

## 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)

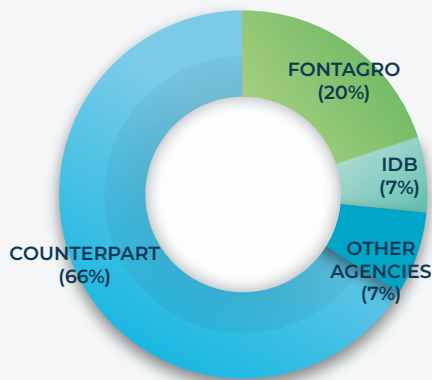
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:



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

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

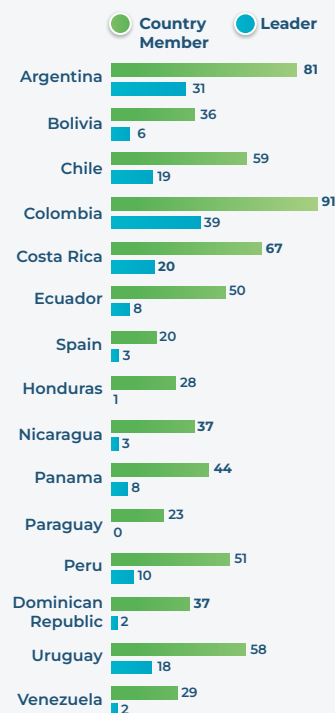
**Strategy III:** Food, nutrition, and health.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS



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

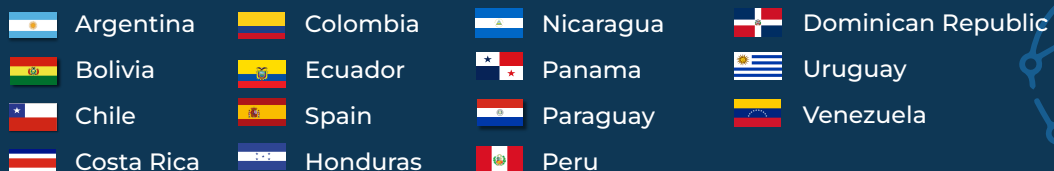
## PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



## FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



## FONTAGRO AND IICA

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), founded in 1942, is the specialized agricultural agency of the Inter-American System that supports the efforts of its 34 member states to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being. Since FONTAGRO's creation in 1998, IICA, through its offices in various countries of the region, has participated in 25 consortia representing a total of USD 19.6 million, of which USD 7.2 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Two of these consortia were co-financed by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) of New Zealand and FONTAGRO, while one was funded by MPI.

Additionally, IICA has led 10 of these consortia, amounting to USD 6.4 million. The projects in which IICA has participated have focused on research and technological development in rice, potatoes, Andean fruit, coffee, corn, beans, livestock, climate change, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. A livestock farming and climate change information exchange network was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Four symposia and technical meetings were organized, involving a total of 272 scientists from 23 countries to review and analyze progress, results, and prioritize research and technological development activities.
3. A regional platform for sustainable livestock intensification was supported, involving over 600 participants from 25 countries.
4. A total of 1,013 farmers and technicians, including 139 women from Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama, benefited from the use of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI).

## STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been carried out at the 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 global organizations such as CATIE (Costa Rica), INTA (Costa Rica), UNALM (Peru), the Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT (Colombia), INIAF (Bolivia), INIA (Uruguay), DICTA (Honduras), INIAP (Ecuador), INTA (Nicaragua), IDIAP (Panama), INTA (Argentina), IDIAF (Dominican Republic), INIA (Chile), INIA (Peru), IPTA (Paraguay), INIA (Venezuela), PROCISUR (Uruguay), UNAL (Colombia), EMBRAPA (Brazil), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), INIA (Spain), among others. These alliances provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, including the Global Climate Change Alliance, which involves 41 countries worldwide, and CGIAR.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH IICA

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HO), IDIAP (PA), INTA (NI), INIA (VE), IICA, BTP (HO)	Development and use of biologicals.	\$ 635,106
2022	IDIAP (PA)	IICA (CR), INTA (AR), INTA (CR), AGROSAVIA (CO)	Vertical Farming.	\$1,038,159
2020	INIA (UY)	Global Methane Hub, UNALM (PE), CONAGRO (PE), FLAR (CO), Otago Un. (NZ), USDA (EEUU), IICA	Satellite methane monitoring in rice-growing regions of Latin America.	\$882,374