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Significant achievements in 2015

- The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) increased the capabilities of the public and private sectors to design and analyze public policies in agriculture through a series of seminars on agricultural policies in the face of the post 2015 development agenda. In this seminar series, more than 2000 attendees participated and benefited from the knowledge of over 30 experts on the topics throughout the Americas and Europe.
- The Ministers of Agriculture of IICA Member Countries agreed on a common hemispheric agenda to improve agricultural productivity in a sustainable and inclusive manner, thanks to the contribution of the Institute in the form of a technical document on inclusive and sustainable productivity.
- IICA secured additional funding of over USD400 000 from the USDA to conduct technical cooperation to increase the countries' capacities in Agricultural Marketing Systems, Biotechnology and Biosafety and to continue the work on *Codex Alimentarius*.
- IICA supported the OAS at the Summit Process and contributed to highlighting the importance of agriculture, food security and natural resources in the Summit Declaration.
- Agricultural decision-makers and other stakeholders in the Americas enhanced their knowledge on current issues affecting agriculture and rural life. The information shared included topics such as the "Impact of El niño in the agricultural sector", "The impact of the Common agricultural policy from the EU in the Latin America Agriculture", "The State of Livestock Production in Latin America"; "Risk Management in Family Agriculture" and in particular, the publication of the 2015-2016 Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas.
- IICA continues to serve as a technical reference point and provided technical cooperation to a diverse group of institutions and government organizations such as IFPRI, FAO, Consejo Agropecuario de Jalisco, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, Mexican Association on Animal Production, Latin America Association on Animal Production, PAHO, GMA and FORAGRO, among others, on topics related to competitiveness of agrifood chains, agribusiness, livestock development, natural resource management, innovation, technology and extension.
- IICA continues to work with the Department of State and the USDA to advance the institutional framework conducive to the development of climate smart agriculture.