MUSALAC is the Banana Research and Development Network for Latin America and the Caribbean. It was established in 1987 as the Latin America and the Caribbean Network (LACNET) and renamed in 2000. The network operates under the auspices of the Foro Regional de Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario para América Latina y el Caribe (FORAGRO) and is managed by a Steering committee which meets every two years. The network is coordinated by Bioversity International.

The general objective of MUSALAC is to increase productivity and competitiveness of the plantain and banana agroalimentary chain by developing scientific and technological activities; strengthening national research and development systems; and prioritizing and coordinating actions in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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**Member countries**
- **Bolivia:** Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería
- **Brazil:** Empresa Brasiliera de Pesquisa Agropecuaria
- **Colombia:** Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria
- **Costa Rica:** Corporación Bananera Nacional
- **Cuba:** Ministerio de Agricultura
- **Dominican Republic:** Instituto Dominicano de Investigaciones Agropecuarias y Forestales
- **Ecuador:** Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agropecuarias
- **Honduras:** Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería de Honduras
- **Jamaica:** Jamaican Banana Board
- **Mexico:** Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales y Agropecuarias
- **Nicaragua:** Escuela Internacional de Agricultura y Ganadería

**Creation**
1987

**Type**
Regional banana network

**Region**
Latin America & Caribbean

**Coordinator**
Luis Perez Vicente

**Secretariat**
Bioversity International

**Members**
15 countries, 4 institutes

**Website**
banana-networks.org/musalac
Member institutes

Panama: Escuela Internacional de Agricultura y Ganadería
Peru: Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria de Perú
Puerto Rico: Universidad de Puerto Rico
Venezuela: Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas

MUSALAC meetings

Since 2011, MUSALAC has been organizing a scientific symposium back-to-back with its biennial steering committee meeting\(^1\).

References

1. Presentations given at the Congreso Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Plátano y Banano

External links

Website of the MUSALAC network

See also on this website

BAPNET - the Banana Asia-Pacific Network
BARNESA - the Banana Research Network for Eastern and Southern Africa
Innovate Plantain - Innovation platform on plantains

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