

A woman wearing a purple hijab and a purple long-sleeved shirt is looking down at a corn plant in a field. The background is filled with green corn leaves.

Regional Consultation Meeting of CABI's Asia-Pacific Member Countries

Session 4.6: Challenges and opportunities on the ground for the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices

Panel Discussion

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Session aim

To understand the perspective of growers and industry and explore the challenges and opportunities they face in implementing practices relating to pesticide risk reduction.

Session description

We have four experts who will give their insights into the current factors affecting the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices on specific value chains. There will be 3 main areas discussed using the FAO framework and each response will be maximum **5mins per area**.

Thematic Area 1: Reducing reliance on pesticides

Do you think there is a good understanding of the **extent to which pesticides are used** within your sector? If yes, is this through surveys, monitoring schemes etc?

Do you have **policies or frameworks** that encourage Integrated Pest Management in your sector/industry?

To what extent do the policies and frameworks influence farming practices in the region/your sector? **What are the challenges to implementing these policies/approaches at farm level?**

Thematic Area 2: Access and availability of lower risk plant protection products

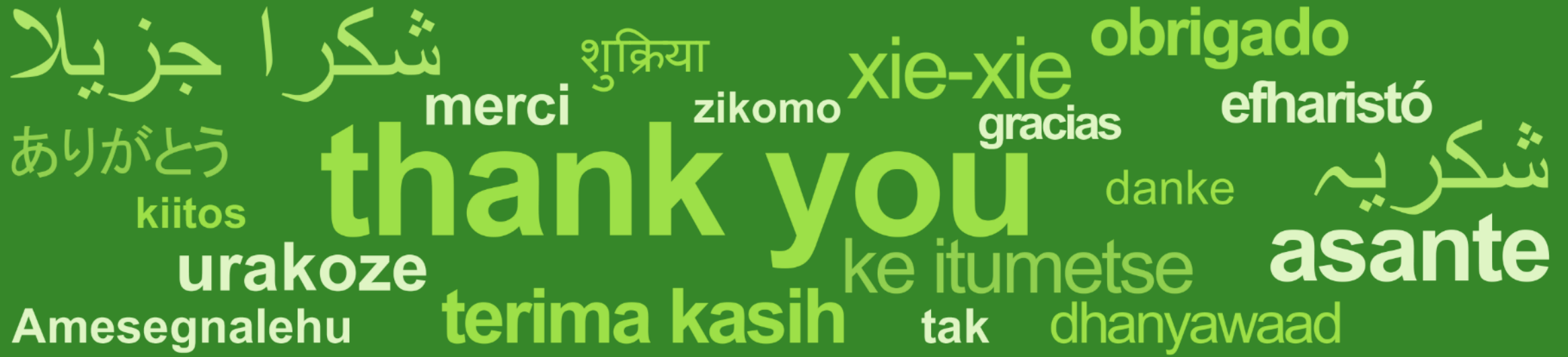
What do you think the **knowledge level relating to using bioprotection products or Integrated Pest Management** is in your sector/industry?

Do you think **lower risk plant protection products (including biological control agents) are easily accessible by farmers**? Do you think the advice on their use is sufficient?

Thematic Area 3: Ensuring proper use of the selected products

Who is responsible for **ensuring the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by farmers** while applying pesticides? Are there education and awareness campaigns? Where are the challenges associated with the use of PPE?

Is there **awareness around how to dispose of plant protection products safely**? Are there mechanisms in place to encourage responsible disposal of used pesticide containers?



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