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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
 - Value Chains &Trade (Day 1) & the rest on Day 2
 - Plantwise
 - Development Communication and Digital Development
 - Agriculture & Climate Change
 - Invasive Species
- 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 strategic areas/issues
- Each group will look at some prepared questions relevant to all five position statements of strategic areas or some specific questions
- CABI colleagues will chair discussions, and capture and summarise outcomes
- Member country representatives will be invited to report back on later (10 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)





Questions Agriculture & Climate Change

- What do you think of CABI's proposed goals and activities?
- Within these areas, what are the key opportunities that you see?
- What ongoing country/regional-level initiatives on climate adaptation/mitigation offer potential for collaboration?
- 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 – Australia, China (2) Malaysia (2), and Philippines plus partners (Led by Dannie Romney, with Tang Rui helping take notes)
- Group 2: Agriculture and Climate Change and Plantwise - Bangladesh, Myanmar, Vietnam and Sri Lanka plus partners (Led by Feng Zhang and Gopi Ramasamy with Wan Min helping take notes)
- Group 3: Invasive Species Afghanistan (2), DPR Korea (2), Nepal, and Papua New Guinea plus partners (Led by A Sivapragasam with Li Hongmei helping take notes)





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Objectives

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

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



Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-16 Regional Consultations

Priority Areas In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	Priority Issues
Development of trade and market access for safe food, domestically, regionally and internationally	Provide advice and support for farmers 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
	 Support for market access along value chains, including SPS compliance and standards harmonization, food safety
	 Stimulate the creation of farmer organizations, developing entrepreneurial and commercial skills, risk management, access to affordable credit
	Strengthen support for food safety, 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
	 Develop public-private partnership to support smallholder market access along value chains, including SPS compliance and standards harmonisation, food safety
Knowledge management, communication and use	Improve communication 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, particularly use of ICTs (including e-M&E e-statistics and e-vouchers)
	 Expand the scope of CABI's support to advisory services to include soil health, selection of crop and seed varieties, integrated water and land management, animal health and welfare
	 Assist national services with information and data management, 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



Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-2016 Regional Consultations

Priority Areas	
In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	Priority Issues
Systems approach to Plant Health	Support farmers 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
	Develop better approaches to manage pollinators, soil health and ecosystem services supporting agriculture
	 Support plant health systems 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
	Build resilience in farming systems 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
	 Promote access to quality controlled agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilisers, chemicals)
	 Strengthening support for livestock management, including improved range management, advice regarding zoonotic diseases, and the safe use of veterinary drugs
Food and nutrition security	 Contribute to improved food security 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
	 Promote the development of nutrition sensitive agriculture 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
	 Strengthening seed systems, including aspects such as improved genetic materials, availability of neglected crops, and improving self-saved seed
	 Promote Climate Smart Agricultural practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to changing conditions and improve resilience
	Promote agricultural diversification and the use of indigenous crops
	Support cash crops, fodder, fuel, and fibre production and ornamentals



Consolidated priority areas and issues from 2015-2016 Regional Consultations

Priority Areas In support of GGs 1, 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	Priority Issues
	Improve prevention and management of Invasive Species using national and regional approaches, including capacity building in remote diagnostics, strengthen capacity for management and control of terrestrial and aquatic invasives
Biodiversity and ecosystem management	 Develop capacity to use microbial resources, for e.g. pharmaceutical and nutraceutical production, biopesticides, composting and waste management
(incl. Invasive Species)	Comply with Nagoya Protocol, and promote its use, in support of CBD
	 Build a coalition of funding partners to prevent, eradicate or manage the invasive insects and weeds constituting the greatest threats to food security, livelihoods and biodiversity
CROSS-CUTTING:	Facilitate knowledge transfer in South-South interactions involving member countries
Capacity building and	 Provide information and training resources to support sustainable agro-tourism and other non-farm rural employment, particularly for women and youth
governance Developing public-private	 Build individual, institutional and regional capacity to develop and govern agricultural innovation systems
partnerships when	Reinforce linkages between the scientific community, universities, government and farmer associations
appropriate Enable, empower and	 Develop public-private partnership to support smallholder market access along value chains, including SPS compliance and standards harmonisation, food safety
employ women and youth, and embed monitoring, evaluation and impact analysis	 Assist national services with information and data management, 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









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)







Groups: Sub-regional groups

- Group 1: Central & West and South Asia
 (Led by Babar Bajwa and Gopi Ramasamy
 with Tang Rui helping to take notes) –
 Afghanistan (2), Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri
 Lanka plus partners like CACAARI
- Group 2: East and Southeast Asia, and South Pacific
 (Led by Feng Zhang and A Sivapragasam with Wan Min helping take notes) –
 Australia, China (2), DPR Korea (2), Malaysia (2), Myanmar (2), Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam plus partners like APCC





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