

# CABI's Asia-Pacific Member Countries Regional Consultation

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## Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks

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## Highlights

- Active participation by delegates and partners in a collegiate atmosphere
- Signed 2 MoUs on strategic collaboration:
  - ✓ China-CABI-Pakistan
  - ✓ CABI-Malaysia
- Welcomed Afghanistan as Member Country
- Better understanding of China's agricultural strategies for sustainable development and international co-operation
- Celebrated 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MARA-CABI Joint Lab
- Shared national strategies and priorities, and examples of partnership with CABI
- Focused on CABI strategic areas and new products



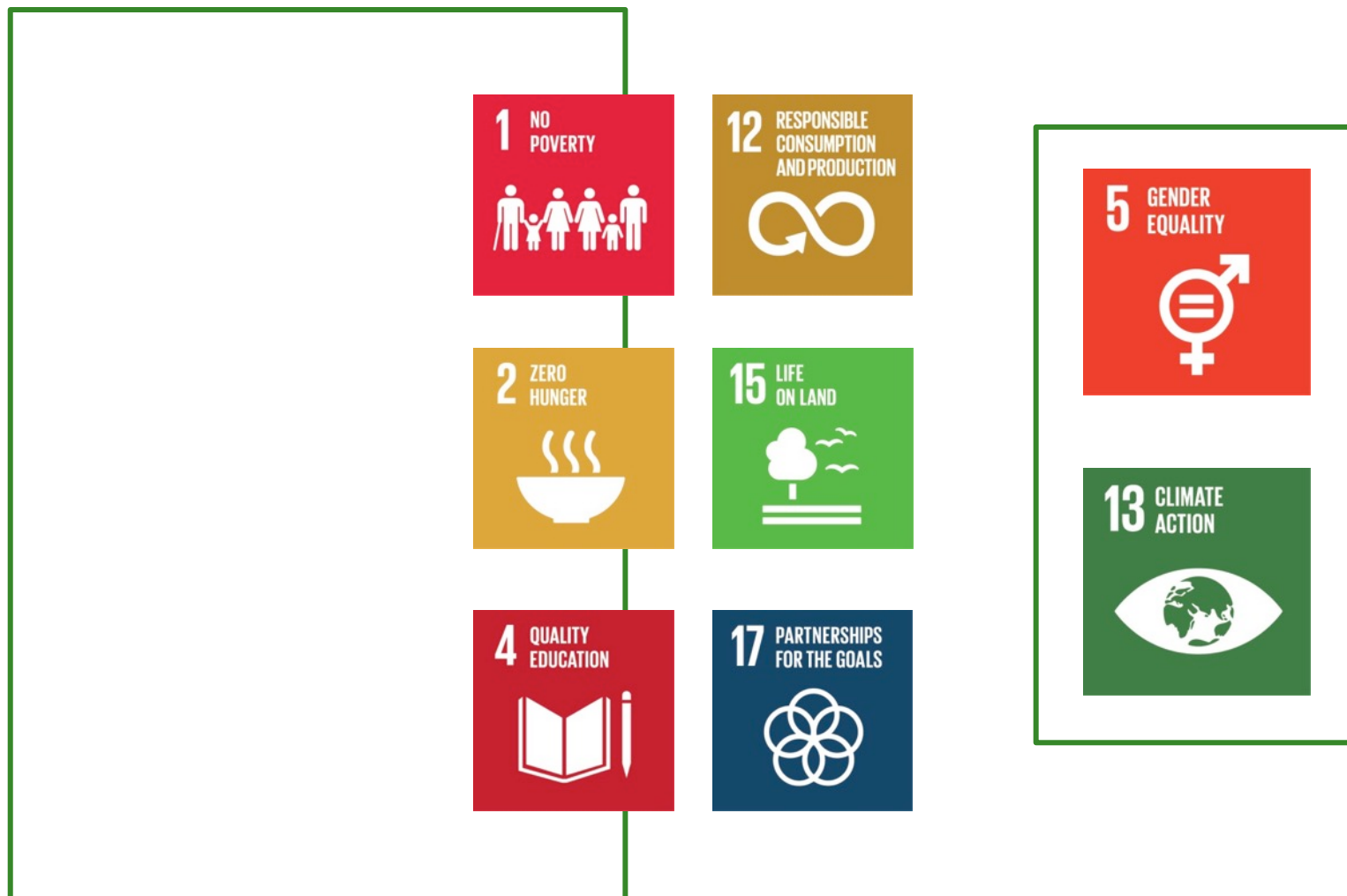


# The objectives have been met thanks to inputs from all of you

- 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
- 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



# 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 empowerment across Agriculture Value Chains 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 it right by putting women and girls at the centre of our plans** from the outset





# Outcomes (1)

- Valuable feedback and suggestions received
- Statements and wording of Goals are more like objectives, language strategy needs to be more easily understandable and reflect key terms
- **Value Chains & Trade** – to include contract farming support development of FBOs and build business skills and reduce need for middleman, farmers need to know about market quality/safety requirements, support them to meet international standards, develop national/local best practice standards, Plantwise ecosystem as a quality mark
- **Development Communication and Digital Development** - Multiple channels, ways and languages, integrate with current existing platforms, systems, national projects, clearer separation of short and long term, recognise challenges of language, literacy and network restrictions, ICTs valuable in early warning and scale-up but only part of broader comms mix



## Outcomes (2)

- **Agriculture & Climate Change** - Disseminate more climate research into actionable advice for smallholder farmers, publishing and knowledge management opportunity, support uptake and adoption of climate resilient varieties, crop diversification
- **Invasive Species** – Promote citizen science to help detect and identify IAS, increase capacity for forecasting, early warning and rapid response, build capacity and capability in respect of regulatory and policy environment, help to develop supporting infrastructure and SPS support. Catalyse regional approaches and integration
- **Plantwise** – Explore opportunities for private sector funding, broaden country base, find channels to establish in more developed countries (e.g. Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia), CABI role should move to coordination/QA not local implementation, extend coverage to soil, seeds, small animals





# Priority areas and issues

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

- Value chains and market access – high value and indigenous crops, but with a “whole of chain” approach covering SPS, traceability and biosecurity.
- Climate smart agriculture in practice, including water use
- Integrated approach to crop and livestock production, protection and processing – roles for women and youth
- Knowledge management/advisory on livestock/zoonoses
- Digital development, language and literacy
- Invasives pathways – proactive, early warning and rapid response not reactive defence
- Use of microbial resources
- Social and environmental impact of projects and safeguards for women and youth
- Promoting and building business skills for farmers
- Evidence-based policy development



# Raising Funds to deliver in your country (how you can help)

- CABI is not core funded – anything we do needs a financial backer.
- Our Member Countries are our biggest asset in fund-raising
- We need your help and support to make joint approaches to key funders
- Your own country agencies/ministries can also be a source of support and influence
- After the meeting we will contact each of you to develop an action plan where, together we can make a proposal – in country and at their Head Office (e.g. for Invasives or Plantwise)

# 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

- **China (MARA & CAAS)** for the wonderful hospitality and arrangements, plus significant support including financial contributions 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** across the whole organisation for their efforts in preparation and organisation - intellectual input and logistical arrangements (particularly CABI East Asia led by Dr Feng Zhang). A true team effort
- **The hotel**, which has provided good facilities, services and a comfortable environment



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