

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP OF EXPERTS

CONTRIBUTION MADE BY AGRICULTURE AND THE RURAL MILIEU TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
JULY 8-9, 2008

Program¹

The two-day event will take place at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, July 8-9, 2008.

Day 1

08:00-8:30 Registration of participants
08:30-8:50 Inaugural session - Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, Director General IICA
08:50-9:00 Work plan - Rafael Trejos, IICA

Session 1 Inaugural Talk

09:00-10:00 **The new challenges for the sustainable development of agriculture, the rural milieu and food security in the current scenario**
Martin Piñeiro, Senior International Consultant (20 minutes)
General discussion: 40 minutes

10:00-10:15 Coffee break

Session 2 Challenges of agriculture and food in the new setting

10:15-10:30 Introduction and moderation: R. Trejos, IICA (15 minutes)
10:30-11:30 Food availability: The Americas and food supplies in the new international context. Moderator: Rodolfo Quiros Guardia, former Minister of Agriculture and Foreign Trade of Costa Rica
Presentation: Deodoro Roca, FAO (20 minutes)
General discussion: 40 minutes

¹ The workshop will be preceded by meetings of the Inter-Agency Group on Rural Development (IGRD) and the IICA-ECLAC-FAO Working Group. Participation will be limited to the members of the IGRD and the three agencies, respectively.

- 11:30-12:30 Food availability: agricultural production and climate change.
Moderator: José Joaquin Campos, CATIE
Presentation: Adrian Rodriguez, CEPAL (20 minutes)
Presentation: Dietman Stoian, CATIE (20 minutes)
General discussion: 20 minutes
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30-14:30 Food availability: agricultural production, food and sustainable energy
Moderator: Luis Guillermo Echeverri, BID
Presentation: Decio Luiz Gazzoni, EMBRAPA, Brasil (20 minutes)
Presentation: Arnaldo Vieira de Carvalho, BID (20 minutes)
General discussion: 20 minutes
- 14:30-15:30 Individual access: The surge in prices and its impact on employment and rural income. Moderator: Joaquin Arias, IICA
Presentation: Martine Dirven, ECLAC (20 minutes)
General discussion: 40 minutes
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-16:45 Country access: trade liberalization and agriculture in the Americas
Moderator: Kerry Byrnes, USAID
Presentation: Julio Paz-Cafferata, IICA (20 minutes)
Discussion: 40 minutes
- 16:45-17:30 **Group discussion:** Important elements in developing a policy proposal for tackling the new challenges of food and agriculture in the new context (45 minutes). (Moderator: Rafael Trejos, Director, UMI-IICA; Rapporteur: Hugo Chavarria, UMI)
- 18:00-20:00 Cocktail

Day 2

Session 3 *Visions of the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the new world economic context*

- 8:30-10:45 **Interagency panel discussion:** Visions of agricultural and rural development in the new context of agricultural prices: policy implications. Moderator: Jim French, Director DLTGC-IICA (5 minutes)
ECLAC - Martine Dirven, Chief, Agricultural Development Unit (20 minutes)
World Bank - Edward Bresnyan (20 minutes)
FAO - Deodoro Roca (20 minutes)
IICA - Carlos Jara, Director of Sustainable Rural Development (20 minutes)

Discussion: 30 minutes

10:45-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-13:15

Panel discussion: Visions of the rural milieu from the perspective of different forms of agriculture in the new context. Moderator: Sergio Sepulveda, former Director DRS-IICA

Vision of the rural milieu in the North (USA-Canada) - Brian Dabson, RUPRI, University of Missouri (20 minutes)

Vision of the rural milieu in the Southern Cone - Ivan Nazif, Director ODEPA, Ministry of Agriculture of Chile (20 minutes)

Vision of the rural milieu in Caribbean economies - Albert Binger, UNDP Consultant (20 minutes)

Vision of the rural milieu in Andean economies - Edelmira Perez Correa, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia (20 minutes)

Vision of the rural milieu in Central American economies - Braulio Serna, ECLAC (20 minutes)

Observations and discussion: 30 minutes

13:15-14:30

Lunch break

Session 4

Policy and institutions for the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the new world economic context

14:30 – 15:50

Panel: Policy and new institutional framework for sustainable rural development in the new context

Moderator: Carlos Jara, IICA (5 minutes)

Rafael Echeverri, Consultant, IICA-Brazil (15 minutes)

Sam M. Cordes, Purdue University (15 minutos)

Carlos Pomareda, SIDE International (15 minutos)

Discussion: 30 minutes

15:50-16:10

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

Group discussion: Important elements in developing a policy proposal for tackling the new challenges of agriculture and the rural milieu, based on the visions presented (50 minutes) (Moderator: Christopher Hansen, Deputy Director General IICA; rapporteur: Tania Lopez, UMI)

Day 3: Working Group Meeting (participation restricted)

09:00-14:00

Working Group Meeting

Subject: Preparation of a Joint Report on Trends in Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas (agenda to be decided)

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