

A group of diverse professionals in business attire are gathered outdoors in front of a building. A man in a white shirt is gesturing while speaking to the group. A sign in the background features the CABI logo and the text 'Hallson Building'.

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 are 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 Accession Member Country, Associate Member Country or as a Full Member Country. Countries are encouraged to join initially as an Accession Member Country or Associate Member Country to become involved with CABI and its membership quickly and easily.

Membership types

Accession Member Country

This type of membership acts as a transitional category for countries that have applied to become a Full Member Country but waiting to complete the full administrative process. It allows countries to engage meaningfully with CABI and benefit immediately from CABI's expertise, work, services and products. An Accession Member Country would gain CABI membership once their application is approved by the Executive Council, subject to payment of membership fees. The maximum duration of transitioning from Accession Member Country to Full Member Country status is three years. An Accession Member Country that does not complete the full membership process within three years automatically transitions to Associate Member Country status until the process is completed. The benefits for Accession Member Countries are similar to those of Full Member Countries except they would only have Observer Status at Executive Council meetings and the Review Conference. They also do not share responsibility for the organization's assets and liabilities until the countries sign the Agreement on CAB International. Determination of fees for Accession Member Countries would be on the same basis as for Full Member Countries.

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

	Accession Member Country	Associate Member Country	Full Member Country
Governance – shape CABI's future			
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	✓	✓	
Projects, products and services			
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	✓	✓	✓
International collaboration and networking			
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

	Accession Member Country	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 Accession Member Country

1. Write an official letter to CABI's CEO stating interest in joining – such letter will need to be from a senior official within the government, for example the Minister or Deputy Minister of Agriculture
2. Application is considered and approved by Executive Council
3. Accession Country membership commences when the country pays its annual Accession Member Country contribution (at the same level as a Full Member Country)
4. National implementing agency or focal person appointed by new Accession Member Country government to interact with CABI, distribute notices to ministries, institutes and research establishments. Accession Member Countries should then continue to proceed with the in-country process to join CABI formally as below, with a maximum period of three years under Accession Country status

In addition to the above steps and consistent with full CABI membership, an Accession Member Country follows these additional actions:

5. Instrument of Accession signed by the Head of State, Foreign Secretary or a designated signatory in London
6. Signed copy is sent to the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
7. FCDO notifies CABI on receipt and full membership commences

Countries can complete this process at any time after acceptance as an Accession Member Country and will immediately become Full Member Countries (with voting rights) upon completion, since their accession will already (by definition) have been approved by Executive Council.

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. Application is considered and approved by Executive Council
3. Associate Country membership commences when the country pays its annual country contribution
4. National implementing agency appointed by new Associate Country government to interact with CABI, distribute notices to ministries, institutes and research establishments
5. Associate Member Countries wishing to transition to 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. Application is 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. Signed copy is sent to FCDO
5. FCDO notifies CABI on receipt and membership commences
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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 Accession Member Country, Associate Member Country and Full Member Country membership are set in bands according to a country's UN index number. Accession Member Countries and Full Member Countries receive a 20% discount. For more information, please contact **Ms Phyllis Engefu Ombonyo**, Chief Member Countries and Partnerships Officer: corporate@cabi.org

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