

# **CICTAMEX PROJECT**

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

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- 🕒 The objective of preserving and safeguarding the avocado germplasm bank owned by CICTAMEX has been achieved
  - 🕒 Two replicas of the collection have been planted in the Temascaltepec property, away from the risks and limitations of the original property in Coatepec Harinas
- 🕒 Unfortunately, the objective of planting a back-up collection in Michoacan is still pending. No suitable and affordable land has been found in Michoacan
- 🕒 The Executive Committee APEAM-CICTAMEX has been meeting every two months. Current priorities:
  - 🕒 The Strategic and Business Plan is showing progress
  - 🕒 The Long-Term Scientific Plan is also moving forward
  - 🕒 The APEAM legal and accounting teams are exploring alternatives for a legal entity or contract that allows the long-term continuation of a self-financed APEAM-CICTAMEX alliance

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- 🕒 The Strategic and Business Plan is showing progress:
  - 🕒 6 business lines have been identified for an eventual long-term partnership between APEAM and CICTAMEX. The Committee defined these priorities:
    - 🕒 “Go-forward” initiatives: commercial avocado orchard, and commercial nursery with clonal rootstocks. They have high perceived attractiveness, strong operational feasibility, and significant revenue potential
    - 🕒 Strategic “core” initiatives: genetic improvement program with royalties for new varieties and rootstocks, and licensed nurseries with per-plant royalties. Its long-term nature and significant investments require further analysis of their feasibility and enabling conditions (governance, funding, technical capacity and market design). The Scientific Plan is central to these lines
    - 🕒 Enabling initiatives: R&D and validation services, and training and capacity-building center

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- 🌀 The Long-Term Scientific Plan is being developed, including:
  - 🌀 A plan for a targeted collection of new materials
  - 🌀 A detailed description of the germplasm and a dual system:
    - 🌀 A base collection for the long-term preservation of the germplasm, planted at high density
    - 🌀 A working collection for the morphological description and molecular characterization of these materials
  - 🌀 A genetic improvement program to obtain new rootstocks
  - 🌀 A genetic improvement program to obtain new commercial varieties
  - 🌀 Evaluation of the selected materials at a semi-commercial scale
  - 🌀 Registration of intellectual property rights

## NEXT STEPS (FY 2026-27)

- 🕒 Complete the long-term plans: The Strategic Business Plan and the Scientific Plan
- 🕒 Replicate the germplasm collection in Michoacan and establish a Michoacan “campus”
- 🕒 Ensure the establishment and successful start of the replicas of the germplasm collection in Temascaltepec
- 🕒 Make decisions about feasible alternatives for a legal entity or a contract allowing a long-term continuation of a self-financed APEAM-CICTAMEX alliance

## BUDGET UPDATE

🕒 Budget for the FY 2024-25 (300K)

🕒 Executed

🕒 Budget for the FY 2025-26 (250K)

🕒 175K have been executed

🕒 The balance (75K), to be executed in the period June-December 2026

🕒 Budget for the FY 2026-27 (250K)

🕒 To be executed in the period January-December 2027

**THANK YOU!**

