

IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SOLUTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

American and Caribbean Member Countries Regional Consultation

9-11 February 2016, Barceló San José Palacio, San José, Costa Rica

Programme

Tuesday, 9 February 2016

Arrival of Delegates

1900 – 2100 **Welcome Reception (Aguamarina by the Swimming Pool)**

Wednesday, 10 February 2016 (Ballroom Greco B)

0830 – 0900 **Registration (Ballroom Greco B)**

Opening Plenary Session: CABI and its Membership

CHAIRPERSON: *Dr Dennis Rangi, Director General, Development*

0900 – 0920 **Welcome Address and Introduction**

Dr Arlet Vargas, Deputy Director, Plant Health Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Dr Dennis Rangi, Director General, Development

0920 – 0950 **CABI: Progress Updates and Medium-term Strategy Review**

Dr Trevor Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

0950 – 1010 **Keynote Address - Costa Rica's Agricultural Development and Outlook**

Mr José Joaquín Salazar, Vice Minister, Costa Rican Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

1010 – 1040 **CABI in the Americas and Caribbean – Partnerships and Action**

Dr Yelitza Colmenarez, Regional Representative, South America, CABI

1040 – 1110 **Networking Break (Ballroom Greco B) and Group Photo (by the Aguamarina)**

Session 1: Presenting Case Studies from Member Countries and partners

CHAIRPERSONS:

*Ms Rena S. Ginton, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources, Bahamas
and*

Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Regional Director, Europe and the Americas & Plantwise Programme Executive

Working in Partnership with CABI - Presentations from member countries and partners

Canada – *Dr Michèle Marcotte, Director of Research, Development and Technology, Eastern Cereal and Oilseed Research Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)*

1110 – 1210 **Chile** - *Dr René Andrés France, Fitopatólogo*

Jamaica - *Mr Derron L. Spence, Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries*

Brazil – *Prof Carlos Frederico Wilcken, Vice-Director, Faculdade de Ciências Agrônômicas, Sao Paulo State University (UNESP)*

Showcasing Costa Rica's Agriculture (Demonstrations)

1210 – 1310 *Opened by The Hon. Dr Luis Felipe Arauz Cavallini, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica*

1310 – 1410 **Buffet Lunch (Anfora Restaurant)**

Session 2: Reviewing/Identifying Priorities of Member Countries

CHAIRPERSONS:

*Mr Daniel Lewis, Chief Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Grenada
and*

Mrs Andrea Powell, Chief Information Officer, CABI

1410 – 1425 **Introduction**

Mr Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan, Regional Representative, Central America and the Caribbean, CABI

1415 – 1540 **Break-out Discussions 1 - Sub-Regional Discussions (2 groups)**
(Americas and the Caribbean)

1540 – 1610 **Networking Break (Ballroom Greco B)**

1610 – 1710 **Reporting back, and agreeing on broad Regional Priority Areas**

1900 – 2200 **Official Dinner (Aguamarina by the Swimming Pool)**

Thursday, 11 February 2016 (Ballroom Greco B)

Session 3: Prioritising Key Issues

CHAIRPERSONS:

*Mr William Vanterpool, Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Anguilla
and*

Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang, Director of Memberships, CABI

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| 0830 – 0850 | <p>Introduction: Objectives of the day</p> <p>Presentation of the consolidated Priority Areas and Issues (identified on the previous day)</p> <p><i>Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Regional Director, Europe and the Americas & Plantwise Programme Executive</i></p> |
| 0850 – 0950 | <p>Highlighting issues of select CABI strategic areas</p> <p>Knowledge Business (open data and mobile information delivery) – <i>Mrs Andrea Powell, Chief Information Officer</i></p> <p>Plantwise: a global alliance for plant health – <i>Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Plantwise Programme Executive</i></p> <p>Trade and Commodities (CABI's role in facilitating trade and market access) – <i>Dr Julie Flood, Global Director, Trade and Commodities</i></p> <p>Bioservices (CABI's Policy on Access and Benefit Sharing Compliance under the Nagoya Protocol including plenary discussions) – <i>Dr Richard Shaw, Country Director, CABI Europe-UK</i></p> |
| 0950 – 1050 | <p>Break-out Discussions 2: Highlighted issues of CABI strategic areas (3 groups)</p> <p>Group 1: Open data and mobile information delivery</p> <p>Group 2: Plantwise: successes and challenges</p> <p>Group 3: CABI's role in facilitating trade and market access</p> |
| 1050 – 1120 | Networking Break (Ballroom Greco B) |
| 1120 – 1220 | <p>Focusing on invasive species – threats facing the Americas and Caribbean</p> <p>Introduction by CABI – <i>Dr Richard Shaw, Country Director, CABI Europe-UK</i></p> <p>Presentations from the researchers and policy makers</p> <p><i>Dr Peter Mason, Research Scientist, Ottawa Research and Development Centre Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</i></p> <p><i>Dr Bernard Loehr, Senior Researcher, Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria (COIPORCA), Ministry of Agriculture, Colombia</i></p> |
| 1220 – 1300 | Break-out Discussions 3: Key Invasives Issues and Questions (2 groups) |
| 1300 – 1400 | Buffet Lunch (Anfora Restaurant) |

Session 4: Crystallizing Key Issues into Actions and Partnerships for Implementation

CHAIRPERSONS:

Mr Ronald Smith-Berkeley, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour, British Virgin Islands, and

Mr Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan, Regional Representative, Central America and the Caribbean, CABI

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| 1400 – 1530 | Reporting back on the outcomes of Break-out Discussions 2 & 3, and Discussing on Regional “Priority Areas and Issues For Action” |
| 1530 – 1600 | Networking Break (Ballroom Greco B) |
| 1600 – 1645 | Discussions on collaboration with international, regional and sub-regional bodies and other partners (e.g. the private sector, south-south co-operations and triangular co-operations) |
| 1645 – 1700 | Feedbacks from delegates |
| 1700 – 1720 | Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks <i>Dr Trevor Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, CABI</i> |
| 1900 – 2100 | Cocktails (Aguamarina by the Swimming Pool) |