




“Working in partnership for a safe and sustainable future”



18-20 February 2025, Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya, Near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY	
Afternoon	Arrival of delegates
1730 – 1830	Registration (<i>Dahlia Hall</i>)
1830 – 2030	Welcome Reception (<i>Madam Lee Nyonya Private Dining</i>) <i>Remarks by Dr Dennis Rangi, Director General for Development, CABI</i>
TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY	
0800 – 0900	Registration (<i>Dahlia Hall</i>)
Opening Plenary Session (<i>Begonia/Adenium Room</i>)	
0900 – 0930	Welcoming Remarks CABI: <i>Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer</i> Malaysia: <i>Mr Johari Bin Abdullah, Deputy Director General, Department of Agriculture, Malaysian Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (KPKM)</i>
0930 – 1015	 Group Photo
Session 1: Planning Together (<i>Begonia/Adenium Room</i>)	
1015 – 1115	CABI's Strategy <i>Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI</i> Responding to Member Country priorities Recap on Strategy 2023-2025 Plans for Strategy extension to 2028 Questions and discussion
1115 – 1145	 Networking Break
Session 2: Achieving Impact Together (<i>Begonia/Adenium Room</i>)	
1145 – 1300	Delivering the Strategy (1) Overview of CABI project activities worldwide (<i>Dr Dennis Rangi, Director General for Development, CABI</i>) Major global programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PlantwisePlus (<i>Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</i>)• Integrated Landscape Management (<i>Dr Harriet Hinz, Global Director, Invasives, CABI</i>)• Evidence for policy – Juno (<i>Dr Andy Robinson, Managing Director, Publishing, CABI</i>)
1300 – 1400	 Lunch (<i>Palm Cafe</i>)

Session 2: Achieving Impact Together (continued) (Begonia/Adenium Room)	
1400 – 1500	<p>Delivering the Strategy (2)</p> <p>Regional highlights and plans</p> <p><i>Dr Babar Bajwa, Senior Regional Director, Asia-Pacific region, CABI</i></p> <p>Questions and discussion</p>
1500 – 1530	 Networking Break
Session 3: Working Together (Begonia/Adenium Room)	
1530 – 1730	<p>Achieving more through Partnership</p> <p>Introduction – <i>Dr Qiaoqiao Zhang, Director, Memberships, CABI</i></p> <p>Break-out discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimising Member Country interactions with CABI • Joint funding bids by Members and CABI & Triangular co-operation <p>Plenary recap and discussion</p>
1900 – 2200	 Official Dinner (BBQ at Palm Garden Courtyard)

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY



Session 4: Going Further Together – Focus on Pesticide Risk Reduction (Begonia/Adenium Room)

0830 – 0945	<p>Objectives of Pesticide Risk Reduction sessions – Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</p> <p>Keynote address on pesticide risk reduction – <i>Dr Mark Davis, Director for Agriculture and Regulatory Outreach, Centre for Pesticide Suicide Prevention, Queen's Medical Research Institute, The University of Edinburgh, UK</i></p> <p>Pesticide Risk Reduction Strategies in Malaysia – <i>Ms Hafizah binti Mohd, Senior Principal Assistant Director, Pesticides Control and Fertilizers Division, Department of Agriculture, Malaysia</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
0945 – 1045	<p>Session 4.1: Current policies, initiatives, and experience</p> <p>Introduction – <i>Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</i></p> <p>Facilitated break-out group discussion</p> <p>Feedback for plenary discussion</p>
1045 – 1115	 Networking Break
1115 – 1300	<p>Session 4.2: Barriers and opportunities for the uptake of bioprotection products</p> <p>Session demonstrating the Juno approach</p> <p>Presentation – <i>Dr Melanie Bateman, Integrated Crop Management Advisor, CABI</i></p> <p>Facilitated discussion on barriers to the uptake of bioprotection products</p> <p>Session 4.3: The role of different stakeholders in the uptake of integrated pest management / bioprotection approaches</p> <p>Panel session with diverse stakeholder perspectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Farmer association: <i>Mr Datuk Syed Abdul Rahman, Chairman of the Cameron Highlands Malay Farmers Association</i> 2. Regional body: <i>Ms Sasireka Rajendran (Sasi), Global Operations Manager, Minor Use Foundation</i> 3. Plant protection industry: <i>Mr Ketan Mehta, President, Bio-Protection Global</i> 4. Private sector organisation: <i>Mr Yacob Ahmad, Advisor and former Executive Director, International Tropical Fruits Network</i> 5. International organisation: <i>Dr Raghu Sathyamurthy, President, International Organisation of Biological Control and Research Director, CSIRO, Australia</i>
1300 – 1400	 Lunch (Palm Cafe)

1400 – 1545	<p>Session 4.4: Regional experiences and lessons</p> <p>Expert presentations to showcase regional/national policy and regulatory developments and their impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangladesh – New biopesticide regulation: Governments commitment towards reducing usage of pesticides (<i>Dr Md. Kafil Uddin, Senior Scientific Officer, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute</i>) • China – National green plant protection and pesticide reduction programme (subsidy programme) (<i>Dr Dong Fengshou, Head of Department of Pesticide Science, Institute of Plant Protection – Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences</i>) • India – Safer crops, Safer future: Reducing pesticide risks in Agriculture (<i>Dr Vandana Tripathy, Network Coordinator & Principal Scientist, All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues, Indian Council Agricultural Research</i>) • Pakistan – New biopesticides regulation (<i>Ms Zaeema Khan, Deputy Director, Pesticide Regulation and Registration, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food Security & Research</i>) • Sri Lanka – Sri Lanka's Organic Policy: A Step Towards Reducing Pesticides (<i>Mr S.N.L. Rathnaweera, Deputy Registrar of Pesticides, Office of the Registrar of Pesticides</i>) • Vietnam – Pesticide use and Agroecology transition policies in Vietnam (<i>Dr Dao The Anh, Vice President, Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>)
1545 – 1630	 Networking Break & Juno Side Bar (Begonia/Adenium Room)
1630 – 1730	<p>Session 4.5: Global movements towards pesticide risk reduction</p> <p>Expert presentations and discussion to showcase current international activities or demand for transformation in crop protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business cases for banks/policy makers to reorient policy and financial resources towards low- and non-chemical alternatives to toxic agrochemicals: <i>Ms Cathy Xi Cao, FARM Global Child Project Manager, UN Environmental Programme (UNEP)</i> • STDF's support for safe trade facilitation and biopesticide regulatory harmonization globally: <i>Ms Marlynne Hopper, Head, a.i. of the Secretariat for the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)</i> • Regional initiatives: <i>Dr Ravi Khetarpal, Executive Director, The Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)</i> • Pacific Community's (SPC) efforts towards the promotion of ecologically sound pest management efforts in the Pacific region: <i>Dr Mark Ero, Project Manager, The Pacific Community (SPC)</i>
1900 – 2100	 Dinner (Palm Terrace Café at the Palm Garden Golf Club)

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

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

0830 – 1015	<p>Objectives of the Day</p> <p><i>Dr Ulrich Kuhlmann, Executive Director, Global Operations, CABI</i></p> <p>Session 4.6: Challenges and opportunities on the ground for the implementation of pesticide risk reduction practices</p> <p>Statements from representatives of international organisations, food industry, farmer associations and agricultural advisory service providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Guthrie – Mr Meor Badli Shah Ahmad Rafie, Head of Section, R&D Crop Protection Section • International Coconut Community – Dr Jelfina C. Alouw, Executive Director • Coffee production in Papua New Guinea – Dr Nelson Simbiken, Director General, National Agricultural Research Institute • Malaysian Cocoa Board – Mr YBhg. Datuk Dr. Ramle Kasin, Director General
1015 – 1045	 Networking Break
1045 – 1200	<p>Group discussions on issues raised in presentations and discussions</p> <p>Session 4.7: Presentation of draft outline of action plans/summary</p> <p>Feedback on the meeting from delegates</p> <p>Closing and Vote of Thanks</p> <p><i>Dr Daniel Elger, Chief Executive Officer, CABI</i></p>
1200 – 1300	 Lunch (Palm Cafe)
Afternoon	<p>Optional Field Trip: Hong Long Dragon Fruit Eco Farm, Sepang, Selangor</p> <p> 1400 (sharp): Depart from the hotel</p> <p>1830 (estimated): Arrive back at the hotel (subject to traffic)</p> <p>Or Departure</p>