



Survey Findings and CABI's new Medium-Term Strategy

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Agenda



Medium-Term Strategy process & expectations

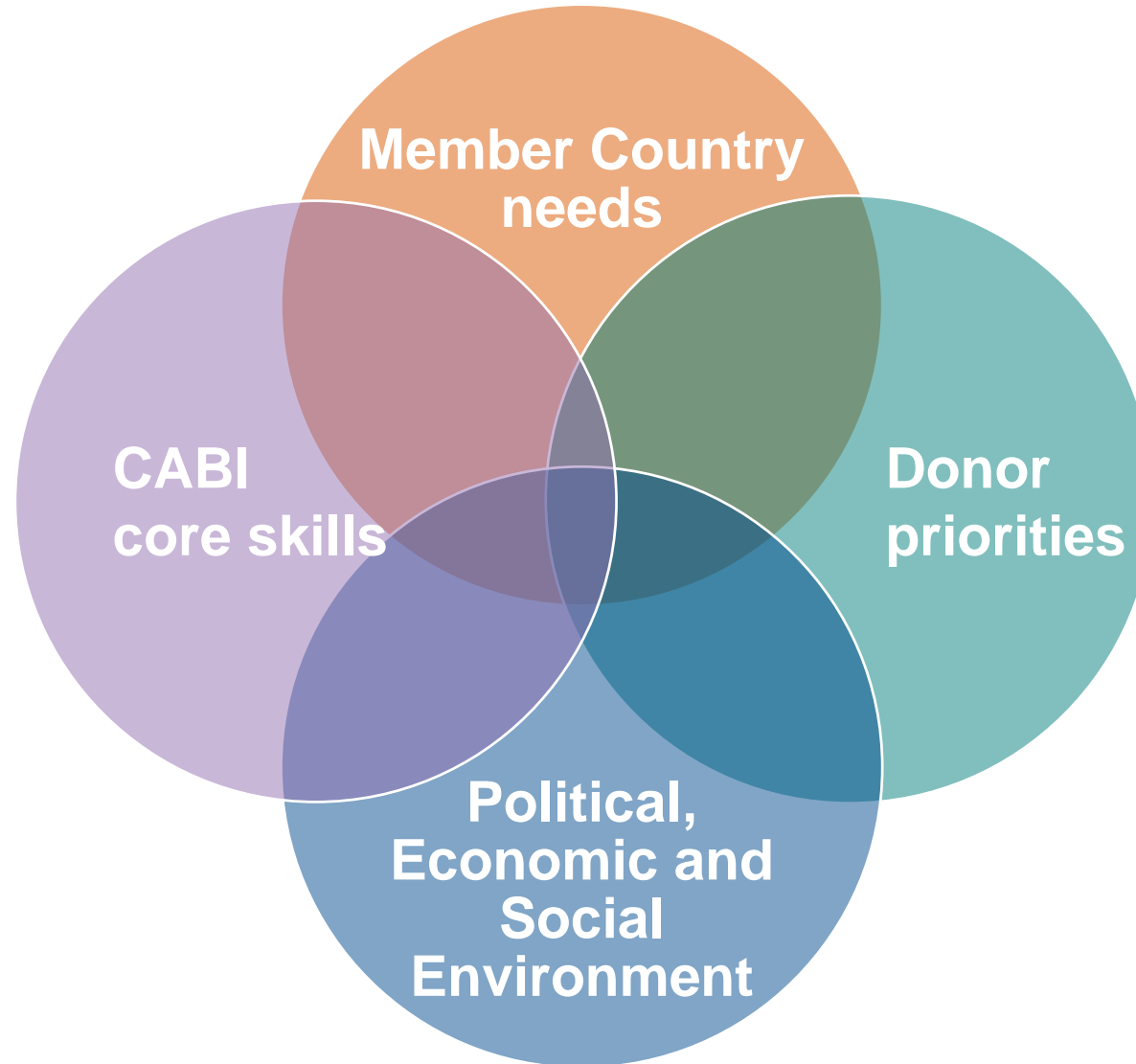


Stakeholder / Member survey findings



Questions and observations

How we develop our strategy



Medium-Term Strategy 2023-25



**FEBRUARY
2022**

Survey

APRIL – MAY

**Regional Consultation meetings
Asia-Pacific, Africa, Europe & Americas**

APRIL – AUGUST

**Continuing
consultation**

**SEPTEMBER
2022**

**Review
Conference**

**Draft Medium
Term Strategy**

Starting point



CABI addresses the biggest challenges facing humanity:



POVERTY



HUNGER



CLIMATE CHANGE



GENDER INEQUALITY



BIODIVERSITY LOSS



Draft Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) goals

Draft MTS Goals



Improve the
food security
and livelihoods
of smallholder
communities

Draft MTS Goals

Help communities
reduce and adapt
to climate-change
impacts on crops
and landscapes



Draft MTS Goals



Reduce inequality
through better
opportunities for
rural women and
youth

Draft MTS Goals



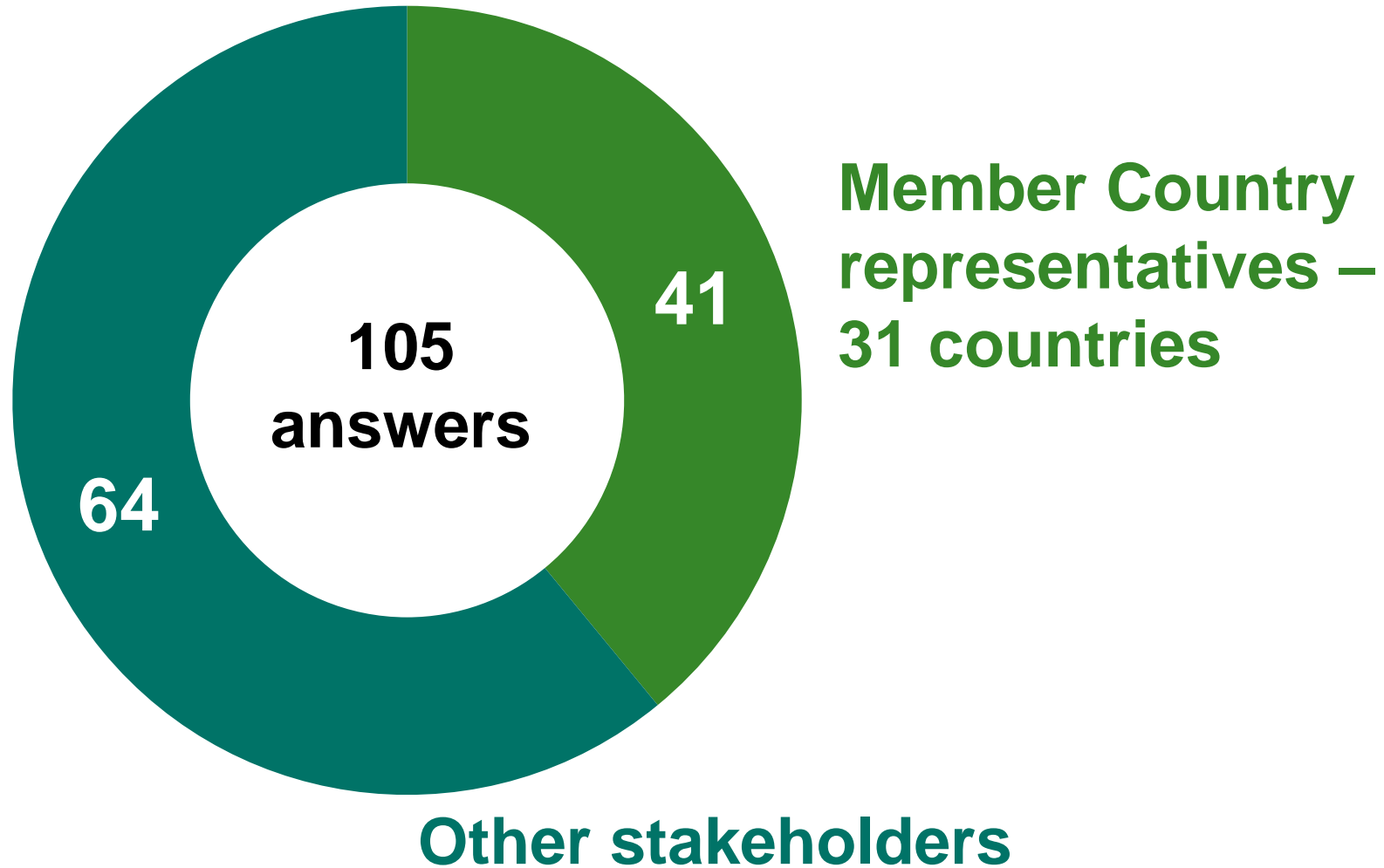
**Safeguard
biodiversity
and support
sustainable use of
natural resources**

Draft MTS Goals



**Increase the reach,
application &
impact of science
in agriculture and
the environment**

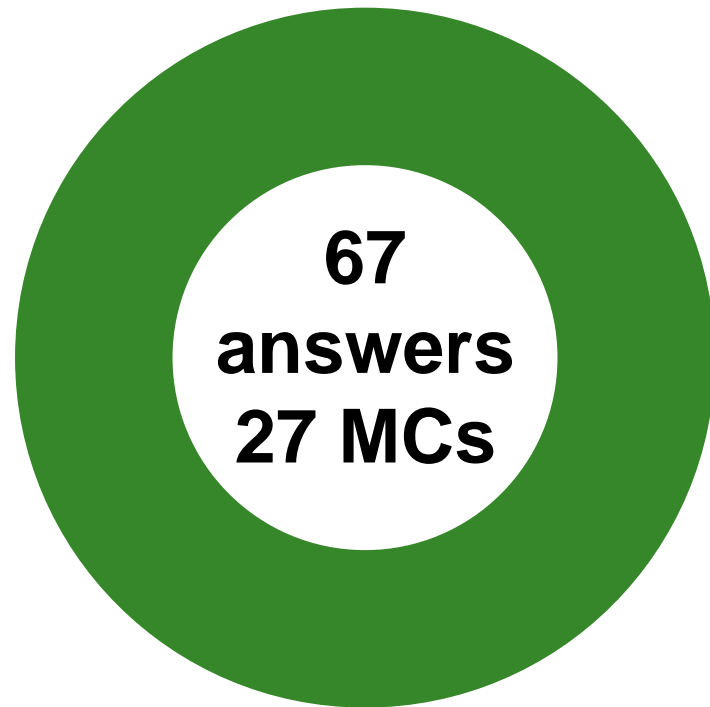
Survey – participation



Survey – views on goals



Are the draft goals appropriate?



Yes: 100%

What priority would you give to each goal?

Very high

High

Medium

Low



**>80% of
ratings for
all 5 goals**

Survey – views on goals



The goals that CABI have identified are **well aligned with SDGs** and as such should align well with national goals

These are well thought out

...very much in tune with the **urgent needs of the global community**

Needs **participatory approach** to developing [these] goals

In my view the **first goal is really the principal goal of CABI**. Goals 2, 3, and 4 are cross cutting and crucial conditions, not goals as such. CABI's interventions have to be climate sensitive, gender sensitive, and biodiversity sensitive in order to be able to attain **its principal objective (i.e. food security)**

For me this [**Goal 3 – women and youth**] is **how to do all the other goals**, not a stand-alone goal. You will need social science. You will need cultural experts to guide CABI. This is a very difficult thing to do

Climate change is a global crisis. CABI should continue to advocate for immediate solutions and propose strategies (where they have expertise) to governments and the private sector that will help drive the necessary changes to alleviate the situation

Goal 3 [women and youth] – should be higher on the agenda but I am not sure it is effectively at a national level

The 2nd goal [climate] is very important, but hard to achieve....

Maybe **climate change adaptation should be on the top** of the five high level goals. Give more emphasis to this eventual climatic disaster

Survey – priorities under goals



What about priorities/plans suggested under each goal?

Broad support

What are your priorities under each goal?

Responses generally aligned with CABI plans

Survey – priorities under goals



There is an urgent need to build **advisory and training capacity** to ensure farmers get the information and support they need

Increased awareness and prudent management of biodiversity and natural resources by **safe use of pesticides, IPM and other sustainable environmental management practices** in communities

The biggest priority is helping rural communities **taking adaptation and mitigation measures to minimize the impact of climate change on agricultural production**

Transfer of agricultural technology between member countries to improve [its] reach, application and impact

Mobilize agro-input dealers as advisors on and suppliers of sustainable crop protection solutions.

To identify **women and youth organizations** for inclusion in the food production systems

Conservation of biodiversity is one of the biggest priorities to support green development and ecological conservation. **CABI's work on invasive species management fits this goal very well**

Providing **knowledge and education to researchers and smallholders** for sustainable farming practices including managing natural resources and pest control.

Improve their crop yields, tackle pests and diseases and find safer alternatives to pesticides.

Address **gender inequalities** in access to, and uptake of, **advisory services and technology** through **targeted approaches to the development and promotion** of these goods

Expand and extend the reach of **CABI's Publishing and Knowledge products and learning resources**

Efforts to **improve national plant health systems**

Education of grassroots people is critical. Expansion of CABI's PlantwisePlus program and the CAS program is encouraged



Points raised



Nutrition security vs food security



Indigenous knowledge,
making smallholders 'partners in science'



Capacity building



Local 'ownership' of biodiversity



Agroecosystem diversification



Reflections triggered

How to work with the private sector towards the goals

How to deliver agricultural job opportunities for women & youth

Key barriers and potential incentives/catalysts for:

- A. smallholder farmers to adopt sustainable and climate-resilient production methods
- B. making conservation of biodiversity and sustainable use of resources priorities for action at all levels

How to prioritise efforts to translate research into practice

How to measure success for the broad goals

COVID-19?



Should not change fundamental priorities

Adjustments in approach expected

Increased exploitation of digital tools
and communication

New programme ideas?



Pest management: early-warning & phytosanitary systems



Climate-smart agriculture



New digital platforms



Food & nutrition security

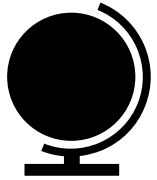


Land management

Building into today's agenda



Focus on **partnerships** needed for delivery



Hear specific **regional perspectives**



Remain **open to views** on global goals and plans



Continuing engagement through Review Conference

Questions and discussion





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