



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology**  
December 31, 2014 and 2013



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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Inter-American Development Bank,  
Administrator of the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (Fund), administered by the Inter-American Development Bank, which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of changes in fund balance and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Fund's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its fund balance and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



***Other Matter***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule included in Appendix I is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

**KPMG LLP**

May 8, 2015

## REGIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

(Administered by the Inter-American Development Bank)

### BALANCE SHEETS

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 329	\$ 130
Investments	99,186	97,440
Accrued interest	304	301
Total assets	<u>\$ 99,819</u>	<u>\$ 97,871</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Due to Administrator	\$ 40	\$ 111
Undisbursed grants	3,054	2,399
Other liabilities	21	21
Total liabilities	<u>3,115</u>	<u>2,531</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	96,704	95,340
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 99,819</u>	<u>\$ 97,871</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## REGIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

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### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
Income on cash and investments, net	\$ 1,916	\$ 1,605
Net appreciation in fair value of investments, net	1,066	-
Grant contributions received	471	-
Total additions	<u>3,453</u>	<u>1,605</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments, net	-	7,704
Approved grants, net	1,567	1,478
Secretariat expenses and audit fees	522	539
Total deductions	<u>2,089</u>	<u>9,721</u>
<b>Change in Fund balance</b>	1,364	(8,116)
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<u>95,340</u>	<u>103,456</u>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 96,704</u>	<u>\$ 95,340</u>

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### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Change in Fund balance	\$ 1,364	\$ (8,116)
Adjustments to reconcile Change in Fund balance to Net cash used in operating activities:		
Amortization of premium on investments	56	186
(Increase) decrease in Accrued interest	(3)	133
(Decrease) Increase in Due to Administrator	(71)	55
Increase in Undisbursed grants	655	540
Increase in Other liabilities	-	21
Inflation adjustments on investments	(1,085)	(816)
Net investment (gains) losses	(1,067)	7,483
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(151)	(514)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Gross purchases of investments	-	(60,823)
Gross proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	350	57,923
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	350	(2,900)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Collection of inflation adjustments	-	3,144
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	3,144
<b>Net increase (decrease) in Cash</b>	199	(270)
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	130	400
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	\$ 329	\$ 130

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## **REGIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY**

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2014 and 2013

*(Amounts expressed in thousands)*

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#### **NOTE A – NATURE OF THE FUND AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

On March 15, 1998, the Inter-American Development Bank (Bank) signed the Administration Agreement of the Cooperative Program for the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (Fund), also known by its Spanish acronym FONTAGRO. The objectives of the Fund are to create a sustainable financing facility and a forum in which Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries can discuss priority topics related to technological innovation, thereby strengthening the role these countries play in defining the regional research agenda.

The Agreement Establishing the Cooperative Program for the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (Agreement), also signed on March 15, 1998, establishes the Fund as a consortium that fosters strategic agricultural research with a regional focus and direct participation by LAC countries in identifying priorities and financing research projects. The mission of the Fund is to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector through research, thus ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and reduction of poverty in the region.

Effective March 22, 2013, the Fund's Board of Directors (BOD) approved a number of amendments to the Agreement as well as to the Administration Agreement. The amendments included, amongst others, the revision of the use of the Fund's resources, the Fund's BOD functions, the services provided by the Bank, and the Bank's liability in the administration of the Fund. One of the effects of the implementation of these amendments was the discontinuation of the previous requirement to set aside an annual amount to maintain the value of the resources contributed to the Fund. As a result, and due to the absence of donor-imposed permanent and/or temporarily restricted use of resources, the Fund no longer qualifies as an endowment fund. On June 19, 2013, the Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the proposed amendments to the Administration Agreement as well as the further extension of the initial period of administration of the Fund until June 30, 2016.

During 2014, the Fund received a grant contribution from the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand amounting to \$471 (NZD 600) to co-finance the Fund's Program "Livestock and Climate Change: Applied Research and Knowledge". This grant was recorded as Grant contributions received in the Statements of Changes in Fund Balance.

#### **NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Fund are expressed in United States dollars and prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The preparation of such financial statements requires the Bank, as Administrator, to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of additions to and deductions from the fund balance during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### ***Investments***

Investments are carried and reported at fair value. Realized gains and losses are included in Income on cash and investments, net while unrealized gains and losses are included in Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, net in the Statements of Changes in Fund Balance.

***Contributions***

Contributions are recorded as additions to the Fund balance when the authorized commitment from the Donor has been received and the cash payment has been collected.

***Grants***

Grants are recorded as deductions from the Fund balance when approved. Cancellations of the undisbursed portion of grants approved are recorded as an offset to Approved grants, net, in the period in which they occur.

***Related party transactions***

As part of the administration of the Fund's resources, the Bank pays administrative expenses and may disburse grants on behalf of the Fund. The amount payable related to these activities is reported as Due to Administrator in the Balance Sheets.

***Fair values of financial instruments***

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Fund in measuring the fair value for its financial instruments:

***Cash:*** The carrying amount reported in the Balance Sheets for cash approximates fair value.

***Investments:*** Fair values for the majority of the investments are based on quoted prices. The fair value of the remaining investments are comprised of bank obligations, that is, money market deposits which face value approximates their fair value.

**NOTE C – ORGANIZATION OF THE FUND**

The Fund's governing body is the BOD, which is headed by a Chairman elected from among the LAC member countries. Its executive body is the Technical-Administrative Secretariat (TAS), headed by an Executive Secretary. The BOD consists of representatives designated by each of the Fund's members. Only countries and national, regional and international organizations that have signed and ratified the Agreement will be members of the Fund. Each member has one proportional vote for every \$100, or its equivalent, contributed to the Fund. In addition, LAC member countries have basic votes. The total number of basic votes equals 25% of the total number of proportional votes and is distributed equally among LAC member countries.

**NOTE D – MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Membership to the Fund is open to all Bank members and other countries, or legal entities that would like to contribute additional resources to the Fund and sign the Agreement. Contributions from Bank member countries and organizations are made on a voluntary basis.

As of December 31, 2014, total contributions received from members amounted to \$82,869 (2013 - \$82,869). See Appendix I for the Statement of Member Commitments and Contributions Received, which lists current members and their respective commitments and contributions as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Once the entire amount of a member's commitment to the Fund has been satisfied, the member may withdraw from the Fund upon written notification, to take effect at a minimum of six months thereafter. Per Article VII of the Agreement, members that withdraw from the Fund will not have the right to withdraw their contributions until the termination and liquidation of the Fund.



**NOTE E – RESOURCES OF THE FUND**

Pursuant to the amended Agreement (See Note A), the resources of the Fund comprise the following and are utilized for administrative and operational purposes according to the order set forth below:

- (i) Income generated from all resources, including income from those resources described in (ii) and (iii) below;
- (ii) Additional contributions, bequests, and donations whose use by the Fund is to finance special purpose projects, depending on agreements between donors and the BOD;
- (iii) As a last instance, and subject to the approval of the BOD, the Intangible capital, defined in the Agreement Establishing the Fund as contributions from member countries and organizations and additional amounts contributed.

The operations of the Fund comprise competitive, non-reimbursable financing of priority projects identified in the Regional Fund’s Medium Term Plan (Plan). The Plan describes the strategic vision for allocating the Fund’s resources and identifies priority investment opportunities at the regional level. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the BOD approved nine grants for a total of \$1,567 (2013 – eight grants for \$1,711).

**NOTE F – INVESTMENTS**

The Bank invests the Fund’s resources according to the investment policy approved by the BOD and in accordance to the Bank’s policies and procedures. As of December 31 2014, the majority of the resources are invested in United States inflation - index bonds. The remaining resources are invested through an investment pool managed by the Bank. Substantially all the Fund’s securities have a credit quality equivalent to a rating of AA+.

The Bank limits the Fund’s activities of investing to a list of authorized dealers and counterparties. Further, exposure and term limits have been established for these counterparties based on their size and creditworthiness.

The average return on investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, during 2014 and 2013 was 2.99% and (6.01) %, respectively.

Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments held at December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$1,066 (2013 - (\$7,329)), were included in Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the Statements of Changes in Fund Balance.

Investments, as of December 31, consist of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Investment pool <sup>(1)</sup> :		
Obligations of the United States Government	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,634
Bank obligations <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>163</u>	<u>177</u>
	3,463	3,811
Direct investments:		
Obligations of the United States Government <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>96,027</u>	<u>93,930</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 99,490</u>	<u>\$ 97,741</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Detail of investments by class represents the Fund's proportionate share of the investment pool assets.

<sup>(2)</sup> May include bank notes and bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, and money market deposits.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents the fair value of the referred assets, including their accrued interest presented on the Balance Sheets under Accrued interest of \$304 at December 31, 2014 (2013 - \$301)

#### **NOTE G – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or pricing models for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3 - Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

Obligations of the United States Government amounting to \$99,327 as of December 31, 2014 (2013 – \$97,564) are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets, a valuation technique consistent with the market approach, and are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

All of the remaining securities are comprised of bank obligations, that is, money market deposits, which face value approximates their fair value. These securities amount to \$163 as of December 31, 2014 (2013 - \$177), and are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Fund's policy for transfers between levels is to reflect these transfers effective as of the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during 2014 and 2013.

**NOTE H - UNDISBURSED GRANTS**

The following is a summary of changes in Undisbursed grants for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Undisbursed grants as of January 1,	\$ 2,399	\$ 1,858
Approved grants	1,567	1,711
Cancellations	<u>-</u>	<u>(233)</u>
Approved grants, net	1,567	1,478
Disbursements	<u>(912)</u>	<u>(937)</u>
Undisbursed grants as of December 31,	<u>\$ 3,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,399</u>

**NOTE I – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk represents the accounting loss that would be recognized at the reporting date if counterparties fail completely to perform as contracted. As of December 31, 2014, the Fund had deposits in one financial institution in the United States in the amount of \$329 (2013 - \$130). The Bank, as the Administrator of the Fund, does not anticipate nonperformance by any of the counterparties. The amount of credit risk shown, therefore, does not represent expected losses.

**NOTE J – FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 comprise:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Intangible capital:		
Contributions (See Appendix I)	\$ 82,869	\$ 82,869
Maintenance of value adjustments (See Note A).	<u>14,294</u>	<u>14,294</u>
	97,163	97,163
Accumulated excess of deductions over additions, excluding contributions	<u>(459)</u>	<u>(1,823)</u>
	<u>\$ 96,704</u>	<u>\$ 95,340</u>

**NOTE K – ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND**

Pursuant to the Agreement, from inception to June 30, 2016 (initial period), the TAS is designated as the executive body that provides technical and operational support to the Fund, and is therefore responsible for the Fund’s program and operations among other activities. The Agreement also provides that the Bank will administer the Fund during the initial period. As Administrator of the Fund, the Bank is the Fund’s legal representative, provides support to the Fund and invests the Fund’s resources in accordance with the Bank’s policies and procedures and the investment policy adopted by the Fund’s BOD. Pursuant to the Administration Agreement signed between the Bank and the Fund, the Bank will not be reimbursed for either direct or indirect costs of administration during the initial period.

**NOTE L – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Bank, as Administrator, evaluated subsequent events through May 8, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As a result of this evaluation, there are no subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in the Fund’s financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

APPENDIX I

**REGIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY**

(Administered by the Inter-American Development Bank)

**STATEMENT OF MEMBER COMMITMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 and 2013**

*(Expressed in thousands United States dollars)*

<u>Members</u>	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Contributions Received</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Contributions Received</u>
Argentina	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Bolivia	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Chile	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Colombia	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Costa Rica	500	500	500	500
Dominican Republic	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Ecuador	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Honduras	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Nicaragua	2,500	1,000	2,500	1,000
Panama	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Paraguay	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,000
Peru	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Spain	14,723	14,723	14,723	14,723
Uruguay	5,000	2,500	5,000	2,500
Venezuela	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
IDRC (International Development Research Center - Canada)	100	146	100	146
	<u>\$ 87,323</u>	<u>\$ 82,869</u>	<u>\$ 87,323</u>	<u>\$ 82,869</u>