

# Workshop on 'How can smallholder farmers benefit from the growing demand for high value agricultural products?'

## General Information

### Venue

The Workshop on 'How can smallholder farmers benefit from the growing demand for high value agricultural products?' will be hosted at the Headquarters of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia from October 3 – 5, 2005.

### Contact Information

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### Agenda

The workshop begins on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am. Participants should arrive in Cali between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the afternoon or evening with departure scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### Accommodation

All participants will be accommodated at CIAT's hotel facilities. Meals and lodging should be paid for directly by the participants to the CIAT hotel before departure, including all additional items such as drinks and local and international telephone calls.

Hotel and meal charges are as follows:

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| Single room with three meals                   | US\$ 64                     |
| Double room with three meals                   | US\$ 92                     |
| Apartment for two persons, including breakfast | US\$ 74                     |
| Additional main meals                          | US\$ 10 per person per meal |

CIAT's hotel accepts Colombian pesos, USD cash, approved USD personal checks and USD traveler's checks. **We regret that credit cards are NOT accepted at the hotel.**

**The Meeting will make necessary reservations at the hotel for all participants, based on your arrival and departure dates. Please inform us as soon as you can about your travel plans.**

### Visas

Please check in the list below whether your country is exempt or not from Colombian visa requirements. Immigration is undertaken at the port of entry. Entry to Colombia from other parts of the world is usually

through Bogota, its capital city, not through Cali where we are located. If coming through Bogotá you will then connect on a domestic flight to Cali.

Participants (nationals) of the following countries **do not require visa** on the condition that their visit to Colombia is for less than 30 days and for tourist purposes. The countries are:

Germany, Andorra, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Korea, Costa Rica, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, U.S.A., Philippines, Finland, France, Granada, Greek, Guatemala, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, U.K., Slovakia Rep., Saint Kitts & Nevis, St. Marino, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Netherlands.

**IF YOUR COUNTRY IS NOT ON THE ABOVE LIST, YOU REQUIRE A COLOMBIAN VISA.**

**Please note that under no circumstances can a visa be issued on arrival in Colombia to nationals of the countries not listed above.** CIAT's Conference Officer, Patricia Fajardo ([p.fajardo@cgiar.org](mailto:p.fajardo@cgiar.org)) and or Eleonora Izquierdo ([e.izquierdo@cgiar.org](mailto:e.izquierdo@cgiar.org)) will be handling the procurement of the visa for entry into Colombia.

Please note that each participant must procure his/her own visa for those countries that require it for stopovers or flight connections. The Conference Office will be in touch with each participant to coordinate the city and country where your Colombian visa will be placed in order for you to pick it up during travel.

CIAT adheres strictly to immigration rules and regulations established by the host Government. In order for CIAT's Protocol Office to assist nationals from the countries not listed above in obtaining their visas, we require that you provide us the following information as soon as possible. We need to have a minimum of 20 working days to issue the service visa.

1. Full name as it appears in your passport
2. Nationality
3. Country of origin (which may be different from your nationality)
4. Name of institution with which you are working
5. Address
6. Passport number
7. Phone number, email, and/or Fax

All participants will receive an official letter of invitation form the Global Forum for Agricultural Research for use with immigration officials during travel.

**Transportation to and from the airport**

Airport transfers will be provided upon arrival and departure for a sum of US\$ 10 each way, a charge that will be added to your hotel bill. Please make sure that you inform Patricia Fajardo or Eleonora Izquierdo of your arrival and departure dates, flight numbers and times so you can be met at the airport. CIAT can also provide local transportation during the workshop period.

**Overseas Communication**

Telexes, electronic mail and fax messages may be sent and overseas calls placed (the latter at personal cost) at CIAT.

## Banking Services

The BANCO DE CREDITO has an office at CIAT headquarters and provides banking services from Monday through Friday during office hours (08:30 to 13:00) to exchange money. In addition, there is a 24-hour electronic cashier that accepts most personal or corporate credit cards that belong to CIRRUS or PLUS (Master Card and VISA).

If your personal checking account is from a US bank (in USD), you can cash a check drawn against your account for Colombian pesos for up to USD2,500, prior approval of the CIAT Treasurer, Maria del Pilar Correa. To do this you must present one copy of your passport's main page with your photo, one copy of the page with the entry stamp or visa to Colombia and fill out a special form in compliance with Colombian regulations. Upon approval, you can go to the bank to exchange your check or to the hotel to make your payment.

Approval of CIAT's treasurer is not required for changing or paying CIAT hotel bills with USD cash and USD traveler's checks.

Very few stores in town accept USD and you may want to have some Colombian currency for personal purchases. The current exchange rate is approximately US\$1 = Col\$2,300.

## Ticket Reconfirmation

Bring your ticket to the first day of the workshop. CIAT's Conference organizers will pick them up and give them to the Travel Office for reconfirmation.

## Health

Cali is not a malaria risk zone; nonetheless, in the evening, mosquitoes are a nuisance at CIAT. The hotel rooms have screens on doors and windows. Please take care to keep them shut. It is also recommended to wear long sleeves and trousers in the evening.

**According to CIAT's policy you must have a health and life insurance during the period of the meeting. CIAT will not assume any responsibility related with health problems or accidents.**

## Security

CIAT's headquarters are located at an hour's drive from downtown Cali (to the south) and at a 15-minute drive from the smaller city of Palmira (to the north). CIAT's headquarters have excellent security measures and you should have no problems while at CIAT.

## Some General Information about Colombia

**Full country name:** Republic of Colombia

**Area:** 1,141,748 sq km (440,830 sq mi)

**Population:** 39,685,000

**Capital city:** Bogotá (pop: 5 million)

**People:** 58% Mestizo (of European-Indian descent), 20% European descent, 14% mulatto (African-European descent), 4% African descent, 3% African-Indian descent, 1% indigenous

**Language:** Castilian Spanish, plus over 200 indigenous languages

**Religion:** Catholic 95%, with the remainder a mixture of traditional, Episcopal and Jewish faiths

**Government:** Democracy

**President:** Alvaro Uribe

**GDP:** US\$254 billion

**GDP per capita:** US\$6,200

**Inflation:** 16.7%

**Major industries:** Textiles, coffee, oil, sugar cane, food processing

**Major trading partner:** US, EU

The weather in Cali Colombia is typical of lowland tropical areas. For detailed weather forecast in Cali:

<http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER/sa/Colombia/CaliSKCL.html>

For detailed weather forecast in Bogota: <http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER/sa/Colombia/BogotaSKBO.html>

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Please note that 57 is the country code (Colombia) and 2 is the city code (Cali).