

A photograph of four women working in a tea plantation. They are wearing traditional conical hats and carrying woven baskets. The woman in the foreground is wearing a green shirt and a white cloth draped over her shoulder. The background is a lush green tea field.

# CABI Quarterly Update

## Member Country Briefing

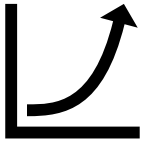
Daniel Elger, CEO

October 5 2023

# Headlines



Sustained delivery on **programmes, projects and products**



Plans on track for **PlantwisePlus** scale-up in 2024



Abstract & indexing services now live on **CABI Digital Library**



Successful workshop held to advance **Landscapes** initiative



MOU to be signed with **Imperial College**, which will soon host CABI's UK research site

# **Agenda**

**CABI Digital Library update**

**Visits to Member Countries**

**PlantwisePlus progress**

**Pest risk analysis tool**

**Landscapes workshop**

**Finances, pension and Member Country fees**

**Board updates**





# CABI Digital Library Update

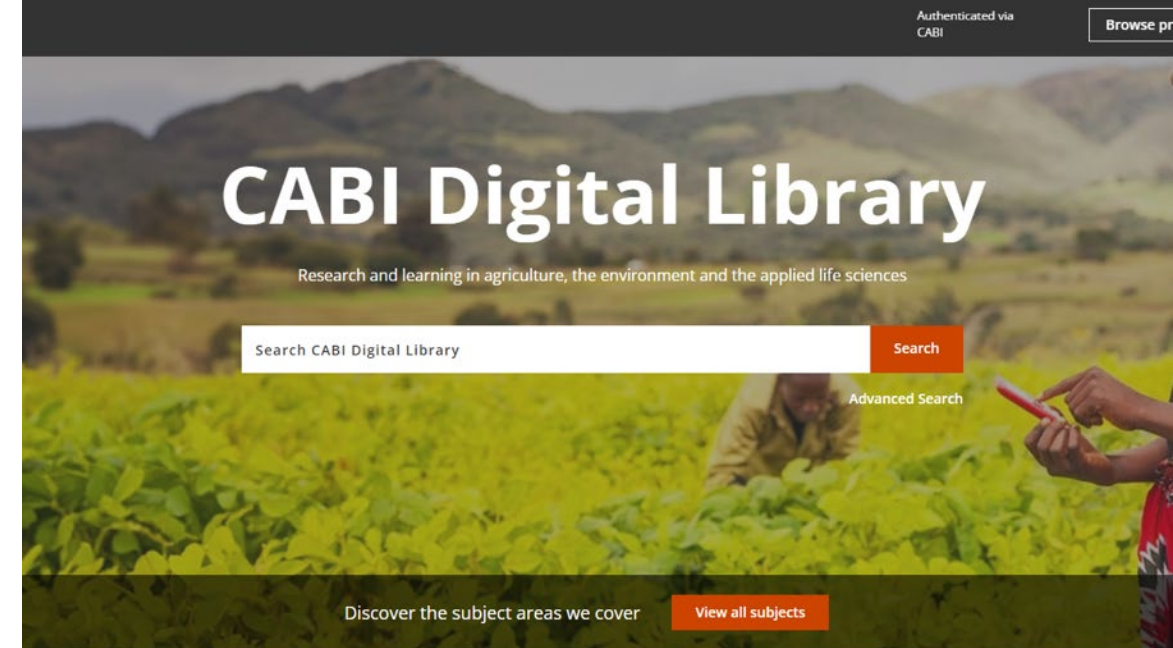
Lieke Boerefijn-van Schaaijk  
Platform Manager

# CABI Digital Library

[www.cabidigitallibrary.org](http://www.cabidigitallibrary.org)

Access all CABI content  
in a single place

- ✓ Research Databases
- ✓ Collections
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Journals & serials
- ✓ Cases
- ✓ Repositories
- ✓ CABI Compendium
- ✓ PlantwisePlus Knowledge Bank



With more than 100 years of scientific research and application underpinning our work, CABI supports study, practice and professional development through our array of publishing products, research services and support tools.

Whether you're a researcher in need of cutting edge resources, a practitioner interested in training and professional development, or a farmer in need of practical advice, we can provide the know-how and turn evidence-based information into actionable advice for making critical decisions.

**Databases** Collections Compendium Books Journals Cases

CABI Databases, including CAB Abstracts and Global Health, bring together millions of research records across agriculture, the environment, human health and the applied life sciences to support study, research and practical application around the world.



CAB Abstracts



Global Health



Global Agricultural Research  
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# Features

Search across more than **15 million records** in the entire library or within specific databases or publications

Advanced **search and filter options** allow you to quickly and easily find the most relevant life sciences content to your research

Fully **accessible and mobile responsive** design, allowing you to access content anytime, anywhere

Powered by **CABI Thesaurus**, our controlled vocabulary with over 3 million terms that enables advanced discovery through useful indexing terms

**Automated content alerts**, to always stay up-to-date on the latest content and research



# Phased Migration

**End September:** Early access to CABI Databases and Collections on CDL

**End November:** All records migrated to CDL

**December:** Decommission of CAB Direct and Collection sites

**2024:** Migration of SciDev.Net & exciting roadmap of improvements and new features

[www.cabidigitallibrary.org/migration-update](http://www.cabidigitallibrary.org/migration-update)



# Promoting Member Country uptake

Array of CABI products & tools now accessible to Members through CDL

- Any institution or individual can access open access tools and resources
- Band 1-4 Members can nominate one institution for free access to a wide range of products on CDL
- Please contact the Membership team for assistance



Membership benefits campaign

- Thanks to Liaison Officers for nominating librarians/focal persons
- Nominations still welcome
- First quarterly webinar on publishing products & knowledge tools on 23 November







# Visit to three Member Countries in the Caribbean, July 2023

Daniel Elger, Qiaoqiao Zhang, Naitram (Bob) Ramnanan

# Strengthening partnerships with Member Countries in the Caribbean Region

CEO, Director of Memberships and Regional Representative visited three Member Countries: **Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago**

Aim was to better understand Caribbean Member Countries' needs, enhance engagement and strengthen partnerships

Meetings with government bodies, regional institutions, potential donors, extension and training agencies, farmers, academic institutions

BioProtection Portal was launched in Jamaica



# Key reflections



The Caribbean remains an important region of focus given:

- large concentration of Member Countries
- historical close associations
- record of success in project implementation
- growing range of future opportunities for impact

Need to evolve thinking on funding sources

Need closer partnerships with national and regional institutions to develop projects and activities



# Key action points

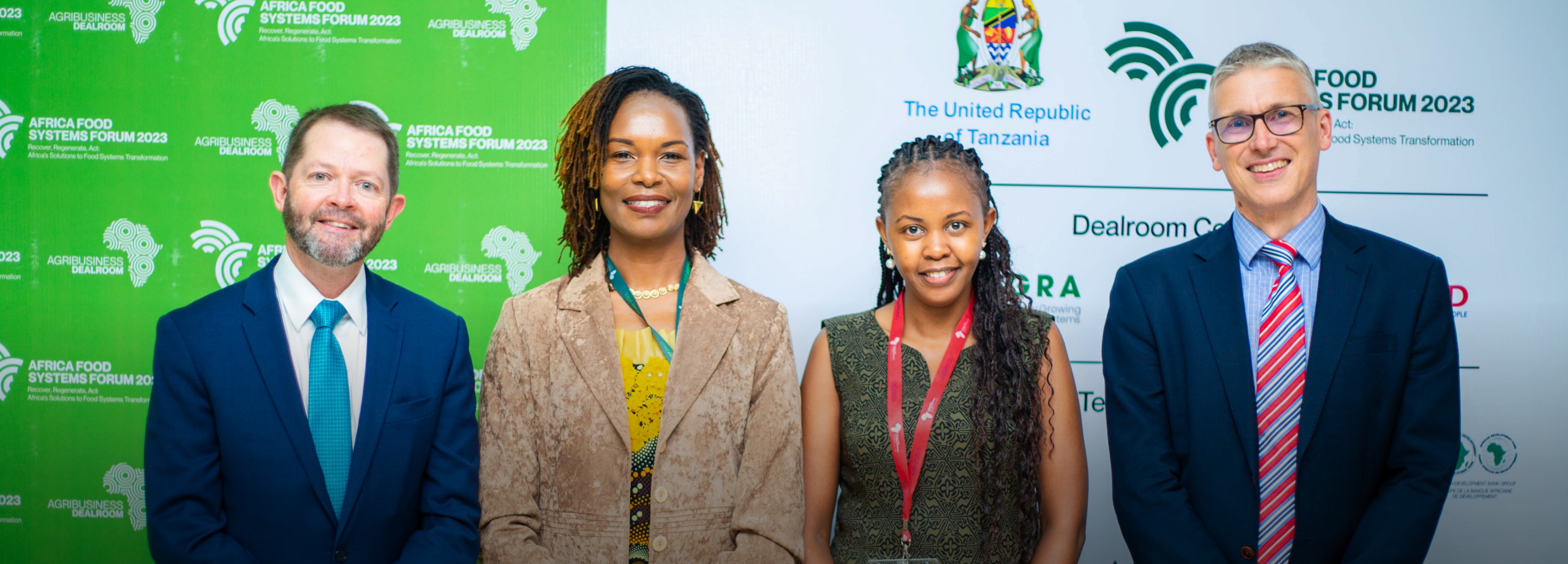
## **Regional:**

- Promote set-up of Caribbean Invasive Alien Species Trust Fund (CIASTF)
  - Work more closely with regional bodies/actors – CARICOM, IICA, etc.
  - Active pursuit of funding opportunities for the Carib-PRISE proposal
  - Actively exploring new regional training and information sharing initiatives
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- Just completed surveillance manual for TR4
  - Webinar for Members later this month

## **National:**

- Establish CABI BioProtection Portal pages for Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana
- Collaborate with Guyana on top three pest issues identified by the Minister of Agriculture
- Address requests from Jamaica, with exploration of joint funding bids





# CABI at AGRF hosted by Tanzania

Daniel Elger





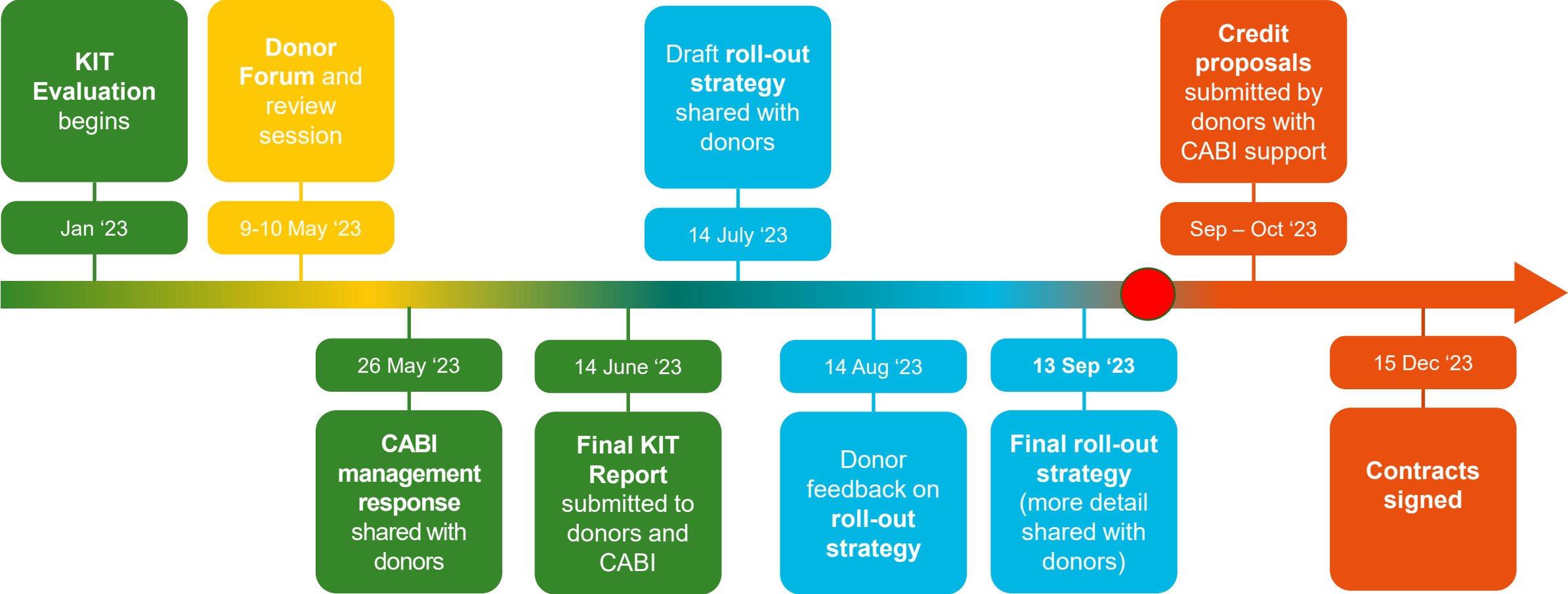




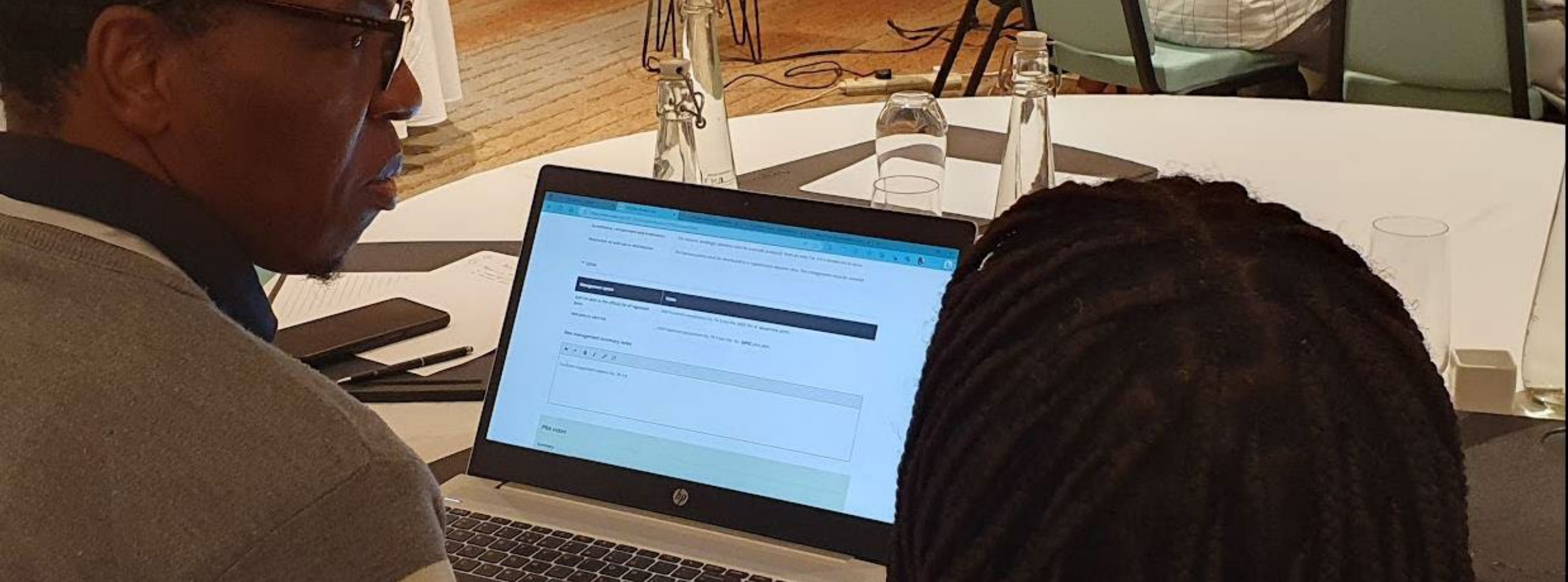
# PlantwisePlus

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# Milestones towards PlantwisePlus scale-up in 2024





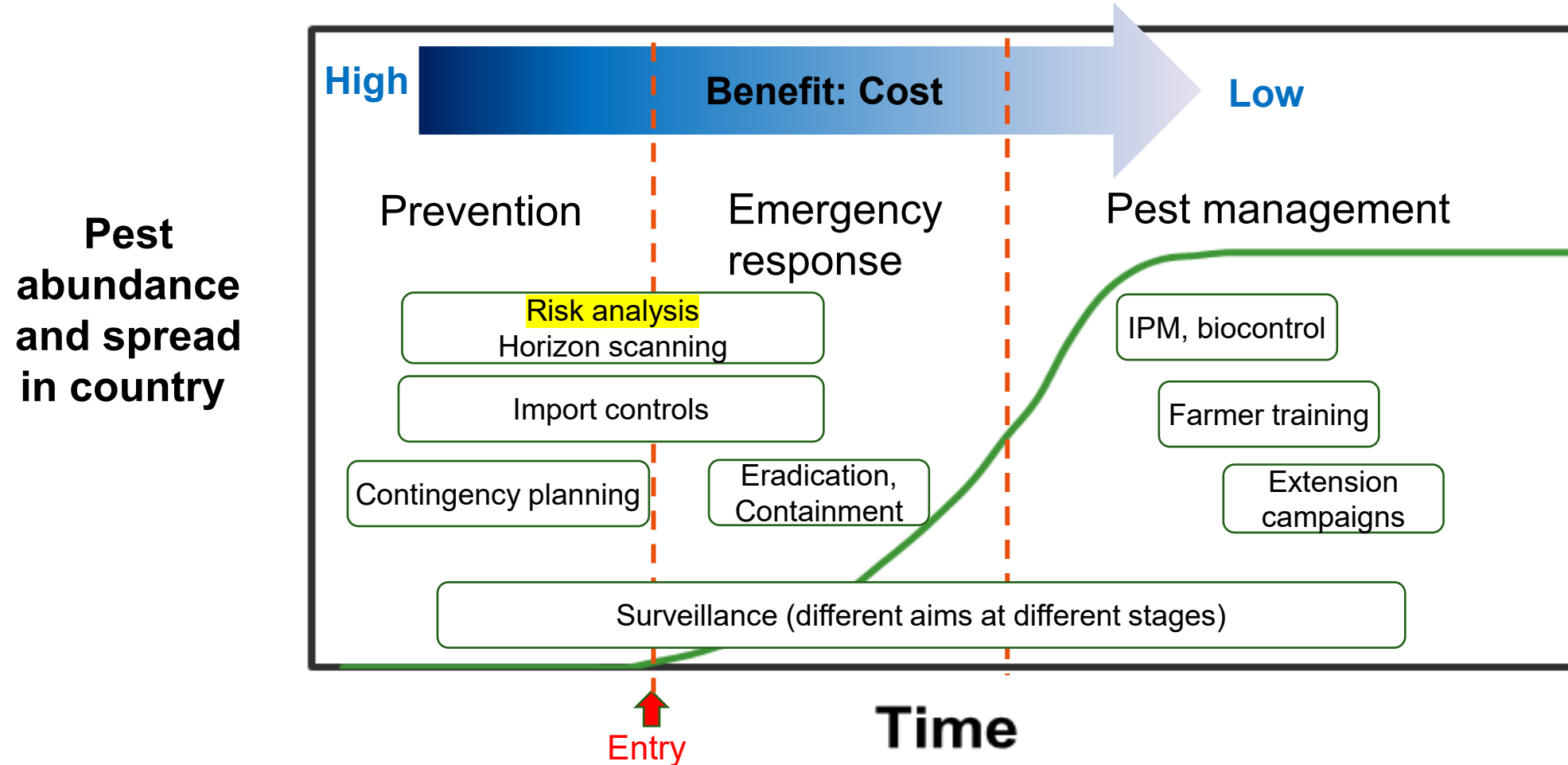


# Member Country Support: CABI's Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) Tool

Current status and future plans to support PRA activities

Ivan Rwomushana (on behalf of the PRA support team)

# Pest Preparedness: What's done before a new pest arrives







# Responding to member country needs to build the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) Tool



Assist National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs) with a challenging task



Provide a workflow for PRA



Increase access to information



Improve decision support

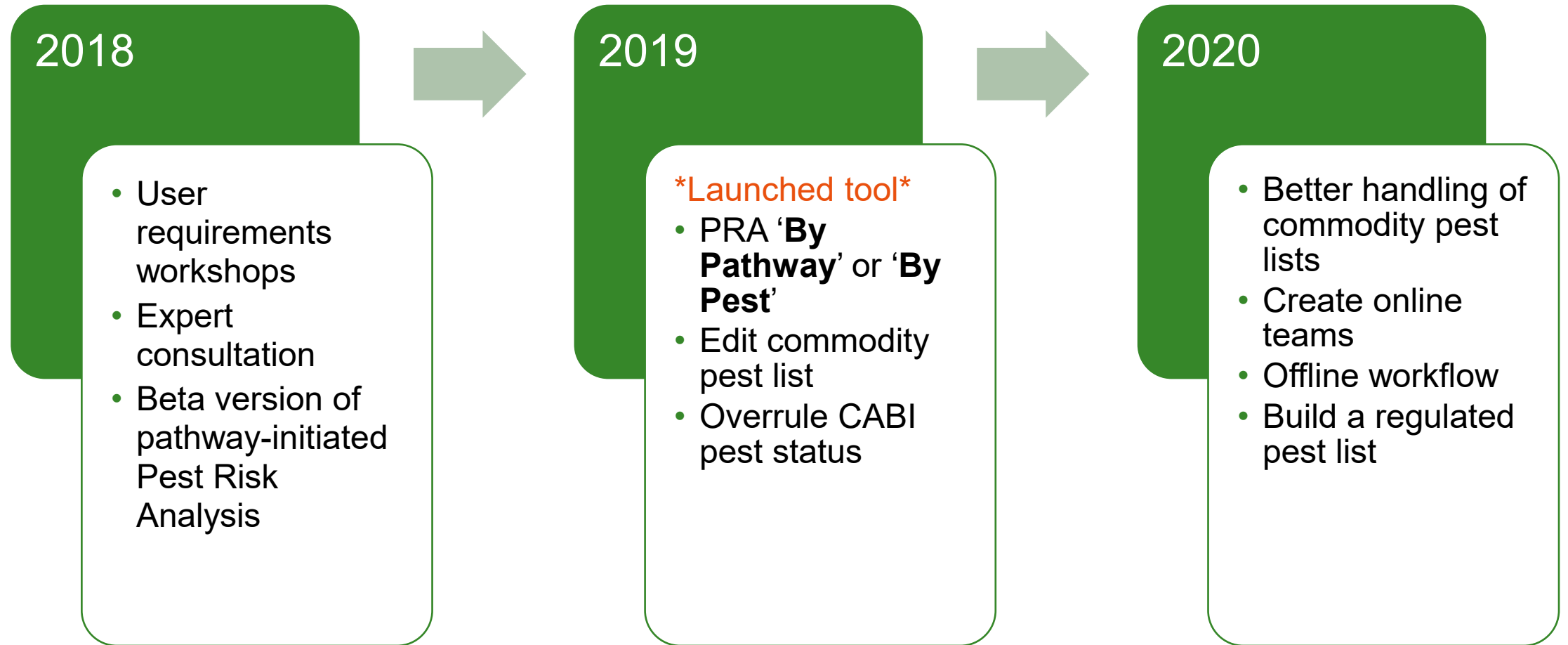


Help with documentation



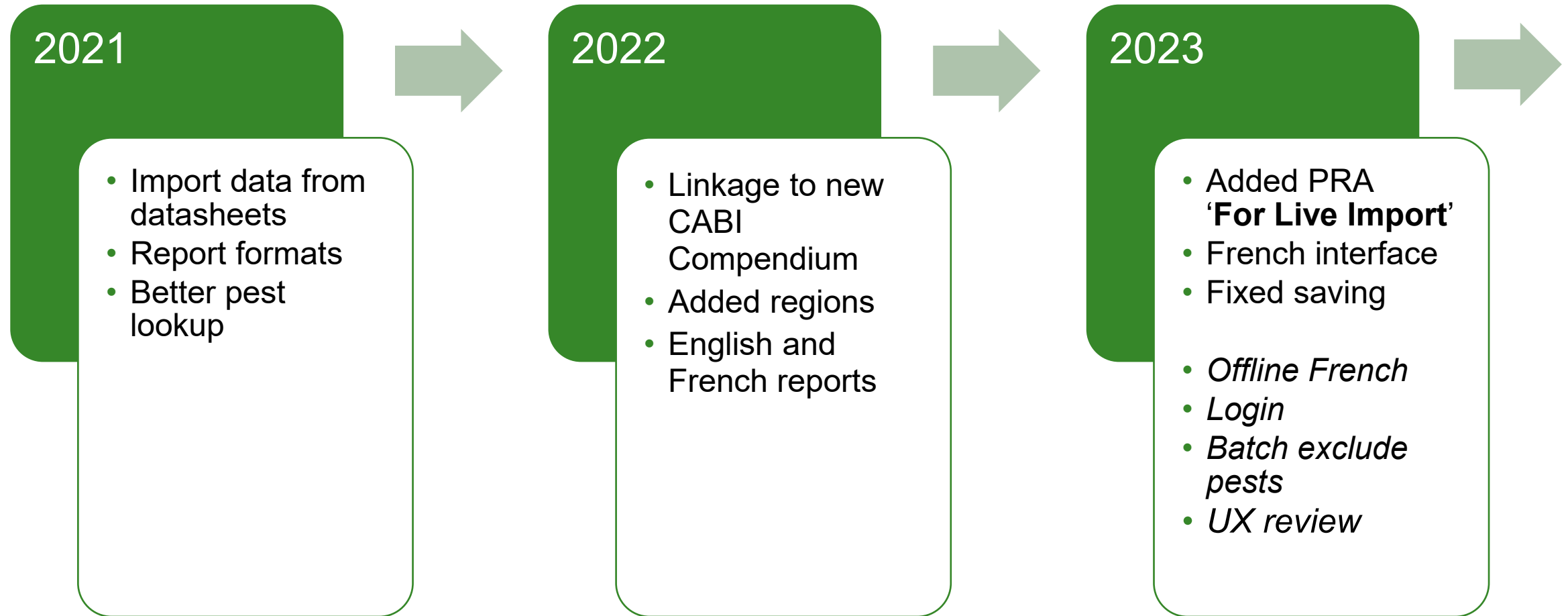
Produce and share PRA reports

# 2018-2020 Development stages





# 2021-2023 Updates and roll out



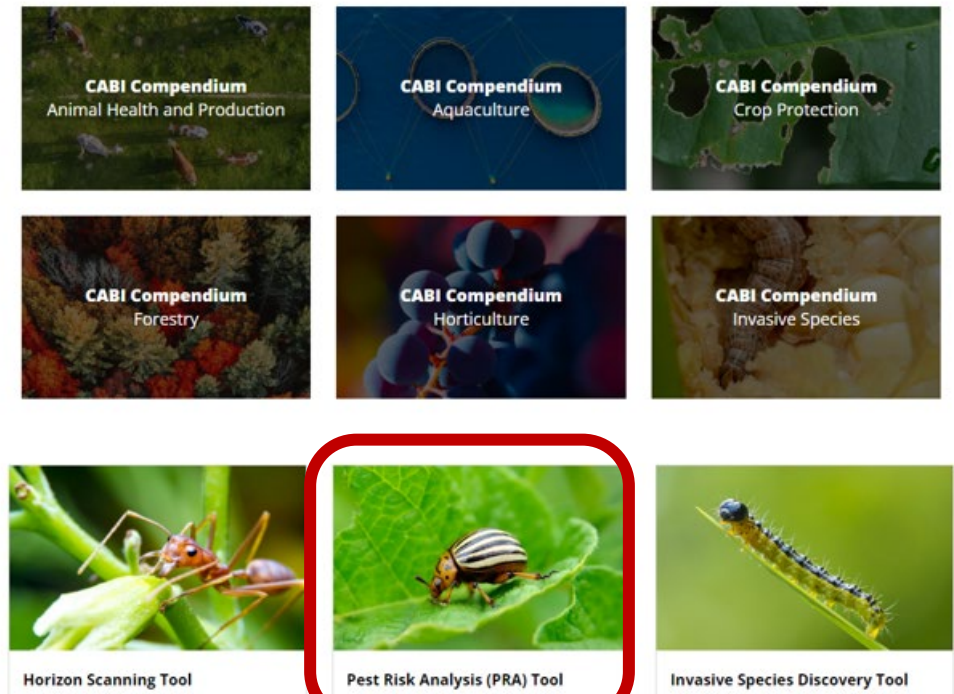
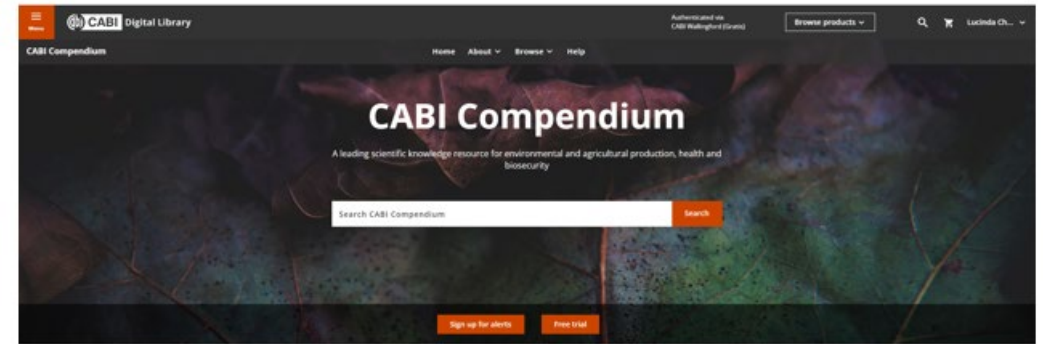
# How to access the PRA Tool

Type '**CABI PRA Tool**' into web browser

[www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool](http://www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool)

Or access from  
**CABI Digital Library**

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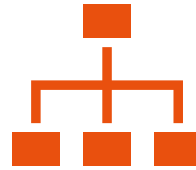


# Using the PRA Tool to support PRA training



## Benefits

Close alignment to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)  
Linkage to CABI Compendium  
Platform for online and offline team working  
English and French  
Continuing development



## Training programme

Purpose and overview of PRA  
Simple lead-in using Horizon Scanning Tool  
Stage-by-stage theory followed by group work  
Draft PRAs prioritised by participants



## Training partnerships

PlantwisePlus  
COLEAD  
FAO  
GB NNSS  
CDF  
EKN

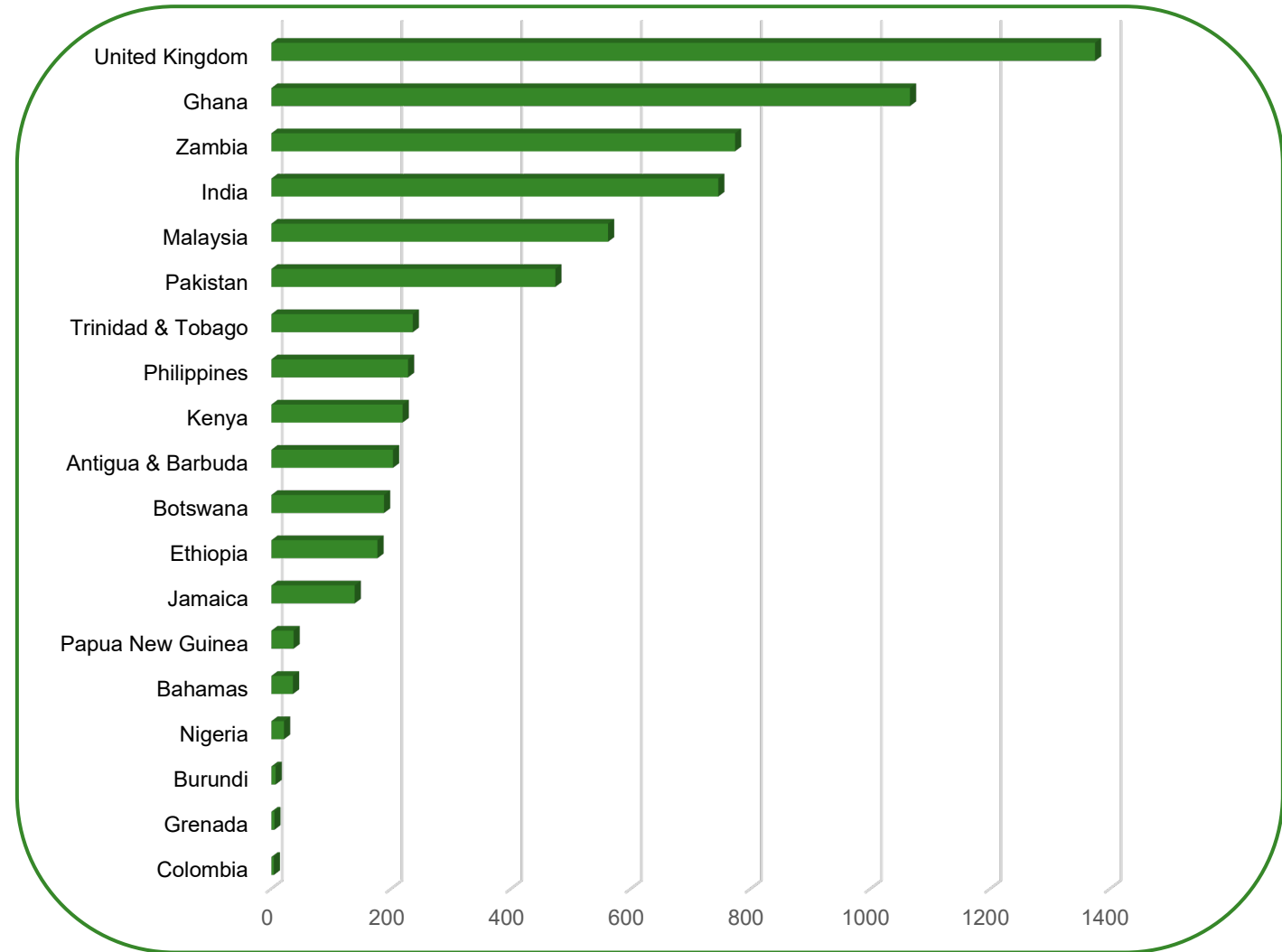
# Access, usage and sustainability

Paying subscribers

Gratis subscriptions for 117 NPPOs

- ✓ CABI Compendium
- ✓ Premium Horizon Scanning Tool
- ✓ PRA Tool

Development and outreach supported by international partners, currently through **PlantwisePlus**





# PRA capacity building activities

## PRA training – CABI PRA Tool

- Regional: East Africa (EAC), Southern Africa (SADC), West Africa (ECOWAS), Central Africa (ECCAS), Caribbean, UK overseas territories
- PRA training partnership with COLEAD: Caribbean, Africa
- National: Kenya, Ghana, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan
- Webinars: various

## PRA writeshops

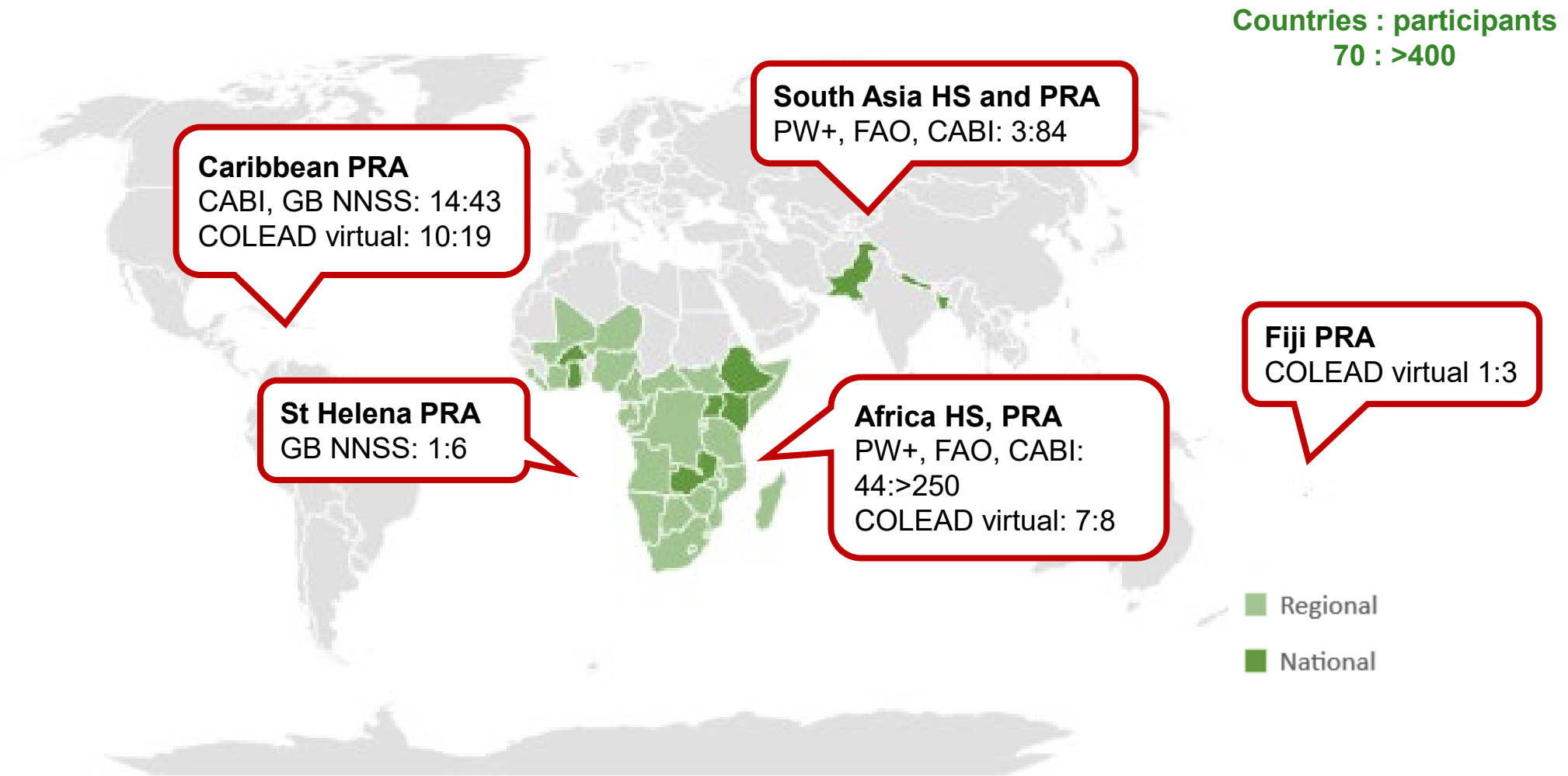
- Kenya, Ghana, Saint Helena, Nepal, Bangladesh

## PRA training – regional approaches for PRA

- SADC completed (EAC and ECOWAS planned for November 2023)
- ASEAN plans for 2024
- Africa wide activities with AU-IAPSC for 2024



# PRA capacity building activities 2021-23







# Follow-on activities

- Contingency planning for high risk pests
- Develop Terms of Reference for PRA Team
- PRAs for more effective import control
- PRAs to improve market access outcomes
- Publication of PRAs on national websites
- Updating of regulated pest lists
- Development of national PRA protocol
- Feedback to CABI to improve tools and Compendium data

# We love to get country feedback to improve the Tool

**[www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool](http://www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool)**

PRA Tool help page: [www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool/help](http://www.cabi.org/PRA-Tool/help)

Contact: [PRA@cabi.org](mailto:PRA@cabi.org)

**Feedback:** <https://forms.office.com/e/372xSm3ymy>





# Landscapes Initiative workshop, 11-15 Sept. Nairobi and next steps

Member Country Quarterly Brief, 5 October 2023

Florence Chege, Harriet Hinz, Tutilo Mudumba



# Safari Park Hotel





PROBLEM	Degraded landscapes unable to support communities' sustainable livelihoods in the face of a changing climate
<b>IF</b>	Member Countries and CABI bring together stakeholders, exchange knowledge and tools to take better decisions and actions on how to manage degraded landscapes where invasive species are a major problem
<b>THEN</b>	Degraded lands will be restored, further degradation prevented and landscapes will support resilient livelihoods sustainably
<b>BECAUSE</b>	We have empowered multiple stakeholders to envision how landscapes function and to collaboratively plan and implement landscape level interventions
<b>VISION</b>	Resilient landscapes that protect biodiversity, provide sustainable ecosystem services to support sustainable livelihoods



# Days 3 & 4 – Member Country sessions

- 25 representatives from 4 CABI Member Countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi & Tanzania)
- Main objectives:



Awareness and understanding of CABI's Landscape Initiative



Opportunity for communication and networking between different entities within each country and between the 4 countries



Selected a landscape to illustrate the applicability of ILM



Developed a problem statement (pitch) around the selected landscape to trigger donor interest and support

# Day 5 – hybrid donor session (2hrs)

- 16 individuals from nine different donor and partner organizations participated in person or virtually
- Two (Biovision and The Nature Conservancy) delivered statements of support
- Member Country representatives delivered 4 very engaged problem statements around the selected landscapes

## 21 Sept. – Zoom session (1hr)

- Recordings of combined live and recorded sessions
- 3 additional donor organizations attended
- Session with Australia donors to be scheduled





# Next steps

- Maintain engagement with Member Countries and donors
- Share workshop report
- Define and start the co-creation process
- Develop long-term funding strategy
- Develop case document for donor support
- Pursue short-term funding opportunities for 2024
  - Potentially based on selected landscapes
  - Existing contacts to interested donors
  - Taking advantage of calls
- Prioritize and further engage with partners including existing ILM networks
- Revisit geographical scope of the initiative



# Financial Update

Rob Sloley, CFO

# Net Revenue 2023

£'000	August Ytd			RF1		
	Actual	Budget Var	Growth vs 2022 %	Full Year	Budget Var	Growth vs 2022 %
Knowledge Business	7,442	(264)	3%	12,020	(46)	10%
International Development	14,555	(580)	24%	24,483	184	22%
Corporate	2,511	(11)	14%	3,884	61	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,508</b>	<b>(856)</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>40,387</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>17%</b>

Overall strong revenue growth from the Plantwise Plus programme and other projects. Although, currently running behind budget year to date, still expect to achieve the 16-17% revenue growth for the full year.



# Operating Surplus 2023

£'000	August Ytd			RF1		
	Actual	Budget Var	Growth vs 2022 %	Full Year	Budget Var	Growth vs 2022 %
Knowledge Business	2,828	73	2%	4,447	(99)	4%
International Development	(4)	(111)	>(100)%	492	42	65%
Corporate	(3,162)	103	(19)%	(4,845)	57	(14)%
Total	(338)	65	>(100)%	93	-	(73)%

We still expect to achieve an Operating Surplus; however, there are some risks arising from our shareholding in Conidia (likely to make a loss in 2023) and issues with our third-party provider of distribution and fulfilment services to publishing



# UK Pension Scheme update

- No feedback from regulator on recovery plan
- Next valuation/recovery plan cycle starts Jan '24
- On track with all obligations



# Member Country Fees 2024-26

- Proposal for staggering of planned inflationary increase
  - Reflects results of Member consultation process
  - High income countries see 13% rise in 2024
  - Other countries see 13% rise deferred to 2026
- Approval to be sought by email voting to follow this Member Country briefing





# Board Updates

Daniel Elger

# Questions and discussion







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Ministry of Agriculture and  
Rural Affairs,  
People's Republic of China



 Agriculture and  
Agri-Food Canada

