IICA's Support to the Agro Energy Agenda



Rationale

- Elevation of discussion profile on agroenergy 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 biofuels



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



- 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

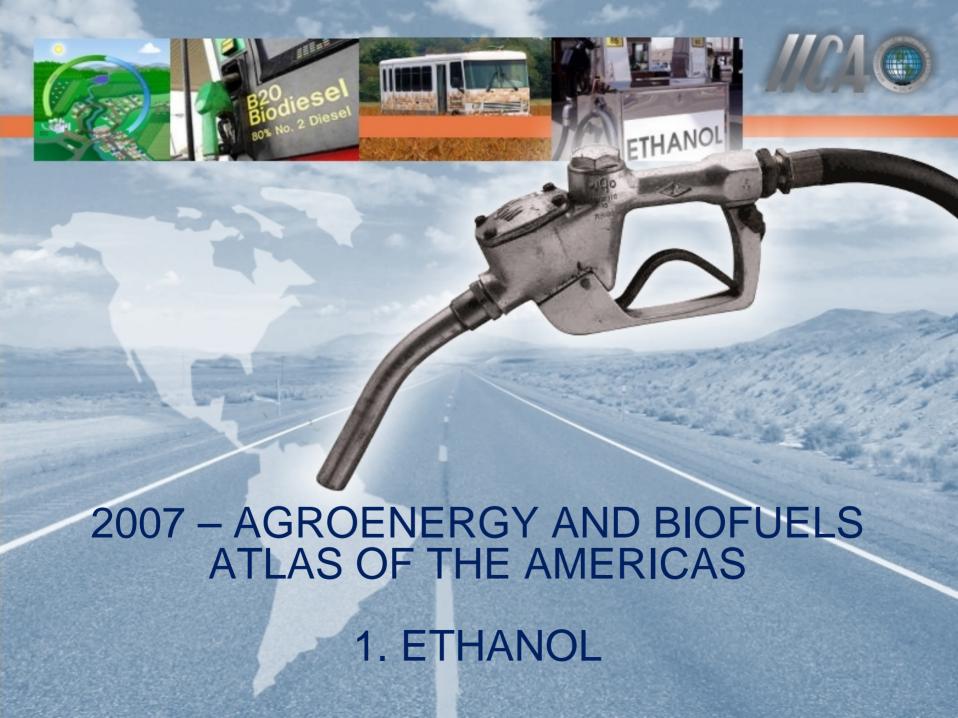
 2006 – Doc presented to Ministers of Agri and other SH for information and discussion.



Ethanol Commission

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





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



 2007 – IABA approved special budget support actions

- Information booklet for dissemination in all Member states
- Frequently asked BIOFUELS question and answers



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



- 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





