

A photograph of three men in business suits engaged in a conversation. The man in the center is smiling broadly. They are all wearing name tags. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a lamp.

## Become a **CABI** Member Country

**CABI** is a not-for-profit organization that improves people's lives by providing **information** and applying **scientific expertise** to solve problems in **agriculture** and the **environment**.

CABI helps address the challenges of **food security** by helping farmers grow more and lose less.

Our mission and direction is influenced by our **Member Countries** who help guide the activities undertaken. These include scientific publishing, development and research projects and microbial services. Our activities directly contribute to achieving global development objectives, particularly those concerned with food security, environmental sustainability and sharing knowledge.

## Why join CABI

With over 100 years' experience working in agriculture and the environment, and a physical presence in more than 25 locations around the world, CABI works with its Member Countries and vast network of partners to make a difference in the world, utilising CABI's scientific and knowledge management expertise, publishing products, tools, biological resources and services.

Membership of CABI enables national governments to play an active role in directing and influencing the global development agenda through the work of the organization and its network of partners. It also provides privileged access to projects, products and services that relate to our scientific expertise, and products and resources that add to national capabilities in agriculture and the environment.

Interested countries can contribute to and benefit from what we do by joining CABI as an Associate Member Country or as a Full Member Country. Countries are encouraged to join as an Associate Member Country initially in order to quickly and easily become involved with CABI and its membership.

## Membership types

### Associate Member Country

Associate membership allows countries to engage with CABI at an early stage of the membership process, without the need to sign up to a treaty-level agreement. An Associate Member Country receives most of the benefits of full membership, including valuable access to CABI's scientific knowledge as well as participation in our Regional Consultations and Review Conference. In addition, an Associate Member Country has Observer status at Executive Council meetings and the formal governance sessions within Review Conferences.

### Full Member Country

Full membership provides each member country with an equal role and voting rights in relation to CABI's governance and strategic direction, as well as access to all the membership benefits enjoyed by Associate Member Countries. Full Member Countries receive a 20% discount on the annual fee levels relative to Associate Member Countries. It should be noted that they also have a responsibility for the liabilities of the organization under Article XIV of the Agreement on CAB International, which states that:

"In the event of dissolution, the Executive Council shall appoint a liquidator. The assets of the Organization shall be distributed among, and the liabilities of the Organization including any liabilities to the Organization's staff superannuation schemes shall be met by, the (full) member governments in such proportions as shall reflect their total financial contributions to the expenses and assets of the Organization"

Countries wishing to become a Full Member Country sign up to the UN registered treaty-level Agreement on CAB International, requiring the Instrument of Accession to be signed by the Head of State, Foreign Secretary or equivalent level Minister in the Government.



## Benefits of CABI memberships at a glance

	Associate Member Country	Full Member Country
<b>Governance – shape CABI’s future</b>		
Approval of CABI strategy and priorities		✓
Approval of annual budget and accounts		✓
Approval of appointments of Board Directors and the CEO		✓
Participation in regular Regional Consultations, shaping CABI’s activities to address members’ needs	✓	✓
Voting rights at CABI Review Conference and Executive Council (ExCo) meetings		✓
Observer rights at CABI Review Conference and Executive Council (ExCo) meetings	✓	
<b>Projects, products and services</b>		
Free access to CABI information products, including CAB Abstracts, for one institution or governmental agency (Member Countries in fee bands 1-4)	✓	✓
Free microbial identifications service (Member Countries in fee bands 1-4)	✓	✓
Discounts on CABI publishing products	✓	✓
Free policy and project development support (up to five days per annum)	✓	✓
Special rates for extended research and consultancy projects	✓	✓
Privileged access to scientific resources (200+ scientific staff, worldwide)	✓	✓
Input to CABI research activities, programmes and priorities	✓	✓
Priority consideration for joint project development and inclusion in CABI’s global initiatives eg PlantwisePlus	✓	✓
Reduced rates for use of CABI’s facilities, worldwide	✓	✓
<b>International collaboration and networking</b>		
Global networking opportunities with public, private and civil organizations through the networks of CABI	✓	✓
Free access to CABI’s members-only website	✓	✓
Opportunities to address common goals and share knowledge and experience with other Member Countries	✓	✓

## Membership undertakings

	Associate Member Country	Full Member Country
Enact legislation to sign CABI Agreement		✓
Nominate ministry responsible for membership	✓	✓
Appoint Liaison Officer and Executive Council Member	✓	✓
Eligible as Executive Council Chair and Observer for CABI Board	✓	✓
Pay all fees on time and in full	✓	✓
Contribute to any outstanding liabilities of CABI		✓

## Membership process

Country membership is determined by existing members and requires a formal submission.

### How to become an Associate Member Country

1. Write an official letter to CABI's CEO stating interest – such letter will need to be from a senior official within the government, for example the Minister or Deputy Minister of Agriculture
2. Considered and approved by Executive Council
3. Associate Country membership commences
4. National implementing agency appointed by new associate country government to interact with CABI, distribute notices to ministries, institutes and research establishments and pay annual associate country contribution
5. Associate Member Countries wishing to pursue full membership status should then continue from step three, below

### How to become a Full Member Country

1. Write an official letter to CABI's CEO stating interest – such letter will need to be from a senior official within the government, for example the Minister or Deputy Minister of Agriculture
2. Considered and approved by Executive Council
3. CABI's CEO (on behalf of Executive Council) invites applicant's ministry and sends an Instrument of Accession
4. Instrument of Accession signed by the Head of State, Foreign Secretary or equivalent in London
5. Signed copy is sent to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)
6. FCO notifies CABI on receipt and membership commences
7. National implementing agency appointed by new member government to interact with CABI, distribute notices to ministries, institutes and research establishments and pay annual member country contribution

## Membership fees

Fees for Associate Member Country and Full Member Country membership are set in bands according to a country's UN index number. Full Member Countries receive a 20% discount. For more information, please contact **Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang**, Director of Memberships: [corporate@cabi.org](mailto:corporate@cabi.org)

## contact

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