

IMPROVING LIVELIHOODS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SOLUTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

African Member Countries Regional Consultation

14-16 October 2015, Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia

Programme

Wednesday, 14 October

0830 – 0900 Registration

Opening Plenary Session: CABI and its Membership

Chairpersons: Mr Moses Mwale, Director of Zambia Agricultural Research Institute and CABI Liaison Officer for Zambia, and Dr Dennis Rangi, Executive Director, International Development, CABI

0900 – 0920 **Welcome Address and Introduction**

Mr Moses Mwale, Director of Zambia Agricultural Research Institute and CABI Liaison Officer for Zambia

Dr Dennis Rangi, Executive Director, International Development, CABI

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

Dr Trevor Nicholls, CEO, CABI

0950 – 1020 **Keynote Address - Zambia's Agricultural Development and Outlook**

Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock, Zambia

1020 - 1035 **Invited Partner's Speech**

Mr Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

1035 – 1100 **CABI in Africa - in Action**

Mr Morris Akiri, Regional Director, CABI Africa

1100 – 1130 **Networking Break and Group Photo**

Session 1: Presenting Case Studies from Member Countries and Partners

Chairpersons: Dr Victor Agyeman, Director General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana and Mrs Caroline McNamara, Chief Commercial Officer, CABI

1130 – 1230 **Working in Partnership with CABI**

Presentations from member countries and partners

Uganda – Dr Ambrose Agona, Director General, National Agricultural Research Organisation

Mauritius – Mr V A Punchoo, Chief Agricultural Officer, Agricultural Services, MoA

Nigeria – Dr Ekong Edet, Donor & Board Secretariat, Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria

Local partner for mNutrition project

1230 – 1300 **General Discussions and Questions/Answers**

1300 – 1400 **Lunch**

Session 2: Reviewing and Identifying Priorities of Member Countries

Chairpersons: Dr Lawrent Pungulani, Deputy Director of Agricultural Research Services, Malawi and Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang, Director of Memberships, CABI

1400 - 1415	Introduction <i>Dr George Oduor, Deputy Director (Research), CABI Africa</i>
1415 – 1600	Break-out Discussions 1: Sub-Regional Groups (Eastern, Southern and Western Africa)
1600 – 1620	Networking Break
1620 – 1730	Reporting Back on Sub-regional Priority Areas and Agreeing on Regional Priority Areas
1730 – 2200	Ceremonial Signing of the MoU on CABI Southern Africa Centre Cocktail

Thursday, 15 October

Session 3: Prioritising Key Regional Issues

Chairpersons: Dr Joseph M. Kargbo, Director General, Sierra Leone Agricultural Research Institute and Dr Dannie Romney, Global Director, Development, Communication and Extension

0830 – 0840	Introduction: Objectives of the day <i>Mr Morris Akiri, Regional Director, CABI Africa</i>
0840 – 1000	Highlighting issues of select key CABI strategic areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Business (open data & mobile information delivery) – <i>Dr Elizabeth Dodsworth</i> Global Director Knowledge Management Plantwise (issues in relation to Plant Health System Development, Knowledge Bank & M&E) – <i>Dr Washington Otieno, Regional Co-ordinator, PW Africa</i> Trade and Commodities (CABI's role in facilitating trade and market access) – <i>Dr Roger Day, Deputy Director (Development), CABI Africa</i> Bioservice (CABI's Policy on Access and Benefit Sharing Compliance under the Nagoya Protocol including plenary discussions - <i>Dr David Smith, Director, Biological Resources</i>
1000 – 1100	Focusing on Invasive species – the livelihoods threat facing Africa Introduction by CABI - <i>Dr Dennis Rangi, Executive Director, ID and Mr Phil Abrahams, Business Development Director</i> Presentations from representatives affected by or working with invasives within the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer affected by the problem to give their account - <i>Jenkins Chipulu, BirdLife Zambia Site Support Group chairperson (Lukanga Swamps IBA).</i> Governmental/research – <i>Mr Griffin Shanungu, Zambia Wildlife Authority</i>
1100 – 1130	Coffee and opening of the exhibition
1130 – 1300	Break-out Discussions 2: Key Invasives Issues (3 groups)
1300 – 1400	Lunch

Session 3: Prioritising Key Regional Issues (cont'd)

Chairpersons: Mrs Danisile Hikwa, Principal Director, Department of Research and Specialist Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development and Dr Victor Clottey, Regional Coordinator, CABI West Africa

- 1400 – 1500 Concepts for addressing invasive species together
- 1500 – 1700 **Break-out Discussions 3: Other Issues of Strategic Areas & Action Plans (3 groups)**
 Group 1: Knowledge Business (open data and mobile information delivery)
 Group 2: Plantwise (issues in relation to Plant Health System Development, Knowledge Bank & M&E)
 Group 3: Trade and Commodities (CABI's role in facilitating trade and market access)
- 1800 – 2000 **Dinner**

Friday, 16 October

Session 4: Crystallizing Key Issues into Recommendations/Action Plans and Partnership for Implementation

Chairpersons: Dr Daphrose Gahakwa, Deputy Director General, Rwanda Agricultural Research Institute and Dr Roger Day, Deputy Director (Development), CABI Africa

- 0900 – 1000 **Reporting back and Agreeing on “Regional Priority Areas For Action”**
- 1000 – 1100 **Further development of Recommendations and Action Plans**
- 1100 – 1130 Networking Break**
- 1130 – 1200 **Discussions on collaboration with regional and sub-regional bodies and other partners**

Session 5: Conclusions

Chairpersons: Ms Balibi Makoba, Director of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Botswana and Mr Morris Akiri, Regional Director, CABI Africa

- 1200 – 1230 **Wrap-up Discussions**
- 1230 – 1245 **Closing Remarks**
Dr Trevor Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, CABI
- 1245 – 1300 **Vote of Thanks**
Dr Dennis Rangi, Executive Director, International Development, CABI

- 1300 - 1400 Lunch**