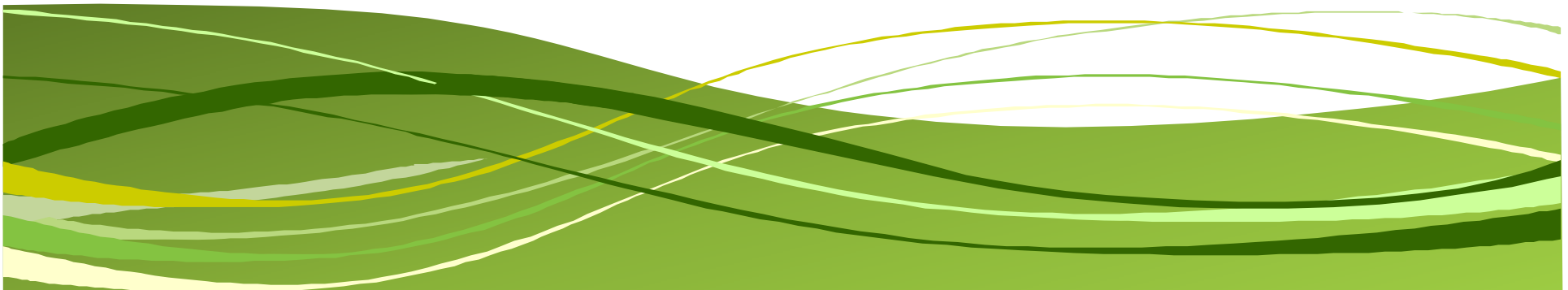


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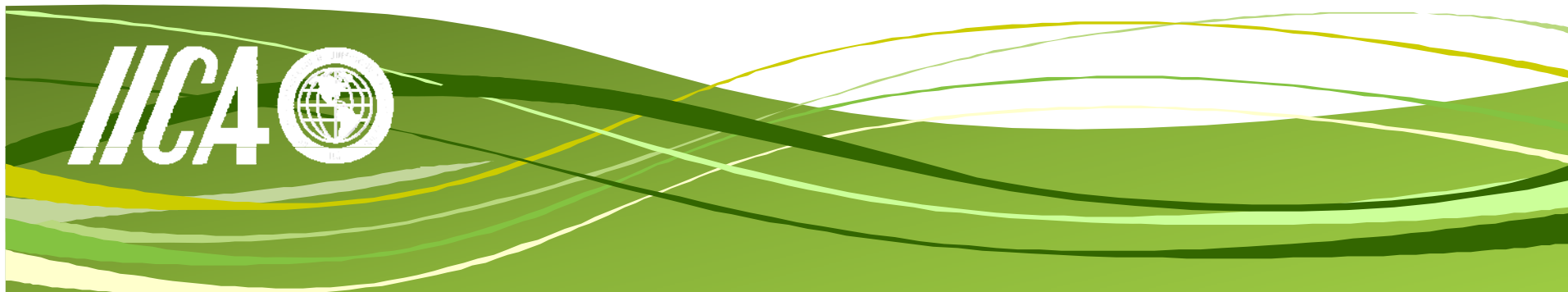


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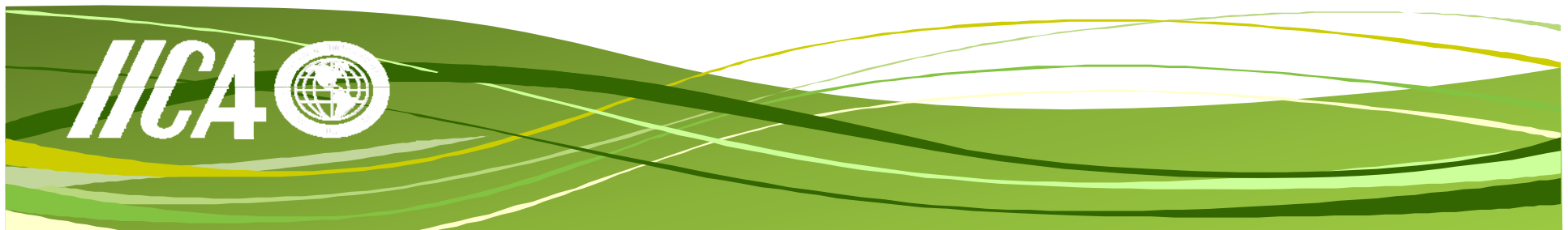
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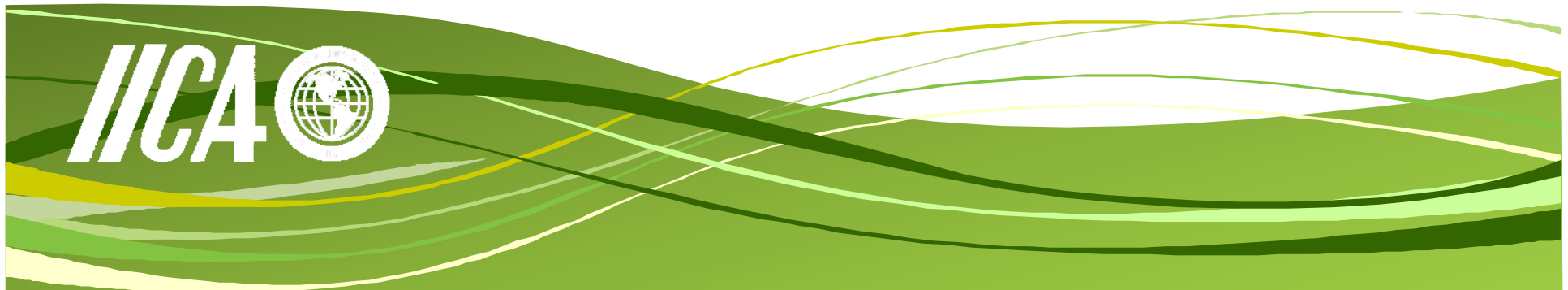
Mission

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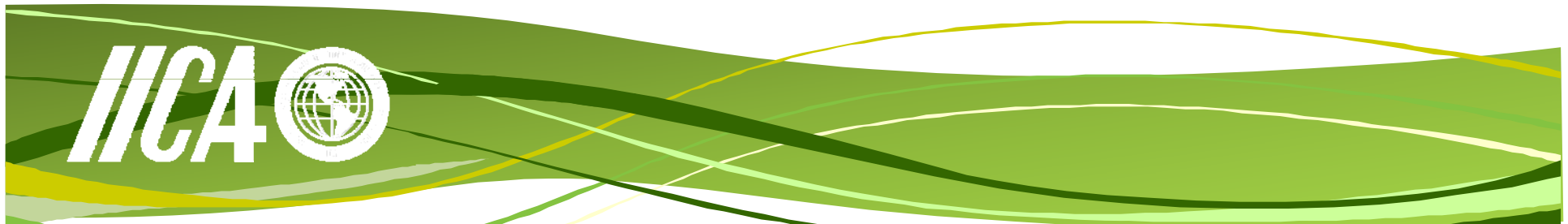




IICA representatives

In each Member State, the Representative is the direct link between IICA and the Minister of Agriculture

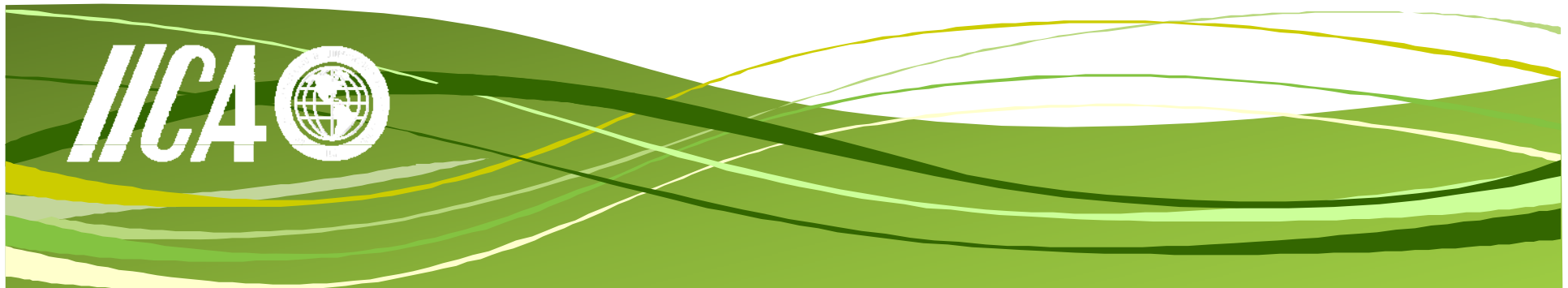
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Technical concentration programs

- Innovation for productivity and competitiveness
- **Agricultural health and food safety (AHFS)**
- Agribusiness and trade
- Agriculture, territories and rural well-being





AHFS: Lines of action

- Modernization of national animal, plant health and food safety services (for example, National Veterinary Services)
- Sanitary and phytosanitary standards (SPS) related to obligations in international trade and commerce
- Food safety
- Emergencies and emerging issues in animal, plant health and food safety



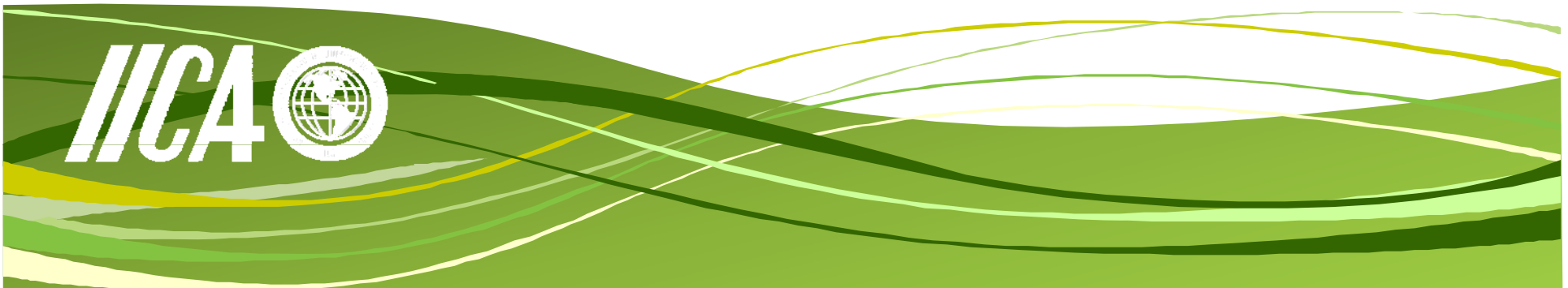


Core activities

To support the integration of risk analysis tools and techniques into the decision-making and management processes of national agricultural health and food safety services

In order to allow them to better identify, prioritize, and manage risks

- Risk assessment (qualitative and quantitative)
- Risk communication





Activities implemented

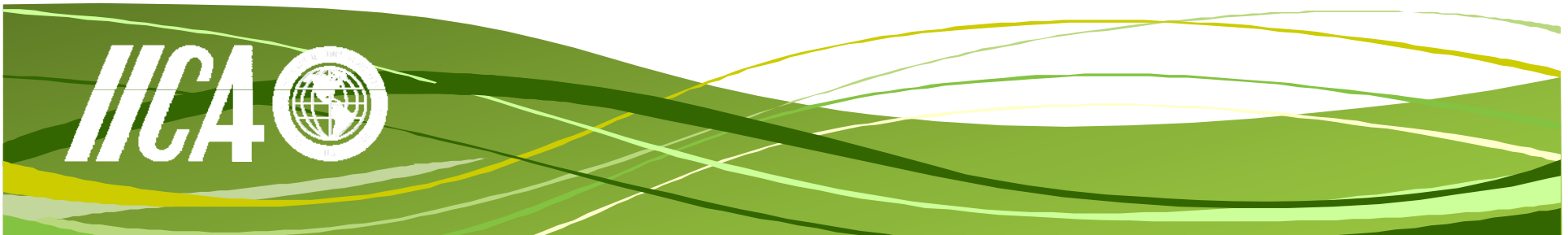
- Distance-based training on quantitative risk assessment for chemical and microbiological hazards in foods
 - Risk communication presentations and practical exercises
- Risk communication workshops (Perú, Ecuador, Colombia) with AHFS staff in collaboration with the University of Nebraska



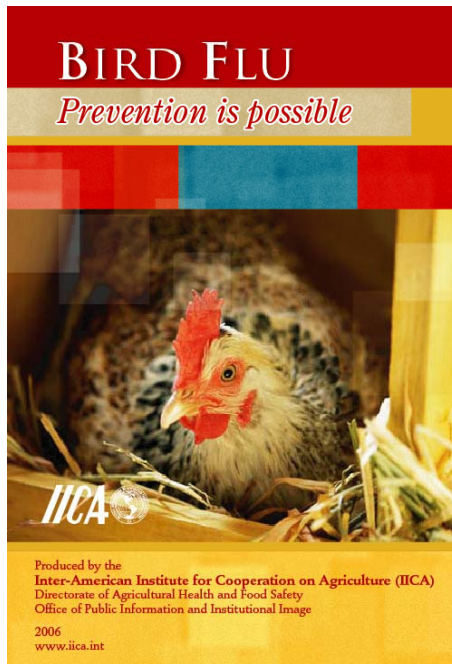


Best practices

- Utilizing video conferencing technology when possible as a resource to train AHFS staff
- Maintaining a regional perspective and supporting regional initiatives when possible
- Hands-on training based on local examples and needs (risk communication workshops)



Best practices



- Preparation, adaptation and dissemination of educational material (leaflets, videos, radio series) for specific animal diseases and primary education on food safety

Suggestions

- Development of a regional training plan on risk communication issues in animal health and food safety – One World: One Health approach
- Interagency training teams or a database of available trainers





IICA Resources

- Human:
 - Social Communication Unit
 - AHFS Program (2)
- Videoconferencing technology available in many IICA Offices
- Hemispheric platform 34 Offices

