



# Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks

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# The objectives have been met thanks to inputs from all of you

- Reviewed the progress made against CABI's Medium Term Strategy 2017-19, both globally and regionally
- Reviewed the continued relevance of the priority areas and issues identified in 2015-16, and identified emerging regional priorities in sustainable development
- Shared country and regional experiences and views
- Carried out more in-depth discussions on specific issues of selected strategic areas, programmes and initiatives
- Agreed priorities for action plans by linking regional priorities with CABI's capabilities and strategies and identifying synergies among partners



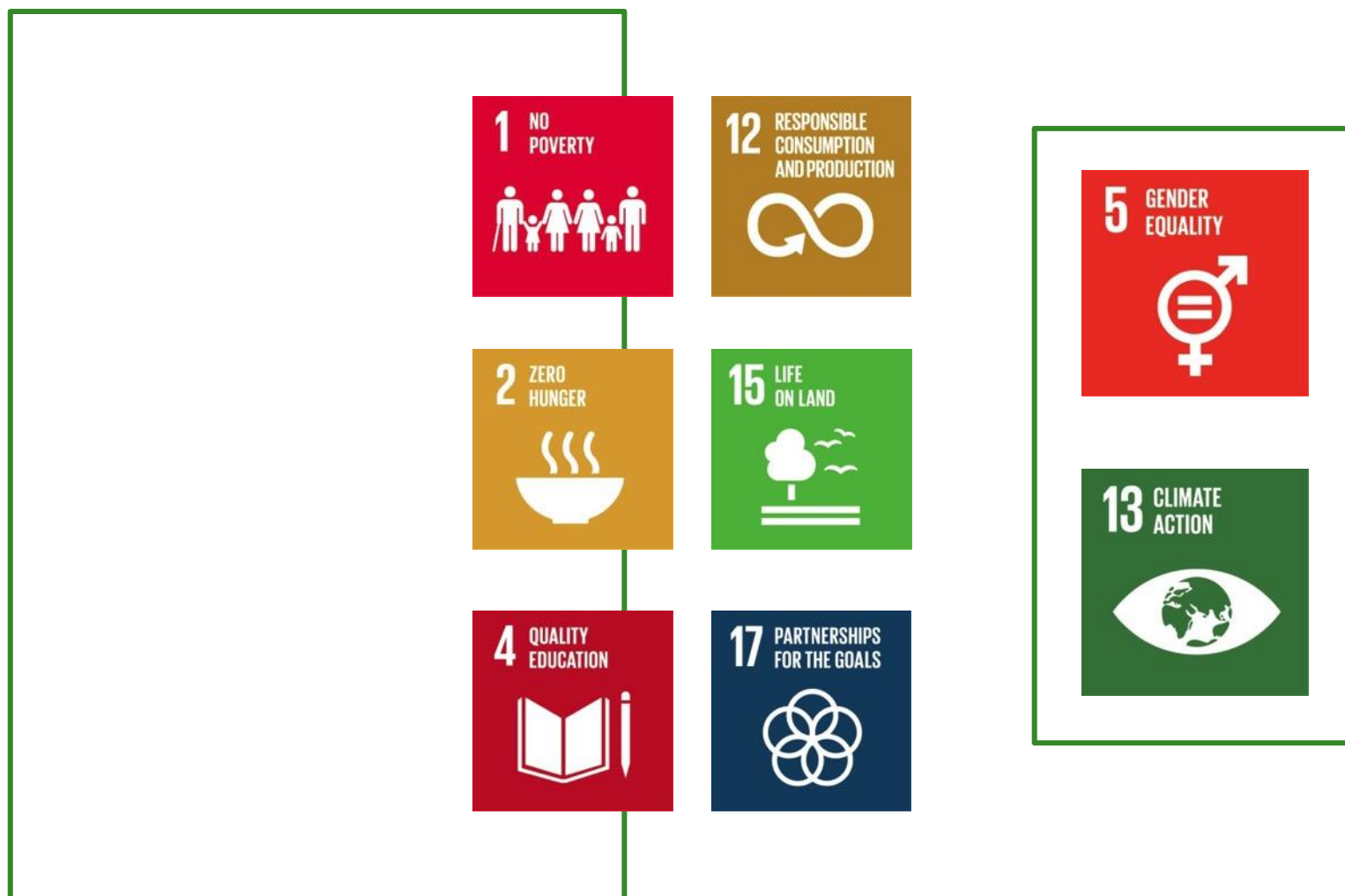




# Highlights

- Higher attendance and more participatory compared with the previous consultation – overall some 60 delegates attended
- Comprehensive experience of Canada's agriculture and related sector gained through several keynote speeches and technical presentations and a field trip tomorrow
- Examples of partnership with CABI shared through case studies by several member countries
- Focus on key issues of CABI strategic areas
- New CABI initiatives and products showcased
- Development partners' (USDA, IDRC and FAO) priorities and further opportunities of working together better understood
- Active participation by member country and prospective member country representatives and partners in a collegiate atmosphere.

# CABI's strategic priorities link to SDGs



# CABI's strategic priorities to be driven by 2 key SDGs





## Implications on how we work ...

- Identify opportunities with high potential for reach, benefit and empower ... in Agriculture and Food Systems
- Identify women groups: who they are? what they do? Their skills? Skill gaps? Organizational capacity? Access and control? Leadership and decision making roles?
- Set clear baselines and target results for women ...
- Do the right thing to ensure sustainable – climate resilient and inclusive Agriculture-led growth ...
- ... Do it right by putting women and girls at the centre of your preoccupations.





## Outcomes (1) – five position statements and 1 programme

- Useful feedback and suggestions received for the five position statements, and the future of Plantwise programme.
- Opportunities and challenges of particular issues of these strategic areas identified
  - ***Plantwise*** - CABI should explore with private companies the possibility of creating a CABI-managed benefit-sharing fund to sustain Plantwise to support the farmers in their supply chain
  - ***Development Communication and Digital Development*** - Multiple channels, ways and languages to get the latest science to audience in accessible/actionable terms





## Outcomes (2) - five position statements and 1 programme

- **Agriculture & Climate Change** - Disseminate more climate research into actionable advice for smallholder farmers
- **Invasive Species** – Promote citizen science to help to detect and identify IAS
- **Value Chains & Trade** – The importance of involving the youth and women in the value chain development, which is also more likely to secure funding (inclusivity)





# Priority areas and issues

The previous 9 priority areas are still very relevant, but with increasing emphasis on:

- Value chains and market access
- Climate smart agriculture in practice
- Digital development and data literacy
- Knowledge management advice and consultancy for national systems
- Systems approach to plant health, including ornamentals
- Invasives pathways – proactive not reactive defence
- Use of microbial resources
- Enabling biological control through ABS in line with Nagoya
- Consider high input, intensive, urban agricultural systems in addition to smallholders
- Evidence-based agricultural practice and policy



# What happens next?

**The outcomes from this Regional Consultation will:**

- be consolidated with those from other regional consultations, matched with CABI's capabilities, resources and strategies, and prioritised
- influence the update of CABI's Medium Term Strategy 2020-22
- be fed into the CABI Review Conference 2019, which is scheduled for 12-13 September 2019
- Used to identify and implement agreed joint initiatives with member countries



We are pleased to announce the

# 20th CABI Review Conference

**Date: Thursday 12 – Friday 13 September 2019**

**Location: Runnymede-on-Thames Hotel, Windsor Road, Egham, Surrey, UK**

Please save these dates in your calendar

Further information will be provided in due course but to find out more about this unique meeting go to: [www.cabi.org/membership](http://www.cabi.org/membership)

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## Vote of thanks

- **Canada (AAFC)** for the wonderful hospitality and arrangements, plus significant support including liaison with the hotel and service providers as well as tomorrow's field trip
- **Delegates** from CABI member countries, prospective member countries and partner organisations for your active participation and valuable comments throughout the Consultation as well as for your long-term support to CABI
- **CABI staff** for their efforts in preparation and organisation - intellectual input and logistical arrangements. A true team effort
- **The hotel**, which has provided good facilities, services and a comfortable environment





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