



# LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

## A world free of hunger and malnutrition



Ensuring food security in the region  
and around the world.



Transforming food systems to be environmentally  
sustainable and play a leading role in climate  
change mitigation and adaptation.

“As a crucial player in  
global food markets,  
LAC's resilience and  
sustainability are vital for  
ensuring food security.  
The program  
**empowers stakeholders**  
across the region to  
enact policy actions,  
addressing social,  
environmental, and  
economic challenges.”

## These goals are pursued through the program's four thematic focus areas:



### Nutrition

LAC faces a unique combination of over- and  
undernutrition challenges.

The program analyzes food systems policies  
and interventions to identify effective  
strategies for addressing these issues with a  
focus on vulnerable countries.

### Climate change

Our experts provide policy guidance for mitigating  
climate change and protecting the environment  
while sustainably increasing food production.

The program supports adaptation to a changing  
climate and building resilience to climate shocks for  
food and nutrition security.



### Innovation

Innovation in all food systems is the key to  
sustainable production.

The program provides policy guidance to foster  
innovation in production, facilitate technology  
adoption, and reduce food loss and waste.



### Trade

Trade is vital for food systems and economies in  
LAC and for global food security.

We conduct analysis of policies related to export  
restrictions, inputs trade, sustainability and  
sanitary standards, and food security including  
implications for domestic and global trade.



Shaping Sustainable Food Systems  
through ongoing initiatives.

# AVANZAR2030

Innovating for Sustainable Agrifood Systems

This flagship project identifies innovative solutions within LAC's agrifood systems and estimates the cost of implementation for sustainability and food security. AVANZAR2030 systematically examines the existing evidence to identify key facilitators and barriers to positive change, opportunities for policy action, and knowledge gaps. With over 20 partner organizations, AVANZAR2030 fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building across stakeholders, aiming to drive policy innovation and regional cooperation.

## AVANZAR2030 PHASES:

Phase one of AVANZAR2030 has taken a region wide approach, looking at research on policies, technologies, and institutions from across LAC to identify what works where. Cost modeling will be able to guide future investment at the country and regional level to maximize impact on food security and spur economic opportunity.



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The second phase will build off these insights by synthesizing evidence at the country level to address the most urgent food security and sustainability challenges in LAC.

“Experts from over twenty organizations have been organized into three teams that will explore questions related to innovative policies, technologies, and institutions.”

# Building Trade Networks

We collaborate with regional partners to build trade negotiation networks and clarify regional policy priorities. Developing trade systems through these coalitions can promote economic growth in LAC while also contributing to food security and sustainability. These activities shaped policy agendas and prepared regional negotiators in the lead up to the WTO13th Ministerial Conference. In addition, our program conducted analysis of major trade issues facing the region, which informed discourse at the conference.



## Contributing to Policy Analysis on Trade and Food Security at the T20

Researchers are actively engaged in the *Fight Inequality, Poverty, and Hunger*, and *Foster Social Inclusion and Food Security and Climate Action* working groups for the Trade and Investment Task Forces of the T20. Under the current Brazil presidency of this body, these activities present an incredible opportunity to maximize the impact of our regional work through direct engagement with G20 country officials and the numerous other experts involved in this process.



## Publication Highlights

### From Farm to Table

This book offers insightful analysis on agrifood systems and trade challenges in the Southern Cone, providing actionable policy recommendations for enhancing regional food systems and their global integration. Among other themes, the book highlights the current success and incredible potential of this sub-region to become a global leader in sustainable agricultural intensification.



### Blog Series on Underutilized Crops

Expanding the cultivation and consumption of underutilized crops presents a valuable opportunity to improve nutrition, sustainability, and livelihoods in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Our blog series examines specific crops across the global south and provides insight into their potential for increased production.

### Navigating the Trade Landscape

This forthcoming book will present our analysis on trade issues which informed discussions at the WTO - 13th Ministerial Conference. We provide strategies for policy makers to adapt to this rapidly changing global trade environment in ways that promote food and nutrition security along with sustainability.

