

## **OLADE and IICA will embark on Regional Biofuels Programs**

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By means of this agreement, OLADE and IICA committed to support the countries of the Region in the creation or adaptation of an appropriate institutional framework for the correct operation of National Biofuels Programs where the participation of governmental and private sectors is involved.

It is expected that this Regional Program will provide the necessary technical advice to conduct feasibility studies of biofuel production in the Member Countries of both bodies, considering above all lands with agricultural vocation, potential cultivation areas and the equilibrium with the environment and food supply.

Through this Program, OLADE and IICA also attempt to transmit the experiences of Latin America and the Caribbean in order to include the agricultural production chain in the industrial sector; strengthen the regulatory framework that governs production, trade, distribution, quality control and use of biofuels in the Region.

Likewise, training programs will be available to technical staff of the Countries of the Region as well as the necessary technical advice in the formation of community units that will include the small business in the production of raw material (commodities) and in technology transfer, optimizing in this way the production of alcohol and biodiesel.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on May 28, 2008 at the III Latin-American and the Caribbean Biofuels Seminar.

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