



IICA is the specialized Inter-American agency for agriculture, with a mission to encourage, promote and support the efforts of its Member States to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being through international technical cooperation of excellence.



76
years of existence



34 member
countries in the
Americas



Spain is an associate country and the Headquarters of the Permanent Office in Europe (POE), which is located in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Madrid.



19 observer
countries in
Europe and Asia.

The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, its supreme governing body, is comprised of the Ministers and Secretaries of Agriculture of its 34 member countries.

More than **650 technical officers** and agricultural specialists and more than **2,500 consultants**

2019 Activities

Area	Data, sensitization and capacity building	Roadmaps	Regulatory and policy frameworks	Chain investments and strategies
Hemispheric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology to assess bioeconomy's contribution to development Online bioeconomy course in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Technical documents on the potential, policies and strategies for the bioeconomy International Allbiotech Seminar Online Seminars (live and asynchronous) Infoagro bioeconomy knowledge platform 	Guide for the development of roadmaps to capitalize on the bioeconomy in agriculture and rural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide for the analysis of regulatory and policy frameworks in support of the bioeconomy Bioeconomy observatories in LAC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guides for the development of bioeconomy business models in chains and territories Technological research on new applications of the bioeconomy.
Regional and national	Organization of workshops, seminars, online courses and field trips for sensitization and capacity building to capitalize on the bioeconomy in 14 LAC countries.	Support for the development of bioeconomy roadmaps in Uruguay, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Belize and Ecuador.	Support for the strengthening of bioeconomy policies in Argentina, Belize, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Uruguay.	Support for the development of bioeconomy business strategies in the coffee, cocoa, avocado and honey chains in eight LAC countries.

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Bioeconomy and Production Development Program



The cooperation model of **IICA** is based on **5 hemispheric programs and two cross-cutting areas of focus:**



The **IICA** Bioeconomy and Production Development Program

The **Bioeconomy and Production Development Program** at IICA seeks to promote an approach, policies and innovations to facilitate bioeconomy-based development, as well as development based on bioeconomy production chains.

Work areas of the program

Data, awareness and capacity building: research, studies, workshops, seminars and courses to build the capacities of decision-makers and stakeholders in the agriculture and rural sectors in new spheres of the bioeconomy.

Roadmaps: development and implementation of tools to create country-specific roadmaps to capitalize on the bioeconomy.

Policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks: support for the administration of policies, regulations and market incentives that facilitate new applications of the bioeconomy in agricultural production and rural areas.

Investments and chain strategies: support in designing and implementing strategies and projects, as well as encouraging investment to foster new bioeconomy business models in rural areas and agricultural value chains.



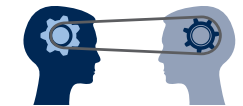
IICA strengths: strategic partnerships and projects



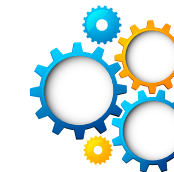
High-level technical and political presence in the **34 countries** of the Americas.



Development of projects for **international funding:** IDB, EU, World Bank, among others.



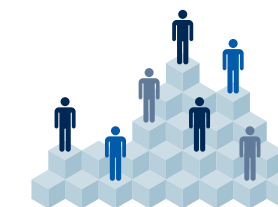
Interaction with **knowledge networks** such as INNOVAGRO, ICOA, CGIAR, GBS, ICABR, etc.



Coordination with **cooperation mechanisms and regional integration bodies**, such as CAS, CAC, CARDI, CATIE and SICA, among others.



Joint work with international partners such as CIRAD, CIAT, FAO, ECLAC, Fraunhofer, etc.



Collaboration with national and regional actors for international consortiums.



Relationships with the **national and transnational private sector**, for example with Bayer and Microsoft.