



FONTAGRO



## ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique co-financing fund that promotes the development of science, technology, and innovation in the agricultural sector of Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its establishment in 1998, it has become a forum for strategic topics in the region. FONTAGRO comprises 15 member countries and two key sponsors: the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which acts as the legal representative, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). With financial capital of approximately USD 100 million, it has co-financed over 200 projects, amounting to an investment of around USD 150 million.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors (BD), composed of the member countries, is the decision-making body responsible for strategic directions.

## VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognized cooperation mechanism that sustainably strengthens agri-food and agro-industrial innovation among member countries.

## MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

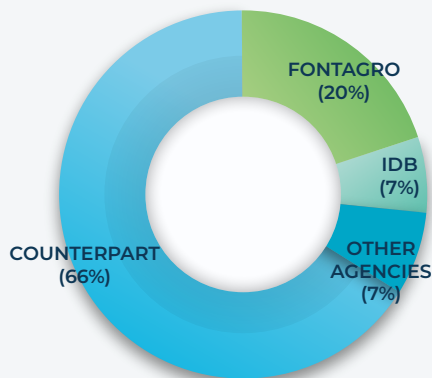
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

**Strategy I:** Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

**Strategy II:** Productive systems, sustainable territories, and agroecosystems.

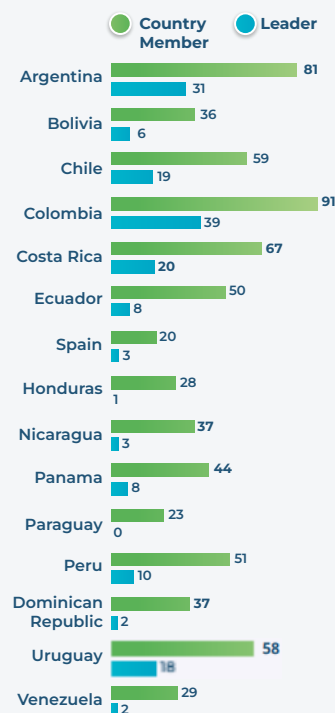
**Strategy III:** Food, nutrition, and health.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

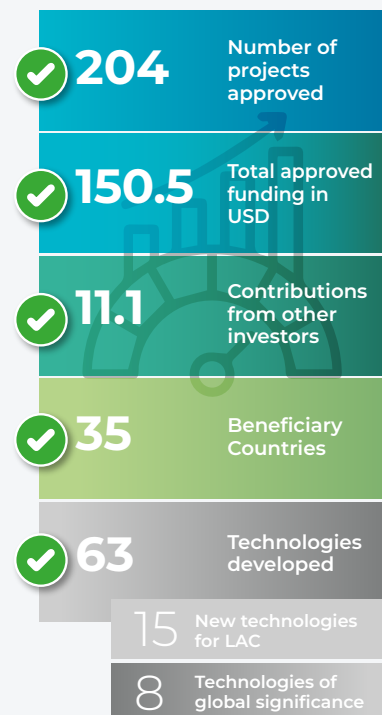


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346

## PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



## FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES

	Argentina		Colombia		Nicaragua		Dominican Republic
	Bolivia		Ecuador		Panama		Uruguay
	Chile		Spain		Paraguay		Venezuela
	Costa Rica		Honduras		Peru		

## FONTAGRO AND IDIAP PANAMA

The Agricultural Innovation Institute of Panama (IDIAP), founded in 1975, has the primary role of conducting research to generate, adapt, validate, and disseminate agricultural knowledge and technologies, aligned with the policies, strategies, and guidelines of the country's agricultural sector. Since FONTAGRO's establishment in 1998, IDIAP has participated in 38 innovation platforms, representing a total of USD \$34.7 million, of which USD \$12.6 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Among these projects, one was financed by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand (MPI), and three were co-financed by FONTAGRO and MPI. Additionally, IDIAP has led 8 consortia with a total investment of USD \$6.8 million. The projects IDIAP has participated in have covered research and technological development in rice, maize, beans, cacao, coffee, potatoes, vegetables, forage, livestock, climate change, sustainable intensification, and more. Key outcomes include:

1. Projects introducing sustainable technologies and practices into agricultural production systems, enhancing productivity and resilience in rural communities.
2. Implementation of climate change mitigation strategies such as high-nutritional-value forage banks and improved pastures that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Development of technology to mitigate the negative impact of the coffee borer pest.

## STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of processes and strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved at both national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, the promotion of more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been established with leading organizations worldwide, including EMBRAPA (Brazil); INIAP (Ecuador); INTA (Costa Rica); INIA (Uruguay); INIFAP (Mexico); the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia); CIMMYT (Mexico); INTA (Argentina); INTA (Nicaragua); DICTA (Honduras); AGROSAVIA (Colombia); HARVESTPLUS (Colombia); CENTA (El Salvador); ICTA (Guatemala); CATIE (Costa Rica), among others. These alliances have provided access to multiple international cooperation networks such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), involving 41 countries worldwide, and CGIAR.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects offer privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations on crucial topics.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS OF IDIAP PANAMA

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	INTA (NI), DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (VE), IICA, BTP (HO)	Development and use of biologicals for sustainable agriculture.	\$635,106
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), UF (EE.UU)	Regional network for genetic improvement in LAC to promote resilient and nutritious agriculture.	\$763,000
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), INTA (AR), CORTEVA, UF (EE.UU), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Integration of sorghum cultivation into the production systems of the Central American Dry Corridor .	\$773,500