



Session 4.1

Current policies, initiatives, and experience

Group discussions



Introduction

- There are many international frameworks etc that encompass efforts encouraging a move towards **pesticide risk reduction** however, **local context is key**
- We recognize that the barriers faced, and progress made around pesticide risk reduction **vary substantially between countries**
- It is therefore vital that we understand the **particular demands and needs of specific countries and regions**
- This sessions aims to identify the **needs and demands** of different countries in relation to pesticide risk reduction

Member Country Pesticide Risk Reduction documents

Many thanks for your inputs - we received **57 documents** in total!





Overview of materials received

- In 100% of the documents, we can see that there are existing overarching policies in place for the management and use of pesticides e.g. pesticide acts
- Most countries reviewed have already legislation in place or in development relating to the registration of biologicals
- 70% of the countries providing materials showing evidence that IPM or other lower risk approaches to farming are advocated for at policy level
- Highlighted gaps and requirements included quality assurance of bioprotection products, improved knowledge, private sector involvement, etc
- There is evidence of government level support for research and development in some countries



Break-out session outline

Aims

- What is the **local context in your country**- what are the demands and needs of your country in relation to Pesticide Risk Reduction?
- Where there is a requirement for **research, production, training or policy** interventions?
- What are the **strengths and weaknesses** in your country/region in terms of pesticide risk reduction? Where are the gaps?
- Is there **potential gain for working on regional level coordination**? Is this well served through existing networks?
- **What do you need from CABI** to help move towards reducing risks associated with pesticide use?



Session outline

Format

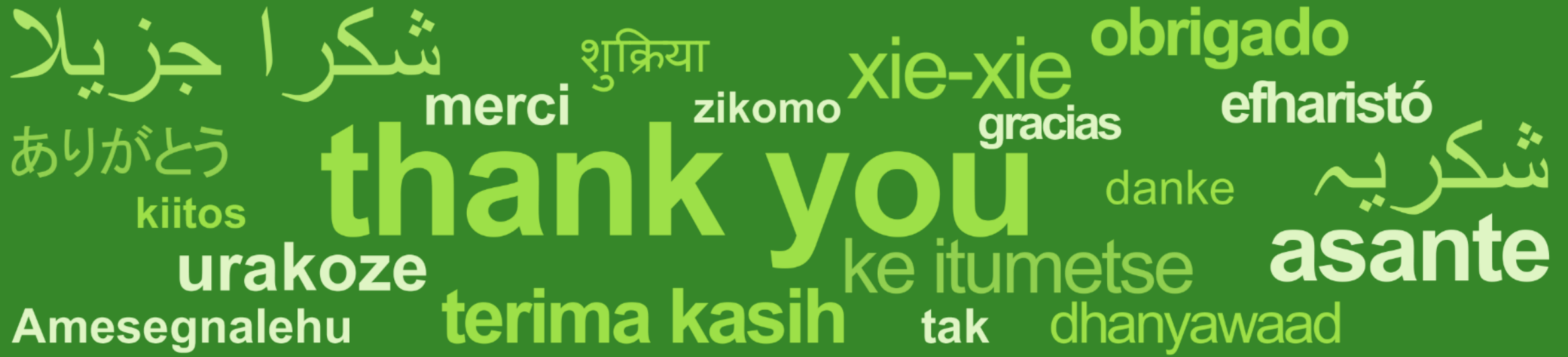
- This session will be a **facilitated break-out group discussion** with feedback for plenary discussion
- Each table is one group, and you will discuss **one** of four questions. Two CABI people will be present per table- one to facilitate the discussion and one to make notes. **Discussions will last 20mins**
- Each table will nominate a person to report back to the room to give a **2 minute summary** (16 minutes in total).
- There will be **10mins for final discussions**



Questions

- 1) Discuss the three main steps of the **FAO approach to IPM** (Reducing reliance on pesticides, Selecting pesticides with the lowest risk, Ensuring proper use of the selected products for approved applications and in compliance with international standards). Are there **policies to enable this**? What are the **strengths and weaknesses** in implementation?
- 2) Identify as groups the **3 key issues** in relation to pesticide risk reduction **that are country specific**, and **3 areas where regional collaboration** would improve outcomes.
- 3) What is well served by **research, production and education** already, and **where are the gaps**?
- 4) What is the demand from a member country/stakeholder perspective? **Who is asking for change**?

(your table will be given one question to answer)



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