

CATIE participates in global dialogue on food security



From October 10-11, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organized the International Food Assistance and Security Conference in Iowa, United States. During this event, members of the public and private sectors, including CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center), discussed the issues and challenges related to the implementation of programs to alleviate hunger and promote long-term food security worldwide.



CATIE's participation, by Muhammad Ibrahim, Director General of the Center, was focused on an event of the *World Food Prize*, that took place during the conference, specifically on the panel on climate change and food security. The objective of this panel was to discuss how the implementation of policies and climate-smart agricultural practices affect global food security.

Ibrahim presented CATIE's experiences on the development of agri-food chains in the context of climate change, considering the work of the institution on issues such as livestock, cocoa, coffee and family agriculture.

The panel was aimed at politicians, programs and technical personnel interested in obtaining a better understanding of how climate change, including solutions to address climate change can affect the policies, strategies and practices of food safety.

During the event, Ibrahim also met with organizations such as *Land and Lakes*, *Chemonics International* and *Cooperative League of the USA (CLUSA)* to discuss alternatives of cooperation with CATIE.

"I thank the USDA for the invitation and for taking into consideration the work of CATIE as part of this international dialogue on a topic of great relevance today as it is food security," Ibrahim commented from Iowa.

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