

RESOLUTION No. 550

**JOINT ACTION PROGRAM OF THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH
AND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE) AND IICA**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting,

HAVING REVIEWED:

Document IICA/CE/Doc. 575 (11), "IICA-CATIE 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action,"

CONSIDERING:

That, pursuant to Law No. 8028 and in order to establish a legal framework for strengthening, complementing and enhancing cooperation between IICA and CATIE, on July 13, 2011, the Directors General of the two institutions signed the General Bilateral Agreement for Inter-institutional Cooperation between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE);

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 532 (XXX-O/10), the Executive Committee instructed the Directors General of IICA and CATIE to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a joint action program including projects in high-priority areas identified in IICA's 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan that would effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Institute's Member States;

That, in the same resolution, the Executive Committee urged CATIE and IICA to strengthen the technical, administrative and joint action mechanisms in the Member States, with a view to improving and broadening joint actions; and,

That IICA and CATIE are engaged in strengthening the mechanisms that will be especially important for the implementation of the IICA-CATIE 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the “IICA-CATIE 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action.”
2. To acknowledge the dynamic nature of the above-mentioned joint action program, which may be adjusted to tap opportunities and take into account possible changes in the demand for joint cooperation services in the Member States.
3. To request that the Director General of IICA, in coordination with the Director General of CATIE, present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, an evaluation of the implementation of the Joint Program.
4. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Joint Action Program, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.