.	IICA Crowdfunding Initiative	27,000	To strengthen the local production infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on national food and nutrition security in Antigua and Barbuda. STATUS: Activities have started and will be monitored and evaluated during the project timeline. (Ongoing)
	4. Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Community Engagement	Caribbean Bio-Diversity Fund (CBF)	1,900,000	This is a regional project executed by IICA which covers four (4) countries (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago). To strengthen ecosystem services in upland-coastal environments for improving marine-coastal climate resilience while increasing sustainable livelihood opportunities in communities. STATUS: Project started this year. (Ongoing)
	5. Agricultural Extension Digital Application (AgriExtApp)	IICA Resources	N/A	Response to request from Ministers of Agriculture to IICA's DG to streamline and improve the interaction and exchange of information between extension workers and farmers and facilitate access to priority information to respond to producers' problems. STATUS: Digital App completed and piloted. Currently Setting up the local quality assurance teams in country to scrutinize the fact sheets before they're uploaded. The APP was formally launched in November 2020. (Completed)
The Bahamas	1. Sustainable Agriculture Systems in the Aftermath of Hurricane Dorian	New Zealand High Commission	35,000.00	The objective of the project is to assist farmers on both Abaco and Grand Bahama islands with re-entering the food chain after the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian. Ongoing.
	2. "Working towards sustainable development goal 13: Climate Action through the use of Climate Smart Agricultural Technologies"	Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources, The Bahamas	45,164.18	Increased awareness and adaptation of climate smart and resilient practices and technologies. Ongoing.

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	3. “Integrated Landscape Management for Addressing Land Degradation, Food Security and Climate Resilience Challenges in The Bahamas”	GEF UNDP and Government of The Bahamas	125,000.00	A consultancy for Project Preparation Phase of GEF Full-sized project. The objective of this consultancy is to provide the Department of Policy and Planning (DEPP) with the required documents, developed based on additional studies, assessments, baselining and consultations with stakeholders, for submission of this project to the GEF and UN Environment Programme. (will commence soon)
	4. Meeting the Challenge of 2020 in The Bahamas ‘GEF-2020’ Project	GEF UNDP and Government of The Bahamas	170,000.00	Reduce impacts of agriculture and pollution in productive landscapes on ecosystem services and biodiversity in Marine Protected Areas (will sign contract as soon as IICA approves)
	5. Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector	GCF	1,200,000.00	Multi-country project with The Bahamas as the lead contributing \$250,000 USD. The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. Project approved by GCF. Ongoing.

Barbados	1.11th EDF SPS Measures project Support to CARIFORUM States in furthering the implementation of their Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) commitments and in meaningfully reaping the benefits of the Agreement.	EU	1.25m Euro	To increase compliance by the public and private sectors in CARIFORUM States with international Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, standards and procedures so as to increase international and regional market access. (Regional, Yr 1 completed, Ongoing to 2022)
	2. Improving Food and Nutrition Security in Urban Communities in Barbados through the Promotion of Backyard Gardening (BYG)	IICA DG Special COVID-19 Single Technical Cooperation Response Fund for the Caribbean	10,000	To improve the capacities of urban youth and a disabled community to produce wholesome, nutritious food from kitchen / backyard gardens, utilizing sustainable agriculture techniques, and to establish BYGs in two Barbadian urban communities to alleviate challenges with access to fresh, nutritious fruits, vegetables, root crops and herbs that are essential to strong immune systems, which were brought critically to attention in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic
	3. Establishment of the Future Farmers network with website, Instagram and Facebook Pages and Think Tank	Barbados Environmental and Conservation Trust (BECT)	60,000	To provide a space where youth in agriculture can dialogue, articulate their views, network and promote their businesses, tell their stories, share knowledge on technology and innovations. (National).

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	4.Transforming the Greenland Livestock Research Station into a World-Class Breeding and Nutrition Centre for Barbados Blackbelly Sheep	New Zealand High Commission	118,000	To develop an OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health)- accredited Artificial Insemination Laboratory for the collection, processing and storage of the BBS semen and to train laboratory technicians; To install a combine hammer and pellet mill for the processing of inexpensive, readily available forage for the animals; To deliver training in Modern Small Ruminant Management to a regional audience of small ruminant producers and livestock specialists; To conduct a study tour to a country where Best Practices in the management of small ruminant/livestock genetics may be observed. National, Completed
	5.Improving Linkages between Agriculture and Tourism at national and regional levels	ACP-EU Technical Centre of Agricultural and Rural Cooperation	34,350	To prepare 2 Funding Proposals on “Improving Linkages between Agriculture, Trade and Tourism: for Barbados and the Caribbean Region, respectively to be submitted for funding consideration under the 11 th EDF Intra-ACP fund. Completed.
	6. Strengthening of regional and international collaboration on agrotourism through Co-hosting of International webinar with UNWTO, participation in OACPS Webinar; IICA Guyana Agrotourism Webinar; SEGIB Foro Iberoamericano Webinar	UNWTO IICA Guyana OACPS	30,000	CTA Legacy Assets Transfer Project on Chefs4Dev and Regional Work Programme (\$30,000) to start in 2021. Work with UNWTO and Guyana. Ongoing.

Dominica	1. Strengthening the Foundation for a Climate Responsive Agricultural Sector in the Caribbean	Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Fund	1,200,000.00	The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. The Government of Dominica contributed USD40,000 from their Readiness Fund to this Project. STATUS: The Project has received Final Approval from the GCF. (Ongoing)
	2. Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Community Engagement	Caribbean Bio-Diversity Fund (CBF)	1,900,000.00	This is a regional project executed by IICA which covers four (4) countries (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago). To strengthen ecosystem services in upland-coastal environments for improving marine-coastal climate resilience while increasing sustainable livelihood opportunities in communities. STATUS: Project started this year. (Ongoing)
	3. Capacity Building of Producer Groups- Assessing the Production and	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United	43,000 (Dom Allocation- 6,600)	The regional project was designed to build capacities of producer s organization in six Caribbean countries: Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. The

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	Marketing Capacity of Producers	Nations (FAO)		project contributed to reduction in rural poverty and enabling inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems. Emphasis was places in Assessing the Production and Marketing Capacity of Producers and Strengthen the capacity of farmers and producer groups in Governance and Entrepreneurship. (Completed)
	4. Strengthening Disaster Management Capacity of Women in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and Dominica	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	278,000.00	The Component of the project IICA is managing is geared towards strengthening the resilience of targeted Communities in the Commonwealth of Dominica, using gender responsive disaster risk reduction and alternative livelihood practices. Ongoing.
	5. Sustainable Land Management in the Commonwealth of Dominica; Strengthening Resilience of Agricultural lands and Forests in Dominica	Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Land Management PISLM / UNEP/ GIZ	206,471.00	The project component managed by IICA will Improve the DOM GAP Certification potential of selected farms, Promote GAP processes, and improve market access potential of identified farmers by conducting a comprehensive market analysis. Ongoing.
	6. Provide technical guidance to the Ministry of Agriculture in an effort to articulate and prepare a midterm National Agricultural Policy 2020-2030 inclusive of a critical guidelines and milestones towards achieving the goal of Dominica as a Global Center for Agricultural Resilience (GCARD)	Special DG Fund	15,190.00	Formulate an Agricultural policy that establishes tangible goals, clear direction and guidelines that the Ministry and sector stakeholders can adopt, through result-based programs and projects and good private and public sector practices that collectively, build climate resilience and systematically strengthen the capacity to improve overall sustainable development of the sector. Ongoing.
	7. Enhancing food safety capacity of Micro and Small Enterprises through the use of information and communication technology in selected Caribbean Countries".	IICA	20,000.00	This is a multi-country action which includes six countries. These are Barbados, Dominica, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. The General Objective of the project is to strengthen AHFS capacities among private sector to increase their contribution towards national and regional food and nutrition security goals. Ongoing.
	8. Facilitating Trade Capacity of Caribbean Producers of Fresh and Value-Added Products to Capture Regional Markets	IICA	32,000.00	The project is regional. It will be executed across 6 countries in the Caribbean: Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. To support the increased efforts at boosting intra-regional trade and access to regional markets by agro-food producers from 6 Caribbean countries. Ongoing.

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Dominican Republic	1. Promotion of Bioentrepreneurship to promote rural development of women and build resilience to climate change in the Enriquillo region.	The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)	18,500.00	Strengthen the capacities and empowerment of women in the Enriquillo region of the Dominican Republic, in order to promote their development and build resilience to climate change. (Completed in 2020)
	2. Dominican Republic Component of the Central America Coffee Rust Integral Management Programme (PROCAGICA-RD)	European Union	1,916,936.00	Contribute to addressing climate change and its environmental effects through the adoption and application of adaptation, mitigation and risk reduction of environmental and climatic disasters in coffee-growing areas of the Dominican Republic (Completed in 2020)
	3. Technical Cooperation Agreement to support the development of priority actions for the Agricultural Sector, in the field of agricultural health and food security, international agricultural trade, the strengthening of rural organizations, knowledge management and the application of technologies of information and communications to agricultural and rural development.	Ministry of Agriculture of the Dominican Republic	523,560.00	Offer technical and administrative support to the Ministry of Agriculture to support the development of priority activities for the Agricultural Sector, in the field of agricultural health and food security, international agricultural trade, the strengthening of rural organizations, knowledge management and the application of information and communication technologies to agricultural and rural development (Ongoing) .
	4. Technical Cooperation Agreement for the institutional transformation of the Special Fund for Agricultural Development, and the transformation of Rural Economic Organizations into rural cooperatives.	Special Fund for Agricultural Development of the Dominican Republic	2,159,047.00	Develop a technical cooperation initiative to support the institutional transformation of the FEDA for the development of a new rural economy, as well as the transformation of Rural Economic Organizations into profitable and permanent rural cooperatives. (Ongoing)

Grenada	1. IICA Single Fund for Technical Cooperation (Backyard gardens for	IICA (DG Special fund re Covid- 19)	20,000.00	To contribute to food and nutrition security, social protection and poverty reduction of vulnerable groups as part of the MOA backyard gardening Programme re Covid-19 (Completed)
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	vulnerable groups) re Covid-19 response			
	2. Strengthening the Grenada Extension Country Forum of CAEPNet under the Last Mile Project (LMP)	IFAD	22,572.00	To enhance the capacity of Rural Advisory Services to effectively facilitate knowledge and technology flows (Ongoing)
	3. Support to the enhancement of the Mirabeau Abattoir (Meat Harvesting and Processing Plant)	CDF	220,815.00	To make the Meat Harvesting and Processing Plant compliant with the Codex food hygiene code of practice for meat and guidelines for the practical application of HACCP (Ongoing)
	4. Services for capacity building and training to two producer groups (Beekeepers Association and Agro-processors)	FAO	6,151.00	To build capacity of farmers organizations (Completed)
	5. Support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands Banana Development Pilot Project	MOA	n/a	To contribute to food security and employment of rural dwellers (Ongoing)
	6. Publicizing the work of the Grenada Delegation and IICA on a whole	IICA	n/a	To maximize visibility of IICA by publishing its activities in the media (Ongoing)

Guyana	1. Diagnostic Study of the Dairy Value Chain in Guyana (Mapping, Analysis & Design)	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	97,784.40	The Main objective of the consultancy is to support the Government of Guyana (GoG) through the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) in clearly identifying the overall milk value chain, from the production and processing to consumption of milk and milk-based products in regions. Ongoing.
	2. Climate Smart Agriculture Project	Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)/ Government of Guyana (GoG)	144,366.19	Provision of technical assistance for the complete construction and installation of twenty-six (26) shadehouses subsequent to shade house management training within the following eight (8) Administrative Regions: Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,9 &10.
	3. Shade House Project	Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)/IICA	17,000.00	Provide training to famers within the Parika, Naamyrcck and Ruby Farmer's Association, on the construction, use and importance of shade houses.
	4. Capacity Building in Good Governance for Producer Groups Project - Market Assessment	Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)/IICA	8,051.00	Build capacity of Farmer Organisations

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	5. Bio fortification Project	Guyana Rice Development Board (GRDB)/IICA	40,000.00	Conduct field trials of rice lines to establish a variety with acceptable levels of Zn which will be classified as fortified and branded, especially since Zn is recommended to increase a person's immunity. For the world market.
	6. Agro-processing Mapping	Exxon Mobil/IICA	10,000.00	Capacity building in local market access for selected women agro-processors in region three,
	7. Agro-Tourism Policy (Implementation)	Government of Guyana (GoG)	65,162.00	Preparation of Guyana Agri-tourism Policy and Road Map.
	8. Solid Waste Project	IICA	8,000.00	Capacity building on the use of Solid Waste being prepared into compost and added to crop production. This action also reduces pollution.

Haiti	1. Realization of Training sessions for agricultural goods and services providers in the frame of the PITAG project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture.	MARNDR (with funds from IDB)	300,000	To strengthen the capacity of suppliers of agricultural goods and services approved by PITAG, to enable them to provide adequate technical advice to farmers benefiting from the incentives. Ongoing.
	2. Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 in the supply of fresh food to rural and periurban households	Crowdfunding	24,000	Strategic objective: Increase the food security of low income households impacted by COVID-19 in rural communities in Haiti. Specific Objective: Improve food availability through the introduction of hardy sweet corn varieties and small tools for producers in selected rural communities in Haiti. Ongoing.
	3. NSmartAg Country Profile Elaboration	World Bank	38,148	To develop the NSmartAg country profile for Haiti following the Methodology for Developing Nutrition Smart Agriculture (NSmartAg) Country Profiles provided by the WorldBank. Completed in 2020.
	4. Strengthening the Foundation for a Climate Responsive Agricultural Sector in the Caribbean	Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Fund	1,200,000.00	The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. The Government of Haiti commits to contribute US\$200,000 to the project. The Project has received Final Approval from the GCF. (Ongoing) . It is a multi-country regional project.
	5. Support to the MoA (MARNDR) for the control of pests in corn cultivation in the Center Department	IICA	15,000.00	Support to the Ministry of Agriculture to counter the infestation of caterpillars in corn fields by distributing sprinkler materials and pesticides to farmers in the central plateau and monitoring plots. Completed in 2020
	5. Agridigitalization Project	IFAD-AgriTerra	108,000.00	Leverage the technology, experience, know-how and models of digital finance services, e-trade and technology providers towards the rural poor and streamline them within IFAD's portfolio in order to help producers cope with the current COVID emergency and recover more rapidly, generating social, financial and technical inclusion. It is a multi-country project. (In final stage of negotiation)

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Jamaica	1. Grow Castor Bean Cluster Project	IDB	62,060	Build capacity in the Jamaica Baptist Union Cluster for competitive commercial production of castor. Successful implementation of first half. Training components to be completed by July to complete the project. Ongoing
	2. Addressing dietary nutrient deficiencies and noncommunicable diseases thru adoption and consumption of Biofortified Crops in CARICOM	MFAI, GRDB and IICA	49,500	Development of iron biofortified beans and zinc biofortified rice varieties for commercial production in Belize and Guyana, respectively, for consumption in CARICOM. Ongoing with full funding required to fully implement the project for CARICOM to benefit. Ongoing .
	3. STDF/PG/577 - Improving capacity building and knowledge sharing to support management of Cadmium levels in cocoa in Latin America and the Caribbean	STDF	551,456	Conversion of best practices to date on Cadmium mitigation in Cocoa for application by growers in LAC and building consensus on most appropriate Cd measurement protocols among centers of excellence in Trinidad & Tobago, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. Projected start 1 May 2021. Ongoing .
	4. Promoting the Circular bioeconomy through commercialization of waste as a resource, capacity building and dissemination of knowledge on appropriate technologies in the Caribbean	IICA	39,000	Develop job opportunities in the circular economy or green economy in CARICOM through the establishment of Standards for Compost in all 14 IICA member countries, training (theoretical and practical) of public sector stakeholders in the principles of composting, strengthening capacity of IICA technicians in the region to support this emerging green waste management economy. About to start. Ongoing .
	5. Development of a surveillance programme to monitor the manifestation of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the livestock sector in Jamaica	IICA DG Fund 2020	2,000	We continue to provide support to the national team as required. Survey and sampling continues with testing scheduled with covid sample testing as same lab facilities. Completed .
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1. Strengthening the Foundation for a Climate Responsive Agricultural Sector in the Caribbean	Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Fund	1,200,000.00	The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. The Government of Suriname contributed USD100,000 from their Readiness Fund to this Project. (Awaiting for final approval from GCF)
	2. Improving resilience of farmers and farming communities by improving food and water security through integrated strategic interventions	FonPri IICA	30,000.00	To design an agriculture water security resilience Project Concept Note for submission to the GCF (Ongoing)

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	3. To detection, survey and management of black Sigatoka disease on banana and plantain	MOA	N/A	To support and strengthen the capacity to manage black Sigatoka disease of banana and plantain (Ongoing)
	4. Stabilizing and enhancing agricultural production among small holders affected by COVID-19 Pandemic	IICA (DG fund)	14,550.00	To improve the availability and accessibility to food of vulnerable populations in St Kitts and Nevis in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, through technical and material interventions to support development of the Rabbit industry (St Kitts) and smallholder crop production (Nevis). (Completed)
	5. Enhancing food safety capacity of Micro and Small Enterprises through the use of information and communication technology in selected Caribbean Countries	IICA Single Fund	20,000.00	To strengthen AHFS capacities among private sector to increase their contribution towards national and regional food and nutrition security goals. (Ongoing)
	6. Strengthening the rural stakeholders involved in Agrotourism in the Caribbean Region	CTA	30,000.00	To build capacity and promote Food Tourism (Ongoing)
	7. 11th EDF SPS Project	EU		To strengthen the regulatory framework in the areas of Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) Coordination and Policy (Ongoing)

Saint Lucia	1. IICA Single Fund for Technical Cooperation (Building more Efficient and Coordinated Production and Market Mechanisms) re Covid-19 response	IICA	19,455	Improve market efficiencies in coordination of production and commodity access. IICA supported the St Lucia Marketing Board in developing a pack house standard operating procedures (SOPs) manual that are compliant with HACCP requirements as well as training staff in the preparation of SOPs. This supports their registration with Public Health and allows exporters and other clients to more reliably do business with the pack house. Digital point of sale systems and connected scales were also provided for easier data collation to support decision making. IICA started a process of building business linkages between exporters and the pack house. This work will continue in 2021. Ongoing
	2. Rural Enterprise Development: Valorizing Biodiversity	IICA UNDP GEF SGP	12,520	Build capacity of rural stakeholders to produce value-added products (compost, mushrooms, bio-fertilizer, cocoa) using available raw materials in the community. IICA fostered business linkages among rural producers to support each other. Product prototyping was completed in 2020. Up-scaling in 2021. Ongoing.

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	3. Support to Agro-processing and Enterprise Development of Rural Women	N/A	NA	The IICA Delegation provided technical cooperation and resource mobilization support to the Saint Lucia Network of Rural Women Producers (SLNRWP)'s clusters in Micoud, Babonneau and Laborie. In the case of Micoud and Babonneau, IICA supported the rural women in entering into a lease arrangement to operate small agro-processing facilities in the incumbent communities. The facilities were built by the Ministry of Agriculture. This entailed group organization, negotiating lease terms, as well as business planning and partner engagement. These outcomes are a realization of IICA's work to build the capability and legitimacy of SLNRWP as a partner for rural development. Ongoing.
	4. 10 th Caribbean Beekeepers Congress	IICA	1,000	The IICA Delegation in Saint Lucia provided technical and monetary support for the 10th Beekeepers Congress in collaboration with the Association of Caribbean Beekeepers Organizations (ACBO) and the GEF SGP UNDP. This year's Congress was held virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions on travel. The Congress featured an international representation with contributors from India, the USA and Canada. Thematic-specific presentations as well as country presentations by ACBO affiliates. Completed.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1. Capacity Building to support the development of Livestock sector in St. Vincent and the Grenadines	IICA	29,700	To contribute to efforts to develop the poultry and small ruminant sector. The project focused on building the capacity of the hatchery to produce day-old chicks and enhance services for artificial insemination. Completed
	2. Stabilizing and enhancing agricultural production among small holders in St. Vincent and the Grenadines affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic	IICA	10,000	The objective of the project was to improve the availability and accessibility to food for vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic, through technical and material interventions to support commercial vegetable farming. Completed
	3. Pilot project to Promote Digitalization in the Agricultural sector	IICA		The objective of the exercise was to promote extension innovation in the Caribbean Region through the creation and use of a digital application to communicate information to stakeholders in the agricultural sector. Pilot phase is completed. IICA is continuing to provide support to the institutionalization process through participation on the technical committee created by the Ministry of Agriculture to support development of information products. Ongoing

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	4. Services for capacity building for two producer organisations in six Caribbean countries (two in SVG – beekeepers association and south windward farmers in action producer cooperative society)	FAO	6,610	The objective of the project was to build capacity in two producer organisations in governance, leadership, management and marketing. Project completed but the work continues with SOWAPCO, providing capacity building support for the production and marketing of sweet corn for the domestic market. Includes work on production planning, marketing, new concept development. Completed.
	5. Enhancing linkages between the tourism and agricultural sectors	Skyviews consultancy (payment for services rendered)	3,800	The office is supporting the consultancy through services rendered aimed at promoting linkages between agricultural producers/suppliers and the tourism sector. In progress. Ongoing.
	6. Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector	GCF	1200000 (multi-country)	The project's objective is to strengthen the foundation on which the regional agricultural sector prioritizes investments for resilience and enhance conditions for improved reporting on greenhouse gas emissions in specified agricultural chains. Project approved by GCF. Ongoing.

Suriname	1. Consultancy to Constitute a Project Executing Unit (PEU) to provide Project and Fiduciary Management Capacity and Technical Support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries	IDB Investment loans to the Government of Suriname, and grant from the European Union	2,537,427.00	This facility consist of the amalgamation of two investment loans and one grant under the management of IICA. These include SU-L1020 with a budget of: USD17.5 million; SU-L1052 valued at USD30 million and SU-G1004 valued at EUR(€)2.15 (a grant provided by the EU to the Government of Suriname via the IDB. The objectives of these projects are to Increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through the improvement of animal health, plant health and food safety and agricultural research and technology transfer services and to increase agricultural productivity in Suriname through investments in infrastructure and management of Irrigation and Drainage (I&D) systems and by improving the quality of available agriculture statistics. The Projects will have a duration of 6 years. IICA signed the Contract with the Ministry of Agriculture on April 23 rd , 2020, and began execution on August 6 th , 2020 after receipt of the first advance payment into IICA's account. This project also provides for the signing of a second contract for IICA Specialist to provide direct technical support to the project components at IICA's established consultancy fees. Ongoing.
	2. Support to Small Scale Farmers and Rural Agro-processors Negatively Impacted by COVID-19 to Enhance and Diversify Production of Local	IICA Special COVID-19 Single Technical Cooperation Response Fund for the Caribbean	10,000.00	This project supported the Ministry of Agriculture COVID-19 response efforts to strengthen food security. It targeted direct support to four hundred and fifty (450) members (small scale farmers and agro-processors), from seven (7) producer, youth and women organizations in Suriname with agricultural inputs, seeds, tools and equipment and other

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	Agriculture Products in Suriname			supplies whose economic activities have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19. Completed.
	3. Strengthening the Foundation for a Climate Responsive Agricultural Sector in the Caribbean	Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Fund	1,200,000.00	The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. The Government of Suriname contributed USD200,000 from their Readiness Fund to this Project. <i>STATUS: The Project is Approve and will begin this year.</i> Ongoing
	4. Services to facilitate the promotion of Permaculture and Permaculture for climate resilience agriculture in Suriname	Food and Agriculture Organization	50,000.00	This project will be completed in June 2021 and will support two (2) farmers organizations in efforts to strengthen the capacity in using climate smart technologies and in using permaculture technologies for the production of honey. It will target direct support to forty (40) vegetable farmers members, twenty (20) youths in beekeeping and ten (10) extension officers from the Ministry of Agriculture. <i>The project status is currently Ongoing.</i>
	5. Increasing Access to Potable Water for Rural Primary Schools District-Sipaliwini - IICA Suriname	Australian High Commission Direct Aid Program	42,000.00	The project was designed to support three (3) primary schools in the District Sipaliwini by installing low-cost PVC rainwater harvesting system. This project will benefit a total of Six hundred ninety-two (692) primary students and thirty-one (31) teachers. The project status is approved by the Direct Aid Programme and will begin in April 2021. Ongoing

Trinidad and Tobago	1. Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Community Engagement.	Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF) EbA Facility	45,879.00	a) build technical and social capacity of communities and farmers to rehabilitate upland and downstream ecosystems by implementing EbA-climate smart solutions (CSS); b) strengthen existing livelihood opportunities and generate alternatives based on the implementation of EbA-CSS interventions; and, c) disseminate information and raise awareness of nature-based and climate smart approaches using innovative educational, monitoring and impact assessment tools. Ongoing
	2. Supporting the emergence and elevation of Model Farmers as a practical tool to illustrate the advantages and facilitate adoption of innovative and climate smart farming in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T).	The Cropper Foundation (TCF)	70,000.00	a) To develop a practical model with clear parameters for applied research and knowledge transfer in farming system innovation and climate smart agricultural practices that are suitable in the T&T environment using active and progressive farmers; b) To nurture and showcase 6-8 Model Farmers as living laboratories/centers of excellence in specific innovative, safe and resilient/sustainable farming systems that are relevant, affordable and scalable to local contexts; c) To support the development of the wider

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				GSCP Farmer Learning Network through outreach and targeted communication. Ongoing.
	3. Utilizing Digital and Smart Technology to Enhance Traceability and Record-Keeping for Farmers and expand the reach of Local Agri-food Products in Trinidad and Tobago through Online Marketing and Distribution platforms	The Cropper Foundation (TCF)	35,000.00	a) To develop and/or acquire/adapt simple, user friendly smart phone Apps that will allow small-scale farmers to keep records on their crop management practices (for traceability) and financial activities (for business acumen and cost of production); b) To provide a training of trainers to MALF extension staff, TCF staff, NAMDEVCO, ADB , farmer groups and other relevant institutions in the proper use of the App for training of farmers; c) To provide target-tailored support to the ARCTT and WHYFarm community-based organizations for the further development of their individual online marketing platforms to allow them to increase sales. Ongoing.
	4. Support the national thrust to enhance and diversify production and domestic marketing of local agriculture products	IICA DG Special Fund re Covid-19 response	10,000.00	To contribute to enhancing the availability and accessibility of local agro-food products across Trinidad & Tobago during the COVID-19 Pandemic, through interventions that support community gardening capacity, small-scale farm productivity and local agri-products marketers and distributors for the well-being of rural dwellers. Ongoing.
	5. Capacity Building of Producer Groups for Assessing the Production and Marketing Capacity of Producers.	FAO	6,800.00	FAO/IICA Letter of Agreement with the IICA Agribusiness and Value Chain programme targeting producer groups in 6 countries - Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada Guyana, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. Under this partnership, 2 Producer Groups - the Tobago Agro-Processors Association (TAPA) and the Trinidad and Tobago Beekeepers Association (TTBA) benefited from production and marketing capacity building. Completed.
	6. Enhancing food safety capacity of Micro and Small Enterprises through the use of information and communication technology in selected Caribbean Countries.	IICA	20,000.00	Regional project to strengthen AHFS capacities among private sector to increase their contribution towards national and regional food and nutrition security goals in Barbados, Dominica, Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago. This Action will promote the use of technology to facilitate information sharing and networking among MSEs across the six countries in the Region. Approved for implementation.
	7. Facilitating Trade Capacity of Caribbean Producers of Fresh and Value-Added Products to Capture Regional Markets	IICA	32,000.00	To support the increased efforts at boosting intra-regional trade and access to regional markets by agro-food producers from 6 Caribbean countries (Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago). The intervention directly represents a specific call by governments for the stimulation of intra-regional trade for enhanced food security in response to COVID-19 related food supply concerns. Approved for implementation.

IV. Regional Projects under execution in 2020-2021:

REGIONAL PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING SOURCE	BUDGET (USD)	PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND STATUS
1. Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem Based Adaptation and Community Engagement	Caribbean Bio-Diversity Fund (CBF)	1,900,000	This is a regional project executed by IICA which covers four (4) countries (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago). To strengthen ecosystem services in upland-coastal environments for improving marine-coastal climate resilience while increasing sustainable livelihood opportunities in communities. STATUS: Project started this year. (Ongoing)
2. Strengthening the foundation for a climate responsive agricultural sector	GCF	1,200,000.00	Multi-country project with The Bahamas as the lead contributing \$250,000 USD. The project was designed to support the preparation (readiness) of CARICOM Member countries for implementation of GCF funded projects related to agriculture. Countries involved: Suriname, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominica, Belize, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Haiti, the Bahamas, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Project approved by GCF. Ongoing.
3. 11th EDF SPS Measures project Support to CARIFORUM States in furthering the implementation of their Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) commitments and in meaningfully reaping the benefits of the Agreement.	EU	1.25m Euro	To increase compliance by the public and private sectors in CARIFORUM States with international Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, standards and procedures so as to increase international and regional market access. (Regional, Yr 1 completed, Ongoing to 2022)
4. Addressing dietary nutrient deficiencies and noncommunicable diseases thru adoption and consumption of Biofortified Crops in CARICOM	MFAI, GRDB and IICA	49,500	Development of iron biofortified beans and zinc biofortified rice varieties for commercial production in Belize and Guyana, respectively, for consumption in CARICOM. Ongoing with full funding required to fully implement the project for CARICOM to benefit. Ongoing.
5. STDF/PG/577 - Improving capacity building and knowledge sharing to support management of Cadmium levels in cocoa in Latin America and the Caribbean	STDF	551,456	Conversion of best practices to date on Cadmium mitigation in Cocoa for application by growers in LAC and building consensus on most appropriate Cd measurement protocols among centers of excellence in Trinidad & Tobago, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. Projected start 1 May 2021. Ongoing.

V. Regional and Hemispheric Meetings in 2020-2021

MEETING	COUNTERPARTS	DATE
1. Videoconference between Director General of IICA, Dr. Manuel Otero and Secretary General of CARICOM, Ambassador Irwin LaRoque	CARICOM	March 17th, 2020
2. Virtual Ministerial Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture - Joint Actions in the Crisis of COVID-19 and the Director General of IICA	Ministers of Agriculture of the Caribbean Region	April 16th, 2020
3. CARICOM and IICA Virtual Engagement between CARICOM Ministers of Agriculture and Financial Institutions, Donor Organizations and Donor Countries Financing the Post-COVID-19 Agricultural and Rural Recovery Process - Current and Emerging Opportunities.	CARICOM and Ministers of Agriculture	June 4th, 2020
4. Introductory Meeting of New Ministers of Agriculture of the Caribbean Region with IICA's Director General.	Ministers of Agriculture of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname)	October 23rd, 2020
5. Regional Accountability Seminar 2021. Reflections on 2020 and Moving Agriculture Forward Post COVID-19	Ministers of Agriculture of the Caribbean Region	March 26th, 2021
6. CARICOM Regional Dialogue in Preparation for the United Nations Food Systems Summit via Videoconference	President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Ministers of Agriculture of Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Guyana CARICOM / UN / FAO / OECS / WFP	May 28th, 2021

VI. Key Bilateral/Multilateral Horizontal Cooperation

1. Bilateral meeting between the Governments of Guyana and Brazil to discuss Technical Cooperation for joint development of the agriculture sectors in the respective countries (South-South technical cooperation).
2. OECS Director General and IICA Director General to discuss the renewal of their General Technical Cooperation Agreement.
3. Planned meeting between the Ministries of Agriculture and Tourism of Brazil, with the Ministers of Agriculture and Tourism of Bahamas and Barbados on establishing joint agrotourism initiatives/linkages (South-South technical cooperation).

VII. Future Actions

1. Commit to maintain the infrastructure of 14 offices as well as the human and financial resources needed for implementing the Caribbean Strategy. This includes the continuation of a Special Fund for the Caribbean Region for a second consecutive year;
2. Continue to support proposals and securing external funding to address important agricultural and rural development matters in the region;
3. Continue acting as a bridge for engagement and facilitation of horizontal cooperation, South-South and triangular cooperation, taking advantage of the complementarities among the different regions served by the institute.
4. Commit to support the rebuilding and repositioning of the agriculture and rural sectors in the Caribbean Post COVID-19.
5. Proposal to support the region with an administrative officer to support the work of COTED agriculture, within the framework of CARICOM, through a Caribbean Agricultural Council (CAC), taking advantage of the experience IICA has developed acting as a secretariat of Southern and Central agricultural forums.
6. Continue the accreditation process of the Institute in the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to have access to international funds to fight climate change.
7. Support the Region in actions that lead to a more a digital agriculture through the support in developing digital applications such as the Agricultural Extension App (AgriExt App) and the Trade Portal App (Cari-Agri App), to facilitate farmers' cost of production and traceability, marketing and trade, extension, and government e-services.