

Forty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Report of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of  
Agriculture (IABA) to the Tropical Agricultural Research  
and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the period  
2021-2023**

*Prepared by Grenada*

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## Report of the Representative of the Governing Council of the CATIE for the period 2021-2023

Prepared by Grenada. June 16, 2023

Background: By Resolution No. 487 of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), held in 2013, through which the IABA designated Grenada as its representative at the meetings of the Governing Council and Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE) for the period 2021-2023.

One of the responsibilities of this nomination is to deliver an annual report on what happens at the level of the council to the Director General and the Executive Committee of IICA.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, and Labour appointed the Hon. Peter David to serve as Grenada's Representative on the governing bodies of CATIE.

### ***Mandate of the IABA Representative:***

The responsibilities of the IABA Representative on the governing bodies of CATIE are as follows:

- Represent IABA on the Superior Council and Board of Directors of CATIE
- Follow up on the IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program
- Consult with member states on issues related to IICA and require a vote in the council
- Present to the Director General and the Executive Committee annual reports on activities carried out

It is with great regret that I report to the Director General and the Executive Council that over the period 2021-2023 Grenada's representation on the Governing Council and Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE) was very limited given that the period of our representation coincided with the peak of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the many challenges that this engendered. Furthermore, I only took up the post of Minister of Agriculture in July 2023 and my immediate focus was placed on the transformation of the agriculture sector. Additionally, there was little in terms of records as to our participation in the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE prior to my ascension to the position of Minister of Agriculture hence a more in-depth report was not possible.

I wish to place on record my commitment to work closely with Canada as it assumes role of the IABA Representative on the governing bodies of CATIE. Grenada remains committed to the work of IICA in Grenada and the wider hemisphere and pledges its commitment to participate more actively in the work of the institution and its affiliated entities and partner organizations.