

# CABI membership

working in partnership for  
a sustainable future

# Message from CABI's Membership Team



Dear CABI Member Country,

Membership of CABI is a partnership with significant mutual benefits for both our Member Countries and CABI. We greatly value the partnership with your country, and are keen to work even more closely with our Member Countries to tackle global challenges.

Through our unique international network, we are able to jointly promote collaboration for the benefit of all our Member Countries, and ultimately their farmers. The CABI membership package presented in this brochure aims to meet the diverse needs of our Member Countries in a tailored and effective way. I look forward to strengthening our partnership together to deliver real 'win-win' results.

Yours sincerely

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Dear CABI Member Country,

I am reaching out to you at a pivotal time, as countries navigate complex challenges including food insecurity, fragile food systems, climate change, emerging pests and diseases, environmental degradation, constrained agricultural trade and the urgent need for greater economic competitiveness.

Addressing these interconnected challenges requires stronger scientific evidence, innovation and international collaboration to build resilient food systems and drive sustainable agricultural transformation.

As a century-old, member-led, member-owned organization, CABI offers five strategic benefits: strengthening food systems and ecosystems; boosting agricultural trade and economic competitiveness; unlocking scientific evidence,

knowledge and innovation; connecting countries to global partnerships, expertise and investment; and providing a platform to influence and shape the global agricultural agenda.

CABI works with governments to translate these benefits into practical solutions aligned with national priorities, and deliver tangible value. Our ambition is to make CABI membership a platform for greater impact, influence and opportunity.

I warmly welcome the opportunity to engage with your government on how we can deepen this partnership to ensure that CABI continues to deliver lasting benefits for your country.

Yours sincerely

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## CABI's mission to improve lives

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

By sharing knowledge and science, we tackle global issues like poverty, hunger, education, equality, sustainability, climate change and biodiversity. Operating under a UN-registered international treaty-level agreement, CABI's core areas of work are guided and influenced by its 48 Member Countries, representing almost two thirds of the world's population.

CABI is committed to supporting its Member Countries and their farmers, especially smallholders, by addressing global issues such as food and nutrition security, and in doing so, contributing to the broader agendas aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those relating to trade, plant health, gender equity and climate change.

With over 100 years' experience working in agriculture and the environment, and a physical presence in more than 20 locations around the world, CABI works with its Member Countries and vast network of partners to make a difference in the world, utilizing CABI's scientific and knowledge management expertise, publishing products, tools, biological resources and services.

## Working together to tackle global challenges

Membership of CABI enables national governments to play an active role in directing and influencing the global development agenda through our work and our network of partners.

CABI Member Countries set our strategic direction which means that our work in development, research and scientific publishing helps Member Countries to tackle their problems in agriculture and the environment while addressing global issues of concern such as food security and climate change.

Membership of CABI can be viewed as an international extension of a Member Country's national capabilities in agriculture and the environment. We can also help link Member Countries, donors and partners, to facilitate triangular and multilateral collaboration and regional and international development initiatives.

Through its programmes and projects, CABI works in partnership with Member Countries, donors and partners to help farmers grow more and lose less, combat threats to agriculture and the environment and improve access to scientific information. For example:

- CABI's prestigious **PlantwisePlus** programme has supported over 77.5 million smallholder farmers worldwide (since its inception in 2024) to help reduce crop losses, increase food security and improve livelihoods.
- CABI and partners used a novel combination of earth observation technology, real-time field observations, and plant-pest lifecycle modelling to deliver a science-based **Pest Risk Information Service (PRISE)** for countries in sub-Saharan Africa.
- The CABI-led **Fall Armyworm Research Collaboration Portal**, launched to help facilitate greater collaboration on fall armyworm research, is the official platform for the Fall Armyworm Research for Development International Consortium.
- CABI has trained more than 49,000 farmers and 84,000 workers as part of the **Better Cotton Initiative** to help Pakistan's cotton industry reduce millions of losses incurred through poor production, transport and storage practices.

## Membership types and benefits

There are three types of country-level membership: Full Member Country, Associate Member Country and Accession Member Country.

A Full Member Country enjoys voting rights at formal governance sessions and meetings, while Accession and Associate membership enable a country to join CABI faster. An Accession Member Country and Associate Member Country only have Observer Status at Executive Council meetings and the formal governance sessions within Review Conferences.

Each Full Member Country has an equal role in the organization's governance, policies and strategic direction. With each membership, all Member Countries benefit from various privileges and services relating to our scientific expertise, projects, products and resources.



## Projects, products and services

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With more than 100 years of applied scientific research underpinning our work, CABI supports study, practice and professional development through an extensive array of publishing products, research services and support tools which includes online databases and compendia, knowledge tools and portals, digital learning packages, books and eBooks.

Member Countries benefit from free, priority or discounted access to a range of these projects, products and services.

# CABI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – OVERVIEW

## Highlights in the benefits package include:

- **Strategic advisory support** on operational matters for Plantwise-active countries (the majority of which are CABI Member Countries) through national coordination mechanisms, to sustain existing in-country partnerships and share new PlantwisePlus developments. PlantwisePlus, an evolution of Plantwise and CABI's Action on Invasives programmes, will comprehensively support farmers and countries in a changing climate to further predict, prepare for and prevent plant health threats, helping to improve the quality and quantity of food grown.
- Up to **five day's consultancy per year** to support the development of joint policy papers, concept notes or project proposals and scoping studies.
- **Access to CABI's flagship knowledge products** including the world-renowned CAB Abstracts and Global Health databases. The most comprehensive bibliographic database of its kind, CAB Abstracts helps governments and institutions around the world access up-to-date academic and technical knowledge and innovative, cutting-edge research to enable better evidence-based decision and policy making by providing over 12 million bibliographic records, full-text articles, news items and reports across the applied life sciences in one convenient platform. With over four million records in public health, Global Health helps thousands of professionals in government institutions around the world access a wealth of knowledge in public health, helping them to understand the current situation and make critical decisions – an essential tool in a world facing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Access to the CABI Academy** which builds on CABI's scientific and publishing background, translating the latest innovations in crop and plant health research into programmes designed to help students and professionals focusing on crop pest diagnosis and management solve problems in agriculture and the environment.
- **Free or discounted use of CABI's professional applied microbial identification services.** CABI's in-house expertise includes full microbial investigation, identification, detection and testing services for all types of fungal and bacterial contamination problems that might be causing disease to agricultural crops. These services are supported by CABI's collection of over 30,000 living strains from 142 countries, one of the world's largest genetic resource collections.
- An opportunity for researchers and journalists in Member Countries to obtain tailored advice on access to, and use of high-quality online training programmes, resources and consultancy on effective **science communication provided by SciDev.Net**. SciDev.Net, owned by CABI, is an independent source of news, views and analysis about science and technology for global development.

A full list of **membership benefits** can be found within this brochure.



A photograph of a woman with dark skin and long braids, wearing a grey blazer, smiling and talking to another woman whose back is to the camera. They are in a professional setting with other people in the background.

# International collaboration and networking

**As a member of CABI, each country has access to an international, independent development and research organization with a network of partners and funders and over 100 years' experience of solving agricultural and environmental problems around the world.**

CABI works to facilitate Member Country participation in collaborations, partnerships consortia, and knowledge exchange involving other Member Countries and its wider network of contacts.

# CABI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – OVERVIEW

CABI has formed extensive networks by working with governmental departments, universities, national research and extension institutions, development agencies, national and local governments, charities and foundations, the private sector, farmers, and non-governmental organizations. Additional links have been developed through CABI's memberships and observer status of major international and regional bodies.

Member Countries can take advantage of networking opportunities by meeting with CABI, other Member Countries and their agricultural and environmental institutions, and other relevant experts to share knowledge and experience to address common goals.

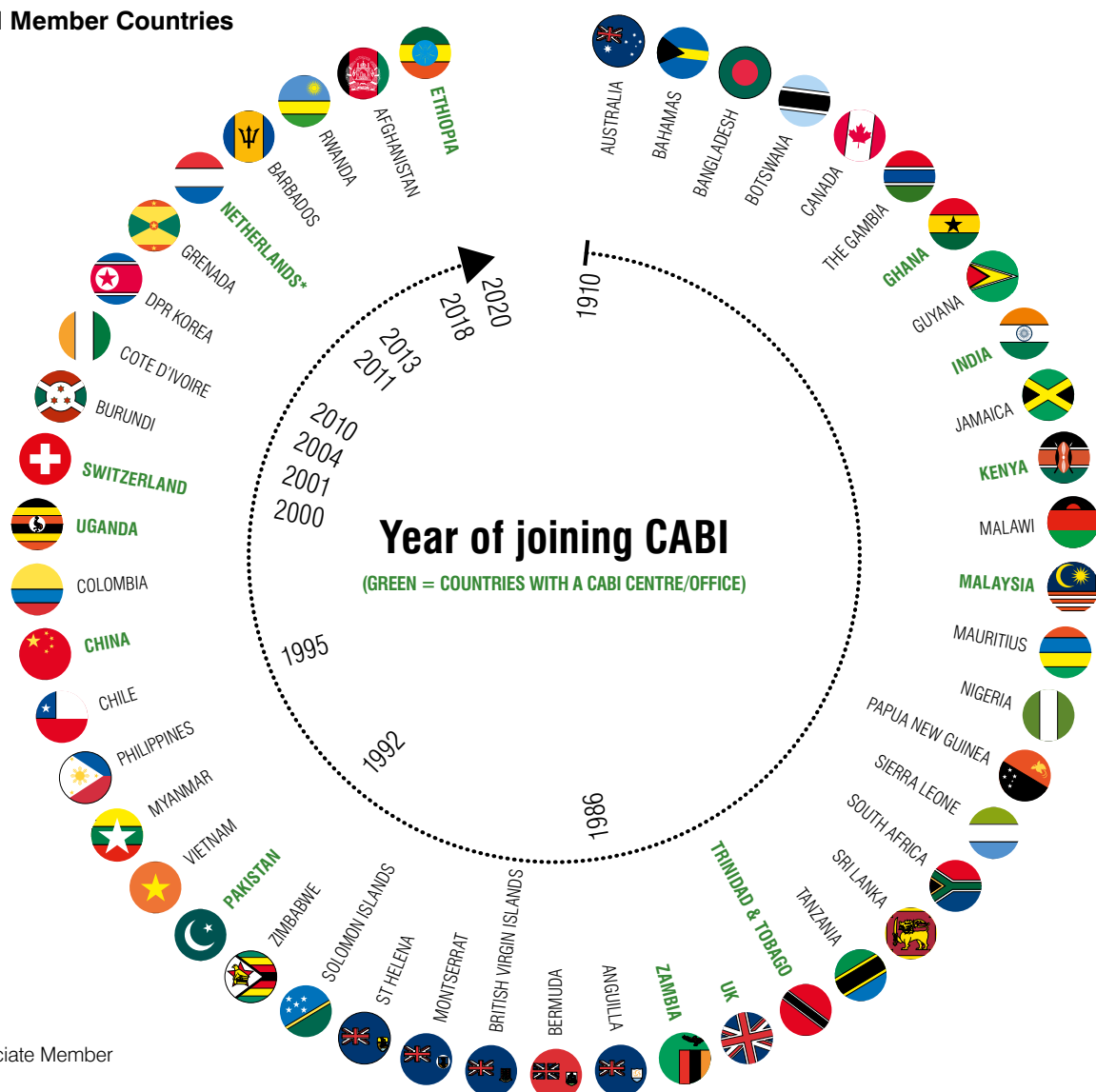
CABI works hard to identify new opportunities for collaboration, especially south-south collaboration and those related to technology transfer.

## Highlights in the benefits package include:

- Global networking opportunities with public, private and civil organizations through CABI networks, meetings and events
- Participation in digital networking, virtual workshops, roundtable discussions and working groups on critical topics of common interest, led by CABI and/or its Member Countries
- Facilitation of close partnerships among CABI Member Countries through north-south and south-south co-operation, and the formation of consortia of common interests such as crop health and climate change

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## CABI Member Countries





## Governance – shape CABI's future

**CABI is run by our Member Countries. Governance is not only a benefit but also an undertaking of our Member Countries.**

Member Countries have the opportunity to direct and benefit from our work and address the needs of their country and those of other members. Collectively, Member Country inputs shape CABI's future direction and, ultimately, help people in less developed parts of the world to improve their lives.

# CABI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – OVERVIEW

**Member Countries shape CABI's future through formal Governance mechanisms and other consultation processes. These include:**

## Review Conference

Central in the overall governance of CABI is the Review Conference of Member Countries, which reviews CABI's work programmes and determines our broad policies and strategies. Review Conferences are held every three years.

## Executive Council

The Executive Council approves CABI's annual accounts and budgets, the admission of new members and key policy decisions. The Executive Council usually meets once a year with additional postal or e-mail communications as necessary to monitor CABI's affairs and implement Review Conference resolutions.

## Regional Consultations

CABI regularly holds consultations to understand the key issues affecting agriculture and the environment in its Member Countries, agree priority areas for working together, and address them in its medium-term strategies. Through the consultations, CABI aims to align its work with national and regional needs, develop frameworks for activities and set a path to ensure these are appropriately funded, resourced and translated into vital and effective programmes.

CABI's current strategy and work focuses on:

- Food and nutrition security
- Climate change and biodiversity
- Gender and youth
- Economic development

## Benefits:

- Opportunities to shape CABI's future through the formal governance mechanisms (Executive Council including Sub-committees and Review Conference) and other consultation processes
- Voting rights for Full Member Countries at CABI Review Conference and Executive Council meetings
- Approval of strategies, annual budget and accounts, appointments of Board Directors and the CEO



# FULL LIST OF CABI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

| Projects and programmes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                         |
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| Priority consideration for joint project development and inclusion in CABI's global initiatives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Input to CABI research activities and delivery of research, development and communication programmes meeting national and regional priorities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Special rates for extended consultancy projects and privileged access to scientific resources (including 200+ scientific staff worldwide)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Strategic advisory support on operational matters for Plantwise active countries (the majority of which are CABI Member Countries) through national coordination mechanisms. The support will entail occasional country visits by CABI staff (around two visits, a total of up to 10 days per year) to sustain existing in-country partnerships, as well as share updates and outputs from new PlantwisePlus developments. (Funded by CABI via PlantwisePlus) |                         |
| Products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| Free access to a wide range of CABI publishing products including the world-renowned bibliographic databases CAB Abstracts and Global Health, CABI Compendium, Journals, CABI Cases, eBooks and CABI Collections for the National Implementing Agency (NIA) or one mutually agreed institution or governmental agency (worth £40K per country per annum)                                                                                                      | <b>B1-4<sup>1</sup></b> |
| One free access to CABI's Pest Risk Analysis Tool via the CABI Compendium by the National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs) and associated training (subject to funding availability)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>B1-4</b>             |
| Free access to the CABI Academy learning programmes and packages including digital teaching and resources (and face-to-face training where possible) for one nominated institution of each Member Country (up to five users)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>B1-4</b>             |
| Free access to a wide range of CABI publishing products including the world-renowned bibliographic databases CAB Abstracts and Global Health, CABI Compendium, Journals, CABI Cases, eBooks and CABI Collections for one mutually agreed institute in one of your priority developing countries (worth £40K per country per annum)                                                                                                                            | <b>B5-10</b>            |
| Discounts on purchase of all CABI publishing products (applied to new subscriptions and purchases only) through Liaison Officers (up to 50% for <b>B1-4</b> and up to 20% for <b>B5-10</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                         |
| Support and advice to increase and enable better use of CABI open access tools and resources (eg CABI BioProtection Portal, PlantwisePlus Knowledge Bank and CABI Agriculture and Bioscience Journal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| Free use of CABI's microbial identification service for up to 20 samples and discounts (up to 20%) for a further 20 samples                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>B1-4</b>             |
| Discounts (up to 20%) for CABI's microbial identification service for up to 20 samples                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>B5-10</b>            |
| Free project development and policy advice support service (up to five days per annum)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Reduced rates for CABI training courses ( <b>ALL</b> ), and provision of free technical training programmes (subject to funding availability) ( <b>B1-4</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                         |
| Provision of exchange and short-term placement schemes, particularly for young managers and researchers, through funded projects or third-party funding (subject to host countries' regulations)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Reduced rates for use of CABI's facilities at our global network of centres (e.g. up to three days per year for short workshops and up to 10 consecutive days for short-term stays)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Facilitation of wider access and better use of SciDev.Net's high-quality online training and practical guides on effective science communications for Member Country researchers and journalists, and reduced rates in contracted consultancy services to improve the effectiveness of science communications. Both supplemented by access to the SciDev.Net network                                                                                          | <b>ALL</b>              |
| International collaboration and networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                         |
| Global networking opportunities with public, private and civil society organizations through CABI networks, meetings and events                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Free access to CABI's members-only website (Member Gateway)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Opportunities to address common goals and share knowledge and experience with other Member Countries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Participation in digital networking, virtual workshops, roundtable discussions and working groups on critical topics of common interest, led by CABI and/or its Member Countries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Opportunity to leverage funding and be recognised as a donor through consortia that fund CABI's flagship food security programmes, eg PlantwisePlus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Facilitation of close partnerships among CABI Member Countries through north-south and south-south co-operation, and the formation of consortia of common interests, e.g. on crop health and climate change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Governance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                         |
| Opportunities to shape CABI's future through the formal governance mechanisms (Executive Council including Sub-committees and Review Conference) and other consultation processes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>ALL</b>              |
| Voting rights at CABI Review Conference and Executive Council meetings; approval of strategies, annual budget and accounts, appointments of Board Directors and the CEO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Full MCs</b>         |

1. CABI Membership fees are set in bands according to a country's UN index number. There are 10 bands in total, with Bands 1-4 Member Countries having UN Index numbers below 1.000

# HOW TO ACCESS YOUR CABI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

If you would like more information or have a question on any aspect of your membership benefits, including how to access them, CABI's Regional Directors and Membership Director would be happy to help.

CABI's Membership Director, Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang, can be contacted by email [q.zhang@cabi.org](mailto:q.zhang@cabi.org). The [CABI contact page](#) provides contact details for each of our regional centres while key contacts for each region are listed below:

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The [CABI website](#) also contains useful information on CABI membership. Member Countries are also able to order, or enquire about, CABI products and services in the benefits package using the contact details below:

## CABI membership benefits – Products and Services

To order CABI products in the benefits package, please email Sarah Reed [s.reed@cabi.org](mailto:s.reed@cabi.org)

### Microbial services

To request free or discounted identifications, contact the CABI Microbial Identification Service by emailing [microbialservices@cabi.org](mailto:microbialservices@cabi.org)

### SciDev.Net

For more information about the services provided by SciDev.Net, please contact Paul Dawson, Commercial Director, [paul.dawson@scidev.net](mailto:paul.dawson@scidev.net)

## Key membership roles

Each CABI Member Country appoints two representatives – a Liaison Officer usually based in-country, and an Executive Council member, usually based in the High Commission or Embassy in London. Both roles are vital in helping us to address Member Country needs and priorities.

We encourage regular communication between Liaison Officers and our regional centres, and welcome their contribution to the development of CABI's strategy and activities. Executive Council members play a key role in CABI's governance through Executive Council meetings, voting, the representation of countries' views and decisions, and as the main channel of communication between countries and CABI's Membership Director.



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