



## REGIONAL CONSULTATION MEETING OF CABI'S MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN

### Programme

**“Working in partnership for a safe and sustainable future”**

16–18 September 2025

Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

#### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER (BALLROOM)

0800 – 0900

**Registration (Ball Room & Foyer)**

#### Opening Plenary Session

0900 – 0940

#### Opening Ceremony

The National Anthem of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Opening Prayer

Welcoming Remarks:

- **Dr Daniel Elger**, Chief Executive Officer, CABI
- **Senator the Honourable Ravi Ratiram**, Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF), Trinidad & Tobago

Vote of Thanks

0940 – 1015



**Group Photo**

#### Session 1: Planning Together

1015 – 1100

#### CABI's Strategy

**Dr Daniel Elger**, Chief Executive Officer, CABI

Responding to Member Country priorities

Recap on Strategy 2023-2025

Plans for Strategy extension to 2028

**Questions and discussion**

1100 – 1130



**Networking Break**

#### Session 2: Achieving Impact Together

1130 – 1300

#### Delivering the Strategy (1)

Overview of CABI project activities worldwide

**(Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI)**

Major global programmes:

- PlantwisePlus  
**(Dr Ulli Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI)**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invasive Species Management (<b>Dr Richard Shaw</b>, Senior Regional Director, Europe and Americas, CABI)</li> <li>Evidence for Policy – Juno (<b>Dr Andy Robinson</b>, Managing Director, Publishing, CABI)</li> </ul>
1300 – 1400	Lunch (The Herbs & Spices Restaurant)
<b>Session 2: Achieving Impact Together (continued)</b>	
1400 – 1500	<p><b>Delivering the Strategy (2)</b> Regional highlights and plans <b>Dr Richard Shaw</b>, Senior Regional Director, Europe and Americas, CABI <b>Dr Yelitza Colmenarez</b>, Director, CABI Brazil-Latin America Centre <b>Mr Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan</b>, Regional Representative and IAS Coordinator for the Caribbean &amp; Central America, CABI</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
1500 – 1530	Networking Break
<b>Session 3: Working Together</b>	
1530 – 1730	<p><b>Achieving more through Partnership</b> Introduction – <b>Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang</b>, Director, Memberships, CABI Break-out discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimising Member Country interactions with CABI</li> <li>Joint funding bids by Members and CABI</li> <li>Triangular co-operation</li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary recap and discussion</b></p>
1900 – 2200	Official Dinner – Co-hosted by CABI and MALF, Trinidad & Tobago (Belmont Lounge & 1)



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#### WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER (BALLROOM)

#### Session 4: Going Further Together – Focus on Pesticide Risk Reduction

0800 – 0830	<b>Registration (Ballroom &amp; Foyer)</b>
0830 – 0945	<p><b>Objectives of Pesticide Risk Reduction sessions –</b> <b>Dr Ulli Kuhlmann</b>, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</p> <p><b>Keynote address: Professor Duraisamy (Sara) Saravanakumar</b>, Dean of Postgraduate Studies and Lead Researcher in the Development of Biopesticides and Biomolecule for Plant Health Management, Faculty of Food and Agriculture, University of the West Indies, Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p><b>Keynote address: Ms Tamara Morrison</b>, Registrar, Pesticides Control Authority, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica</p>
0945 – 1045	<p><b>Session 4.1: How do pesticide risk reduction policies in importing countries influence production and market access?</b></p> <p>Introduction – <b>Dr Ulli Kuhlmann</b>, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</p> <p>External expert presentations exploring the intersection between differing stringency in pesticide policy, trade and SPS</p> <p><b>Dr Pablo Benavides</b> – Leader of the Department of Entomology, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones de Café (Cenicafé), Colombia</p> <p><b>Ms Michelle Deugd</b> – Director, Forests and Agriculture, Rainforest Alliance, Costa Rica</p> <p><b>Mr Richard Glasgow</b> – Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Inspector III, Chemistry, Food and Drugs Division, Ministry of Health, Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
1045 – 1115	 <b>Networking Break</b>
1115 – 1300	<p><b>Session 4.2: Barriers and opportunities for the uptake of bioprotection products</b></p> <p>Presentation – <b>Dr Bryony Taylor</b>, Strategic Planning Manager, CABI</p> <p><b>Facilitated discussion on barriers to the uptake of bioprotection products</b></p> <p><b>Session 4.3: The role of different stakeholders in the uptake of integrated pest management / bioprotection approaches</b></p> <p>Panel session with diverse stakeholder perspectives</p> <p><b>Ms Catalina Mora</b> – Senior Manager, Strategic Programs, Sustainable Agriculture Network, Costa Rica</p> <p><b>Mr Edwin Samir Barbosa</b> – Regional Manager and Study Director, Latin America, Minor Use Foundation, Colombia</p> <p><b>Dr Janet Lawrence</b> – Agricultural Health, Food Safety and Quality Specialist, Caribbean, Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura (IICA), Barbados</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>



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1300 – 1400	Lunch (The Herbs & Spices Restaurant)
1400 – 1545	<p><b>Session 4.4: Regional experiences and lessons</b></p> <p>Expert presentations to showcase regional/national policy and regulatory developments and their impact</p> <p><b>Dr Christian Alfaro Jara</b> – National Deputy Director of Research and Development (R&amp;D), Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIA), Chile</p> <p><b>Mr Bret Taylor</b> – Senior Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Barbados</p> <p><b>Mr Thaddeaus Peters</b> – Chief Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Lands and Forestry, Grenada</p> <p><b>Dr Valéria Burmeister Martins</b> – General Coordinator for Bioeconomy and Genetic Resources, Department for Innovation Support in Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Brazil</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
1545 – 1615	Networking Break
1615 – 1730	<p><b>Session 4.5: Global movements towards pesticide risk reduction</b></p> <p>Expert presentations and discussion showcasing how global frameworks and conventions are influencing lower risk pest management and agricultural practices</p> <p><b>Ms Shalina Rooplal</b> – Research Analyst, The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean, Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p><b>Ms Karen McDonald Gayle</b> – Executive Director, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, Jamaica</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
1900 – 2100	Dinner (The Herbs & Spices Restaurant)



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#### THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER (BALLROOM)

#### Session 4: Going Further Together – Focus on Pesticide Risk Reduction (continued)

0830 – 1000	<p><b>Objectives of the Day</b></p> <p><b>Dr Ulli Kuhlmann</b>, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</p> <p><b>Session 4.6: Challenges and opportunities on the ground for the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices</b></p> <p>Panel session with diverse stakeholder perspectives</p> <p><b>Ms Shoba Marimuthu</b> – Field Officer II, Quality Assurance Department, The National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO), Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p><b>Dr Daniel Herrera</b> – Technical and Quality Manager, Fyffes Pineapples, Costa Rica</p> <p><b>Mr Nigel Grimes</b> – Technical Adviser and Member of the Board of the MarVista Institute for Agricultural Training and Development (MAITD), Trinidad &amp; Tobago</p> <p><b>Questions and discussion</b></p>
1000 – 1030	 <b>Networking Break</b>
1030 – 1130	<p><b>Plenary discussions on issues raised in presentations and discussions</b></p> <p><b>Session 4.7: Presentation of draft outline of action plans/summary</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from delegates</b></p> <p><b>Closing and Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p><b>Dr Daniel Elger</b>, Chief Executive Officer, CABI</p>
1200 – 1300	 <b>Lunch</b> (The Herbs & Spices Restaurant) – For those who are not joining the Field Trip)
1200 – 1830	<p><b>Field Trip (Departure at 1200 with packed lunch provided) – hosted by MALF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MALF Research Center in Centeno (Biocontrol of Moruga Locust)</li> <li>• Virtual Plant Clinics of the PlantwisePlus Programme</li> <li>• Coco Germplasms Collection (La Reunion Station)</li> <li>• The Nariva Swamp (Ramsar Site)</li> </ul>