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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Members

**Member countries**

**Argentina:** Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria  
**Brazil:** Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuaria  
**Colombia:** Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria (AGROSAVIA)  
**Costa Rica:** Corporación Bananera Nacional (CORBANA)  
**Cuba:** Ministerio de Agricultura (INISAV)  
**Ecuador:** Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIAP)  
**France (Guadalupe, Martinique, Dominica):** Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD)  
**Mexico:** Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales y Agropecuarias (INIFAP)  
**Panama:** Escuela Internacional de Agricultura y Ganadería (IDIAP)  
**Peru:** Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria de Perú (INIA)  
**Puerto Rico:** Universidad de Puerto Rico  
**Dominican Republic:** Instituto Dominicano de Investigaciones Agropecuarias y Forestales (IDIAF)

**Creation**  
1987

**Type**  
Regional banana network

**Region**  
Latin America & Caribbean

**Coordinator**  
Miguel Dita

**Member-elected representative**  
Domingo Rengifo

**Secretariat**  
Alliance Bioversity-CIAT

**Members**  
13 countries
Venezuela: Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agrícolas (INIA)

MUSALAC meetings

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

See also on this website

BAPNET - the Banana Asia-Pacific Network
MusAfrica - the Banana Research Network for Africa

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