



# Break-out Group Discussions 1 and 2

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# Break-out Group Discussions 1

Highlighted issues of CABI strategic areas

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# Objectives

- Seek feedback, suggestions and endorsement on the five position statements, leading to their finalisation and inclusion in the Medium Term Strategy 2020-2022
  - *Plantwise*
  - *Development Communication and Digital Development*
  - *Agriculture & Climate Change*
  - *Invasive Species*
  - *Value Chains & Trade*
- Identify opportunities and challenges around these issues and strategic areas
- Seek member countries' commitments



# Process

- Three groups rotate every 30 minutes for discussions, enabling groups to have opportunities to discuss all five strategic areas/issues
- Each group will look at some prepared questions relevant to all five position statements of strategic areas/issues or some specific questions
- CABI colleagues will chair discussions and capture and summarise outcomes
- Member country representatives will be invited to report back the following day (15 minutes each)



# Questions

- What do you think of CABI's proposed goals and activities?
- Within these areas, what are the key opportunities that you see?
- What challenges are we likely to encounter?
- Which opportunities do you see as your top priority?

(To be used by Development Communication and Digital Development, Invasive Species, Value Chains & Trade)





# Questions

## *Agriculture & Climate Change*

- What ongoing country/regional-level initiatives on climate adaptation/mitigation offer potential for collaboration?
- How can CABI link with ongoing climate change adaptation/mitigation initiatives?
- Aside from the larger, international dedicated climate-related funding sources, are there any national/regional donors that could be of interest to CABI and its member countries
- With CABI's three goals and proposed intervention areas, do you think that CABI needs to consider other member country priorities?



# Questions

## *Plantwise*

- How can CABI ensure that interventions introduced under Plantwise get embedded in country systems?
- What regional initiatives can better leverage resources with Plantwise for sustained plant health management?
- How can Plantwise be modelled to serve broader needs of stakeholders in agricultural value chains?
- Besides the donors currently funding Plantwise, which other organisations are active in the region and can be brought on board to sustainably fund the elements of high priority for the region?





## Groups: 3 Groups (to discuss CABI's position statements)

- **Group 1: Development Communication and Digital Development**, *Canada, Chile, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands plus partners (Cambria Finegold, Nick Perkins and Andy Robinson)*
- **Group 2: Agriculture & Climate Change and Plantwise** *Anguilla, Brazil, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, and Trinidad & Tobago plus partners (Luca Heeb, Yelitza Colmenarez and Patricia Neenan)*
- **Group 3: Invasive Species and Value Chains & Trade** *Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and Panama plus partners (George Oduor, Harriet Hinz and Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan)*





# Break-out Group Discussions 2

Reviewing priorities identified in 2015-16 and identifying new ones

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# Objectives

Taking into account your national and regional priorities, and priorities described by CABI, donors and partners at their presentations earlier

- To review the relevance and importance of the priority areas/issues identified in 2015-16
- To identify and agree on new emerging priorities





## Post 2015-16 regional consultation actions

- Priority areas/issues identified at three regional consultation were consolidated and integrated
- Special considerations given to some priority areas/ issues outside of International Development's remit but within the core coverage of Knowledge Business
- The consolidated outcomes guided the revisions of the CABI's MTS 2017-19 and was fed into the agenda of CABI Review Conference 2016
- Efforts made in the development and delivery of programmes and projects addressing these priority areas, which are reflected in the dossier

# Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-16 Regional Consultations

<b>Priority Areas</b> In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	<b>Priority Issues</b>
<b>Development of trade and market access</b> for safe food, domestically, regionally and internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provide advice and support for farmers</b> on aspects such as GAP compliance, Phytosanitary standards and compliance, advice on crop diversification (e.g. HVH), post-harvest management, improving quality of agricultural inputs, access to market information, improved technology, improved range management for livestock</li> <li>• <b>Support for market access along value chains</b>, including SPS compliance and standards harmonization, food safety</li> <li>• <b>Stimulate the creation of farmer organizations</b>, developing entrepreneurial and commercial skills, risk management, access to affordable credit</li> <li>• <b>Strengthen support for food safety</b>, including information on legislative and regulatory requirements, prevention of mycotoxins, maximum residue levels, heavy metal contamination, animal health and welfare, zoonotic diseases and the safe use of veterinary drugs</li> <li>• <b>Develop public-private partnership</b> to support smallholder market access along value chains, including SPS compliance and standards harmonization, food safety</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge management, communication and use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improve communication</b> with development stakeholder groups for greater reach, frequency and impact of messaging to stimulate technology uptake and deliver new knowledge to farmers using mixed methods (including mass media such as mobile and social media as well as extension approaches based on face-to-face interactions), gender inclusive approaches for all stakeholder groups, <b>particularly use of ICTs</b> (including e-M&amp;E; e-statistics and e-vouchers)</li> <li>• Expand the scope of CABI's <b>support to advisory services</b> to include soil health, selection of crop and seed varieties, integrated water and land management, animal health and welfare</li> <li>• Assist national services with <b>information and data management</b>, e.g. publication of and access to authoritative information resources, archiving and managing research data, awareness-raising and policy development for open and big data policies</li> </ul>



# Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-2016 Regional Consultations

<b>Priority Areas</b> In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	<b>Priority Issues</b>
<b>Systems approach to Plant Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Support farmers</b> for informed decision-making at the farm level through strengthened extension services able to advise on IPM in high value and staple crops, rational use of agrochemical inputs including biofertilisers, biotechnology applications for pests and diseases including biopesticides and biological control agents</li> <li>• <b>Develop better approaches</b> to manage pollinators, soil health and ecosystem services supporting agriculture</li> <li>• <b>Support plant health systems</b> including aspects such as improved diagnostic skills at all levels, informed advice on new resistant varieties, seed selection, and GM crops, informed policy leading to an improved regulatory and legislative environment, optimising links between different sectors</li> <li>• <b>Build resilience in farming systems</b> at all levels to better adapt to climate and other changes, including the management of a range of biophysical stressors including pests (IPM), water (IWM), and soil nutrients (INM), and early warning and rapid response systems for newly emerging /key pests and diseases.</li> <li>• Promote <b>access to quality controlled agricultural inputs</b> (seeds, fertilisers, chemicals)</li> <li>• Strengthening support for <b>livestock management</b>, including improved range management, advice regarding zoonotic diseases, and the safe use of veterinary drugs</li> </ul>
<b>Food and nutrition security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to <b>improved food security</b> at all levels by the application of technology including new crop varieties to improve efficiency and productivity, reduction of post-harvest losses through improved storage, post-harvest processing and preservation</li> <li>• Promote the development of <b>nutrition sensitive agriculture</b> through support to aspects such as awareness raising and policy development, human health and food safety, advice on nutraceuticals and bio-fortification advice, food preparation, food/diet diversification</li> <li>• <b>Strengthening seed systems</b>, including aspects such as improved genetic materials, availability of neglected crops, and improving self-saved seed.</li> <li>• <b>Promote Climate Smart Agricultural practices</b> that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to changing conditions and improve resilience</li> <li>• Promote <b>agricultural diversification</b> and the use of <b>indigenous crops</b></li> <li>• Support <b>cash crops</b>, fodder, fuel, and fibre production and ornamentals</li> </ul>

# Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-2016 Regional Consultations

<b>Priority Areas</b> In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	<b>Priority Issues</b>
<b>Biodiversity and ecosystem management (incl. Invasive Species)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve <b>prevention and management of Invasive Species</b> using national and regional approaches, including capacity building in remote diagnostics, strengthen capacity for management and control of terrestrial and aquatic invasives.</li> <li>• Develop <b>capacity to use microbial resources</b>, for e.g. pharmaceutical and nutraceutical production, biopesticides, composting and waste management.</li> <li>• <b>Comply with Nagoya Protocol</b>, and promote its use, in support of CBD</li> <li>• <b>Build a coalition of funding partners</b> to prevent, eradicate or manage the invasive insects and weeds constituting the greatest threats to food security, livelihoods and biodiversity</li> </ul>
<b>CROSS-CUTTING:</b>  Capacity building and governance  Developing public-private partnerships when appropriate  Enable, empower and employ women and youth, and embed monitoring, evaluation and impact analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate knowledge transfer in <b>South-South interactions</b> involving member countries</li> <li>• <b>Provide information and training resources</b> to support sustainable agro-tourism and other non-farm rural employment, particularly for women and youth</li> <li>• <b>Build individual, institutional and regional capacity</b> to develop and govern agricultural innovation systems</li> <li>• <b>Reinforce linkages</b> between the scientific community, universities, government and farmer associations</li> <li>• Develop public-private partnership to <b>support smallholder market access along value chains</b>, including SPS compliance and standards harmonisation, food safety</li> <li>• Assist national services with <b>information and data management</b>, e.g. publication of and access to authoritative information resources, archiving and managing research, production and statistical data, awareness-raising and policy development for open and big data policies</li> </ul>





# Process

- Each sub-regional group uses the table of 2015-16 priority areas/issues
  - to review their relevance and importance  
(marking low priorities in blue colour)
  - identify new emerging priority issues within the existing priority areas (adding them in red)
- Each sub-regional group uses a new table to add new emerging priority areas and specific issues within
- CABI colleagues to chair discussions and capture/summarise outcomes
- Member country representatives to be invited to report back in the afternoon (15 minutes each)



# Questions

**To review the table of 2015-16 priority areas/issues (word document) and ask these questions**

- Are these nine priority areas (including four cross-cutting areas) are still relevant and important to your country and sub-region?
- What are the newly emerging priority areas for your sub-regions, taking into account of regional priorities, and strategies described by CABI, donors and partners?
- What are specific issues of each of these newly emerging priority areas?





## Groups: Sub-regional groups

### Group 1: Americas (*Yelitza Colmenarez, Harriet Hinz, Patricia Neenan*)

- Brazil (2), Canada (3-5), Chile plus partners



### Group 2: The Caribbean (*Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan, Nick Perkins, Cambria Finegold*)

- Anguilla, Barbados, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Guyana, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks and Caicos plus partners





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