

IICA's Support to the Agro Energy Agenda



Rationale

- Elevation of discussion profile on agro-energy and biofuels
- Need for increased availability of simple information
- Need for SH in the Agri community to get more involved in the discussions
- Need for critical examination and discussions on some of the expectations and arguments

Structure of Presentation

- Rationale of our actions
- The hemispheric programme on Agroenergy and bio-fuels and its objective
- Some Results

Fundamental Question

- Are there capabilities within reach that would assist the IICA and its member countries to meet the expected demand for agro-energy and biofuels in a more reliable, constant and sustainable way

The Hemispheric Programme

- Vital issues
 - Agro-energy as a feasible alternative for reducing the hemisphere dependence on fossil fuel
 - The technical potential for developing agro-energy and bio-fuels

The Hemispheric Programme

- Vital issues
 - The new technologies under development
 - Environmental concerns

Objective

- Create a platform for the dissemination of knowledge
- Create a specialized forum for discussion
- Facilitate horizontal cooperation

Results

- 2006/2007 – Assessment of bio-energy potential and drafting of a strategy for the development of an agroenergy programme for the Caribbean Region (368pages)
- Similar work done for SKN

Strategy

- Helps explain why bioenergy is considered to be a sustainable option to address rural development and energy security;
- Provided information on the current status of Bioenergy development in the region and beyond, to provide a proven basis for consideration by stakeholders in the countries that are interested in exploring the potential.

Strategy

- Identified and analyzed challenges and opportunities for Bioenergy development in the region especially those countries that have sugar and bananas as their major agricultural commodities or countries with adequate land space, and;
- Recommended the proposed approach to the development of Bioenergy industries in the Caribbean region.

Strategy

- 2006 – Doc presented to Ministers of Agri and other SH for information and discussion.

Ethanol Commission

- 2006 - Ethanol Commission was launched
 - IICA as Partner and member of Board of Trustees..
 - DG chair of research committee



2007 – AGROENERGY AND BIOFUELS ATLAS OF THE AMERICAS

1. ETHANOL

Atlas

- 1st Volume - Ethanol
 - Presented information about the current state of and outlook for ethanol production in several countries of the Americas
- 2nd Volume
 - Biodiesel

Results

- 2007 – IABA approved special budget support actions
- Information booklet for dissemination in all Member states
 - Frequently asked BIOFUELS question and answers

Results

- 2007 – Co-hosted the high level seminar in Guyana –(CREBAP)
- 2007- strategy presented to Agriculture COTED for endorsement

Results

- IICA has made public its position and views on the current “Food Crisis” (doc:....)
- 2008 – International workshop on “Agriculture and Food Security as instruments for integral development”

THANK YOU

