



## **Session 5: Conclusions**

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## The following objectives have been met thanks to useful input from all of you

- To review the progress made and the continued relevance of the priority areas and issues identified in 2012
- To identify new emerging national, sub-regional and regional priorities influencing and impacting on sustainable development in the region
- To share country and regional experiences and views
- To develop regional plans by linking regional priorities with CABI's capabilities and strategies, and identify synergies among partners

# Consolidated priority areas and issues for Asia-Pacific Region

## 2015 – NEW

<b>Priority Areas</b> In support of SDGs 2, 12, 15, 17 and COP21	<b>Priority Issues</b>
<b>Trade and market access and development</b>	SPS compliance (phytosanitary treatments and promoting confidence in systems) and standards harmonization; Regional value-chain focus (e.g. ASEAN ) and post harvest value-addition; GAP and best practices for trade and food safety (e.g. mycotoxin, contaminants); Upscale farmer skills to become more entrepreneurial and commercially engaged; advice on crop diversification, e.g. horticulture; facilitating public/private partnerships.
<b>Knowledge management, communication and use*</b>	Technology and knowledge transfer / uptake (particularly amongst member countries, and south-south); disseminating evidence-based policies; Improving communications to farmers by sharing cross-cutting and holistic knowledge amongst stakeholder groups including youth and progressive farmers via common platforms, social media and mobile advisory services; Archiving and managing institutional research information. Improved information sharing and data utilization
<b>Food &amp; nutritional security</b>	Application of technology to improve efficiency & productivity; reduction in post-harvest losses; human health & food safety; Selection of new crop varieties; Bio-fortification advice; Policy promotion at farm and national level to raise awareness of importance of nutrition

<b>Climate-smart Plant health systems</b>	Managing a range of stressors including pests (IPM), water, and soil nutrients; IPM in high value crops (e.g. nursery, commodity crops including HVH) and staple crops; rational use of agrochemical inputs including biofertilizers ; early warning systems for newly emerged/key pests & diseases. Supporting informed decision-making at farm and country levels for adaptation and mitigation, e.g. new resistant varieties, seed selection, GM crops; extension system reinvigoration. Improved capacity of member countries to run diagnostics at small holder level
<b>Mixed farming advisory services</b>	Soil health including salinity, micro-nutrients, selection of crop and seed varieties related to soil types; Integrated water and land management including water efficiency, water safety, surface water run-off; Providing animal health advice including nutrition, forage and silage systems.
<b>Biodiversity and invasive species management</b>	Invasive management, especially regional issues; Capacity building of IAS identification and diagnostics via digitalization and virtual collections (pests as well as microbes); habitat manipulation / agro-biodiversity enrichment including crop diversification; Microbial resource collection, characterization and utilization; Development and production of biopesticides, and implications of biopesticides use.
<b>Cross-cutting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional and regional capacity building (including data standards, access, curation and analysis; strengthening education systems)</li> <li>• Publication of, and access to, authoritative information resources.</li> <li>• Monitoring and inclusive impact evaluation, e.g. youth and gender-specific outcomes</li> </ul>	



## What happens next?

The outcomes from the Regional Consultation will

- be consolidated with those from other regional consultations and matched with CABI's capabilities, resources and strategies
- influence the revision of the CABI Medium Term Strategy 2016-18 and Vision 2020
- be fed into the bigger CABI Review Conference 2016, which is scheduled for 26-27 July 2016
- facilitate implementation of agreed joint initiatives with member countries

Encourage member country representatives to link CABI with relevant authorities and seek their approvals on CABI's draft policy on ABS before CABI Review Conference on 26-27 July 2016

We are pleased to announce the



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Date: **Tuesday 26th – Wednesday 27th July 2016**

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