



## Week of Agriculture and Rural Life of the Americas

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*Building Capacity for Enhancing Food Security and Rural Life in the Americas*

Provisional Program

Montego Bay  
October 25-31, 2009



Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries  
Jamaica



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**Sunday, October 25**

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First Day of Registration Process

***GRICA Meeting  
Hemispheric Forum of Ministerial Delegates***

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**Monday, October 26**

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08:30 – 09:00     **Opening of the GRICA Meeting**

09:00 – 18:00     **First Working Session:**

- Introduction by the Chair of the 2009 GRICA
- Brief Report on the 2009 Ministerial Process
- Dialogue and Consensus Building by Ministerial Delegates on the Draft Hemispheric Ministerial Agreement to be Adopted at the Fifth Ministerial Meeting

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**Tuesday, October 27**

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08:00 – 16:30     **Second Working Session:**  
Continuation of the Dialogue and Consensus Building by Ministerial Delegates

**Fifth Ministerial Meeting “Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas”  
and  
Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture**

17:00                **Opening Ceremony**

**Official Photograph**

**Official Reception – Government of Jamaica**

***Fifth Ministerial Meeting  
“Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas”***

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**Wednesday, October 28**

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**First Day of the Exhibition: Agriculture – Advancing Rural Life to 2015 and Beyond**

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08:00 – 09:00     **Preparatory Session**

**First Plenary Session – The Ministerial Meeting in Context**

09:00 – 09:15     **Introductory Remarks by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Jamaica**

09:15 – 09:45     **Building Capacity for Enhancing Food Security and Rural Life in the Americas**

09:45 – 10:15     **Refreshments**

- 10:15 – 10:30      **Progress Achieved in Complying with the HMA Guatemala 2007 and Summit Mandates - Secretariat Report**
- 10:30 – 11:00      **The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean**
- 11:00 – 12:00      **Private Sector Perspective: Investment, Value Chains, Agro Processing and Capacity Building**
- *Conclusions of the Private Sector Forum*
  - *Engaging the Private Sector for Capacity building and investment*
- 12:00 – 13:30      **Ministerial Dialogue – Strategies for Building Capacity for Enhancing Food Security and Rural Life in the Americas**
- 13:30 – 15:00      **Lunch**
- Second Plenary Session - Working Together for Food Security and Sustainable Development**
- 15:00 – 16:30      **Regional Perspective: Situation, Public Policies and Private Sector Contributions for Building Capacity for Enhancing Food Security and Rural Life**
- 16:30 – 18:00      **International Agencies' Perspective: Role in Building Capacity for Food Security in the Americas**

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**Thursday, October 29**

**Second Day of the Exhibition: Agriculture – Advancing Rural Life to 2015 and Beyond**

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**Third Plenary Session - Working Together for Food Security and Sustainable Development – Continuation –**

- 08:00 – 08:30      **A New Model of Development – A Proposal for Building Capacity for Food Security in the Americas**
- 08:30 – 09:00      **IICA's Perspective on Food Security**
- 09:00 – 09:30      **Wrap-up and Conclusions by the Chair**
- 09:30 – 10:00      **Refreshments**

**Fourth Plenary Session - Hemispheric Ministerial Agreement - Jamaica 2009**

- 10:00 – 10:30      **Consensus Reached at the Ministerial Delegates' Meeting - Chair of GRICA 2009**
- 10:30 – 11:15      **Hemispheric Ministerial Agreement Jamaica 2009 – Ceremony for the Adoption of the Agreement**
- 11:15 – 12:00      **Closing ceremony of the Fifth Ministerial Meeting**
- 12:00 – 12:30      **Press Conference**
- 12:30 – 14:00      **Lunch**

## *Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)*

14:00                    **Approval of the Order of Business**

### **First Plenary Session**

14:00 – 14:45        **Report of the Director General on his Administration for the Periods 2002-2005  
and 2006-2009**

- 14:45 – 15:45        • **2007- 2008 Financial Statements of IICA and Reports of the  
Audit Review Committee (ARC)**  
• **Progress with the collection of quota contributions from  
Member States**  
• **2010-2011 Proposed Program-Budget**

15:45 – 16:15        **Refreshments**

16:15 – 16:45        **Proposal to Institutionalize the Special Advisory Commission on  
Management Issues (SACMI)**

- 16:45 -17:15        • **Donation of Land for the Construction of the Turrialba Hospital**  
• **Appointment of the IABA Representative to the Governing Council of CATIE**

### **Friday, 30 October**

**Third day of the Exhibition: Agriculture – Advancing Rural Life to 2015 and Beyond**

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### **Special Session**

08:30 – 08:45        **Reading and Adoption of Resolutions**

08:45 – 10:00        **Election of the Director General of IICA for the Period 2010-2014**

10:00 – 10:30        **Remarks by the Director General-Elect**

10:30 – 11:00        **Refreshments**

### **Second Plenary Session**

11:00 – 11:15        **IICA's Strategic Framework 2010-2020**

11:15 – 12:00        **Discussion**

12:00 – 14:00        **Lunch**

### **Third Plenary Session**

14:00 – 14:15        **Reading and Adoption of Resolutions**

14:15 – 14:45        **CARDI Work Plan**

- 14:45 – 15:15      **CATIE Work Plan**
- 15:15 - 15:45      **Proposal for granting the 2007-2008 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector**
- 15:45 – 16:15      **Refreshments**
- 16:15 – 16:30      **Date and Site of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA**

### **Closing Session**

- 16:30 – 17:00      • **Tribute to Jamaican former members of IICA’s professional personnel**
- **2007-2008 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector**
- **Remarks by the Director General**
- **Remarks by the Chair of the IABA**
- 19:00                  **Farewell Reception**

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**Saturday, 31 October**  
**Field Trip**

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