

Name: Luis Vinicio Losilla Solano

Country of Origin: Costa Rica

Completed SIA in: 2012

Current position: Full professorship and researcher at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Universidad de Costa Rica, San José Costa Rica

Being part of the SIA program was a life-changing experience. The multidisciplinary nature that the three specializations give to the program is one of its best attributes in the academic part as well as the academic excellence of the modules. At the same time, the international focus of the program provides students the opportunity to interact with people from many countries around the world such as Indonesia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Pakistan, India, Ghana, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Peru, Germany, among many others. The academic knowledge acquired during my studies in the SIA program and the cultural enrichment helped me to prepare for my subsequent doctoral studies and my current work at the Universidad de Costa Rica. Additionally, I had the opportunity of being part of the double degree program (Master in International Agribusiness and Rural Development -MIARD) jointly offered with the Universidad de Talca in Chile, which offered me as well the opportunity to experience the reality of one of the most important countries in the agribusiness sector in Latin America.