

CABI's role in facilitating trade and market access

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Presentation Outline

- Trade, an engine of development
- Alignment with global and regional priorities
- Challenges and issues
- CABI's contribution
- Priority areas identified at last Consultation
- What needs to be addressed in CABI's MTS 2016-2018









The opportunity:

If the world's 500 million smallholder farmers can trade more, better quality produce, they'll be able to improve their lives and contribute to the increasing global demand for food.





Trade for Development

Global

- Aid for Trade
- Sustainable Development Goals

Asia

- Regional free trade areas
- Biosecurity planning including sector wide planning
- Increased use of ICTs









Challenges and Issues

- Quality inputs
- Product quality and safety
- Post harvest, marketing and value addition
- Efficient and effective regulation
- The issues
- Solutions from CABI





Quality Inputs

- Quality seeds for market-oriented production
 - Good Seed Initiative
 - Tissue cultured plants
- Agrochemicals fertiliser, pesticides
 - Rational pesticide use for locust control (China)
 - Promoting FAO's Code of Conduct (Plantwise)
- Access to credit
 - Credit guarantee scheme for coffee growers





Product Quality and Safety

- Meeting public and private standards
 - Ghana horticultural exports project
 - "Cocoasafe" in Asia- Pacific
 - Renovating cocoa production (Vanuatu)
- Improving safety of food
 - Aflatoxin reduction
 - Contaminants in cocoa





Post Harvest, Marketing and Value Addition

- Information
 - Direct to Farm (D2F) (India)
 - Café Movel (India)
 - E learning plant health modules (Pakistan)
- Post-harvest storage
 - Bio-pesticides for stored grain pests
- Producing for higher value markets
 - Better Cotton (Pakistan)
 - CPB (PNG)





Efficient and Effective Regulators

- Biosecurity capacity
 - Australia-Africa plant biosecurity partnership
 - Oil palm biosecurity (Malaysia)
 - Restricting CBB entry into PNG
 - Strengthening diagnostics in ASEAN
- Public-private cooperation
 - Ecological tea production (India)
 - Better Cotton (Pakistan)
- Implementation of SPS measures
 - Enhancing quarantine facilities (Brunei)
 - Building capacity in SPS (Pakistan)





Conclusions

- Trade can help achieve both food security and economic goals
- There are big opportunities, but difficult challenges especially for smallholders
- Engagement with the market essential
- All of CABI's themes support trade and market access
- CABI's expertise needs to be deployed in an integrated way





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