



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)

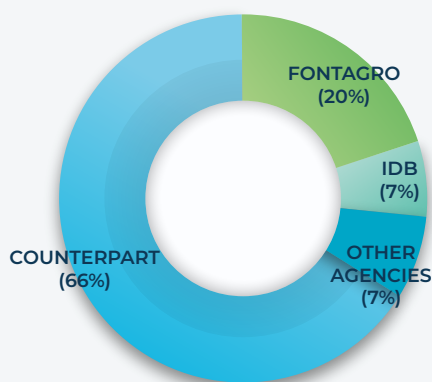
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

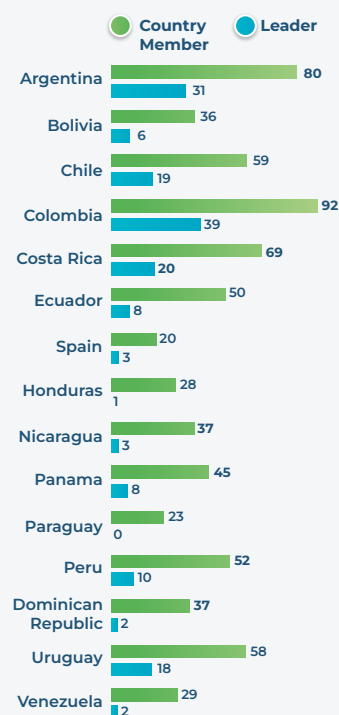
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

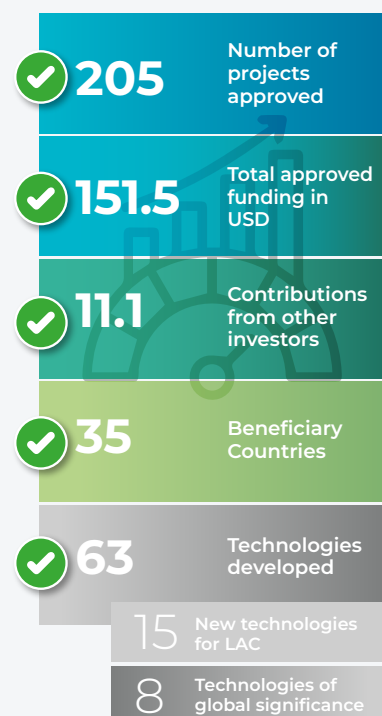


- Counterpart contribution
99,618,944
- FONTAGRO
30,879,468
- IDB
9,922,700
- Other Agencies
11,137,346

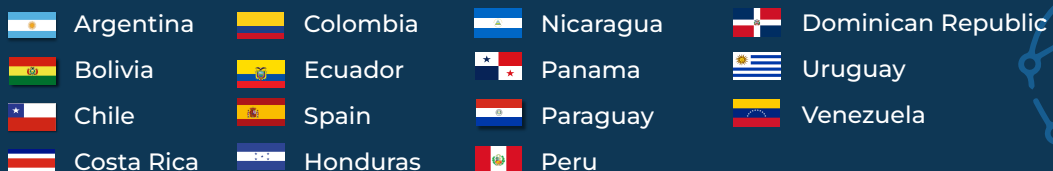
PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



FONTAGRO IN THE UNITED STATES (1)

The United States has participated in FONTAGRO consortia since 1998, the year the Institution was created. Over the 26 years of the Fund's existence, institutions from the United States have been part of 46 consortia representing USD 42.8 million, of which USD 14.5 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Institutions based in the country have led one consortium totaling USD 0.4 million. The projects in which the United States has participated have focused on research and technological development in bananas, cocoa, coffee, barley, vegetables, rice, livestock, biologicals, and climate change adaptation, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. A livestock and climate change information exchange network was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Joint spaces were created for the exchange of scientific knowledge and the strengthening of research networks on topics such as agricultural sustainability, technological innovation, and climate change adaptation in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Active cooperation and collaboration between various institutions and scientific networks have been promoted, driving sustainability and fostering agricultural innovation.

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' capabilities.
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), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia), INIAF (Bolivia), INIA (Uruguay), DICTA (Honduras), INIAP (Ecuador), INTA (Nicaragua), IDIAP (Panama), INTA (Argentina), IDIAF (Dominican Republic), INIA (Chile), INIA (Peru), IICA (Costa Rica), IPTA (Paraguay), INIA (Venezuela), INIFAP (Mexico), EMBRAPA (Brazil), AGROSAVIA (Colombia), GRA (New Zealand), INIA (Spain), among others. These alliances provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, including the Global Climate Change Alliance with participation from 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 THE UNITED STATES

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HO), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), INTA (AR), CORTEVA (EEUU), UF (EEUU), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Sustainable intensification of production in Central America.	\$ 773,500
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HO), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), UF (EEUU)	Regional genetic improvement network in LAC.	\$763,000
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HO), IDIAP (PA), INTA (NI), INIA (VE), IICA, BTP (HO)	Development and use of biologicals for sustainable agriculture.	\$635,106

(1) The values quoted correspond to total project amounts