Embrapa closes partnership with ICRISAT from India
Agreement with Indian research institute will allow cooperation in areas with a future in both countries

The Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), linked to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, will sign this week a memorandum of understanding with one of the largest research institutes in India, the International Cros Reserch Institute for the Semi-arid Tropics (Icrisat). The partnership will be signed by Minister Tereza Cristina, during the delegation of the Federal Government to the Indian country, which aims to expand and diversify trade and cooperation with the Asian country.

The two institutions will establish cooperation in science and technology through joint projects in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, with the aim of expanding the knowledge base of the two countries. "The Memorandum of Understanding will now enable specific projects to be developed in areas with a future in science, such as climate change, biotechnology, nanotechnology, geotechnology, automation, precision agriculture, digital agriculture, zoophytosecurity and green chemistry, in themes and chains production of common interest to the agribusiness of Brazil and India ", explains Celso Moretti, president of Embrapa.

The partnership will last for five years and can be renewed for equal periods, by signing addendum terms. Moretti clarifies that the cooperation will be implemented through the execution of specific technical cooperation projects, approved by the parties, which will define objectives, human, material and financial resources to be contributed by both Embrapa and Icrisat, intellectual property rights and those responsible for the activities to be undertaken. The first cooperation project is already being prepared and will focus on Management and Quality of Genetic Banks. In addition to Celso Moretti, Peter Carberry, general director of Icrisat, will sign the memorandum.

Brazilian delegation

In India, Minister Tereza Cristina will meet with Harsimrat Kaur Badal (Minister of Food Processing), Giriraj Singh (Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Dairy), Narendra Singh Tomar (Ministers of Agriculture and Welfare of Farmers) and Ram Vilas Paswan (Minister of Supply, Food and Public Distribution). It is also planned to sign a joint declaration between the Map and the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Dairy for cooperation in animal health and genetic improvement. The cooperation, which will last for three years, provides that Embrapa will offer training for Indian technicians in in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer, in addition to supporting the installation and operation of a Center of Excellence in Milk Livestock in India.