

PRISCILA HENRIQUEZ

Priscila Henríquez is an agricultural professional with more than 20 years experience in international agricultural research and development. She has hold posts in several international organizations, including IICA, ISNAR, CIMMYT, FAO, and the Natural Resources Institute (NRI, England). She has worked in project management and evaluation, capacity building, field research, and research management in Latin America.

She joined IICA in 1999 as Regional Coordinator of the Mesoamerican Network of Plant Genetic Resources (IICA-GTZ) where she coordinated field research activities seven Mesoamerican countries. She assisted the countries in the formulation of their plant genetic resources strategies and plans that included issues of biotechnology management and intellectual property rights.

From 2005 to 2009 Priscila worked as Specialist in Competitiveness at the IICA Office in El Salvador where she was responsible for developing the Office project portfolio in agricultural innovation, agricultural health and food safety, policy and trade, and agribusiness development. Her work focused on developing capacities in the public sector to support small farmer's agriculture, especially to link food producers and processors to markets.

Priscila lead the technical team that formulated the National Food Security Plan in El Salvador that gave rise to the execution of several projects on food security and nutrition in the country. In this effort, she coordinated with public and private agencies in the country, including the WFP, FAO and WHO, and the Ministries of Agriculture, Health, Education and the Environment.

Currently Priscila is IICA's Technology and Innovation Specialist for the Northern Region based at the IICA Office in USA. She is also the Executive Secretary of the Cooperative Program in Agricultural Research and Technology for the Northern Region (PROCINORTE) which coordinates agricultural research and innovation projects among public research institutions of Canada, Mexico and the United States. She has recently given the Representation of IICA in FONTAGRO. Priscila also provides technical backstopping and project development to the IICA Offices in Canada, Mexico and the USA.

Priscila holds a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Greenwich (England), an MSc in Entomology from the University of Alberta (Canada), a BS in agriculture from the Polytechnic University of El Salvador. She has also a specialization in Business Administration. She is fluent in Spanish, English and Portuguese.

She has published extensively in her areas of expertise and has also participated as speaker in many international forums and seminars. She has done work in broadcasting and public education focusing on sustainable agriculture and environmental issues. She holds both Salvadorian and Canadian citizenships.