

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)

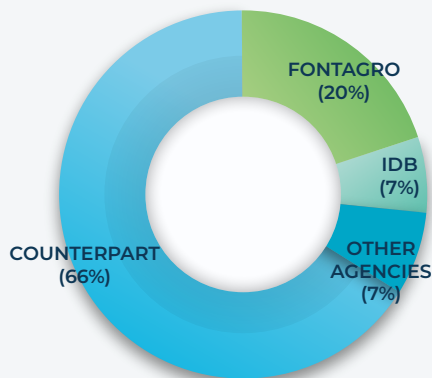
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:




Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

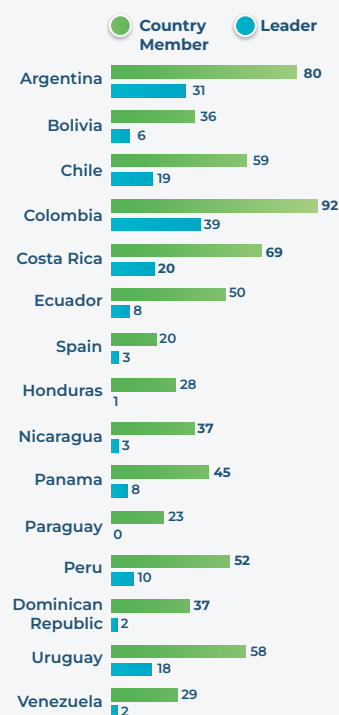
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

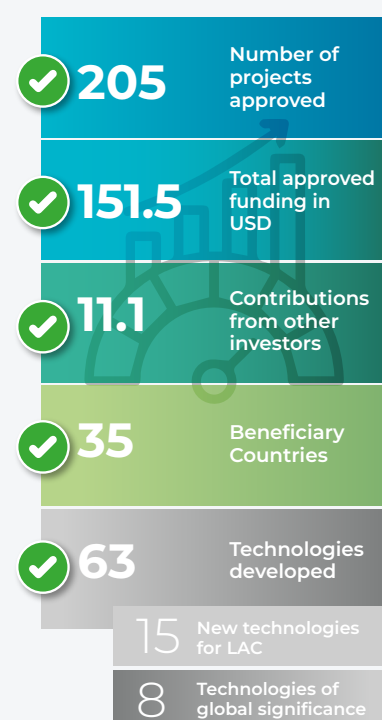


-  **Counterpart contribution**
99,618,944
-  **FONTAGRO**
30,879,468
-  **IDB**
9,922,700
-  **Other Agencies** 11,137,346

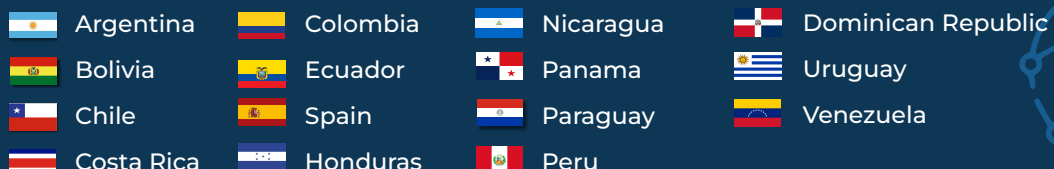
PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



FONTAGRO IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ⁽¹⁾

The Dominican Republic has been a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of USD 2.5 million. Over 26 years of membership, it has participated in 37 consortia representing approximately USD 35.5 million, of which FONTAGRO and other agencies contributed USD 11.7 million. The Dominican Republic has led 2 of these consortia, managing projects worth USD 1.1 million. These projects focus on research and technological development in areas such as climate change, livestock farming, and crops like coffee, maize, honey, bananas, beans, avocados, and plantains. Some key outcomes include:

1. Development of the Ma\$ Banano app, which allows family farmers to monitor soil health and pest management in real time, facilitating continuous improvement plans and reducing losses in organic banana cultivation.
2. Development of the AHoRa Musáceas app, enabling producers to estimate water and nutrient needs in real time, leading to more sustainable production.
3. Creation of LECHECK.APP, an application designed to implement good practices in dairy farming establishments to increase productivity, quality, and climate change adaptation.
4. Increased banana yields under controlled conditions through the use of plant and fungal extracts.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly improving process efficiency and strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved nationally and internationally 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 the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), CGIAR, the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand, the World Bank (WB), the International Potato Center (CIP), the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, CIRAD, FCIA Belgium, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Cooperative Program for the Technological Development of the Southern Cone (PROCISUR), and the Regional Cooperative Program for the Technological Development and Modernization of Coffee Cultivation (PROMECAFE - IICA). These alliances provide access to diverse cooperation networks to promote research in the agri-food sector.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, fostering the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.



EXAMPLES OF RECENT PROJECTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

| YEAR | LEAD INSTITUTION | CONSORTIUM MEMBERS | TOPIC | CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD) |
|------|---------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 2024 | ARGENINTA ARGENTINA | INTA (AR); INIA (UY); INIA (CL); EMBRAPA (BR); IDIAF (DO); | Resilient production to mitigate climate change. | \$1,108,764 |
| 2023 | INIA CHILE | GRA (NZ); UNALM (PE); IDIAF (DO); IDIAP (PA); INTA (AR); INIA (PE); AAPRESID (AR); HUARAL (PE); FUNDICCEP (PA); | Nitrogen Optimization. | \$1,037,451 |
| 2022 | IDIAP PANAMÁ | INTA (NI); DICTA (HN); AGROSAVIA (CO); IDIAF (DO); | Regional alliances for iron-rich beans in Latin American countries. | \$544,500 |

⁽¹⁾ The values quoted correspond to total project amounts

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| 2020 | AGROSAVIA COLOMBIA | INIAP (EC); IDIAP (PA); FITTACORI (CR); INTA (CR); IDIAF (DO); INTA (NI); AGROCALIDAD (EC); INIAF (BO); INIA (PE); UNA Paraguay (PY); ASBAMA (CO); DICTA (HN); CIAT (CO); Bioversity International (CR); BID Invest (US); AUGURA (CO); OIRSA (CR); MUSALAC (CR); Alianza Internacional Bioversity - CIAT (CO); IICA (CR); BID (US); | Prevention and management of Fusarium wilt. | \$1,784,98 |
| 2019 | ARGENINTA ARGENTINA | INTA (AR); IDIAF (DO); INIA (UY); UNC-AR (AR); INTA (CR); DNL (AR); MayG (AR); Clúster Lechero Regional (AR); SGLyRN (AR); CAHLE (HN); Sociedad de Productores de Leche de Florida (UY); Tambero.com (AR); Tambero.com (AR); ARGENINTA (AR); FITTACORI (CR); APLAG INC (DO); CGC (CR); GRA (NZ); | Agtech for Climate-Smart Dairy. | \$540,900 |
| 2019 | AGROSAVIA COLOMBIA | UDEP (PE); IDIAF (DO); INIA (PE); DRAP (PE); AGROSOFT (PE); APBOSMAM (PE); AVACH (PE); ASBAMA (CO); UTESA (DO); BANELINO (DO); | °°AHoRa: Application for family farming of Musaceae. | \$662,490 |