



Technical Cooperation

Non-programmed activities: 12

United States of America

Main contributions during 2013

- Signed agreements with the Global Harvest Initiative (GHI), US Department of Agriculture (USDA) which secured \$500,000 for various technical projects, Asociación Latinoamericana para el Desarrollo del Seguro Agropecuario (ALASA), and facilitated the agreement signed with the Organization of American States (OAS).
- Influenced changes in policies as a result of specific consulting services to the Ministries of Colombia, Haiti, Paraguay and Peru regarding agricultural insurance. After the 4th Annual Symposium to Promote Agricultural Insurance in the Americas, a core group of international organizations was formed and committed to provide financial and technical capacity to governments under IICA's leadership.
- Strengthened relations with US State Department through engagements in areas such as Biotechnology, Citizen Security through the Joint Summit Working Group, Coffee Rust, Post-Harvest Loss Management and Supporting Economic Empowerment and Development in the Caribbean and Pacific (SEED CAP).
- Secured IICA's membership in the World Bank-led "Global Food Safety Partnership" and the Global Harvest Initiative (GHI) where IICA is now a Consultative Partner.
- Promoted agriculture development and showcased IICA's technical capacity in LAC through the participation in events associated with the World Food Prize including serving as a panelist at the Borlaug Dialogue: Biotechnology, Sustainability and Climate Volatility. The Director General also formally began outreach and exploratory discussions with the private sector leading to a specific project with DuPont/Pioneer for 2014 which will be led by the Deputy Director General.