



CABI Quarterly Update

Member Country Briefing

January 26 2023

Today's agenda



Introduction, Medium-Term Strategy – Daniel Elger



**International Development Update, PlantwisePlus
– Dennis Rangi and Daniel Elger**



Knowledge Business Update, JUNO – Mary O'Connor



Finance Update, Pension Scheme update – Rob Sloley



Member Country engagement – Dennis Rangi



Board and Governance – Neil MacIntosh



Daniel Elger



Introduction

January 2022 view on the year ahead....

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Strategy '23-25

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International Development
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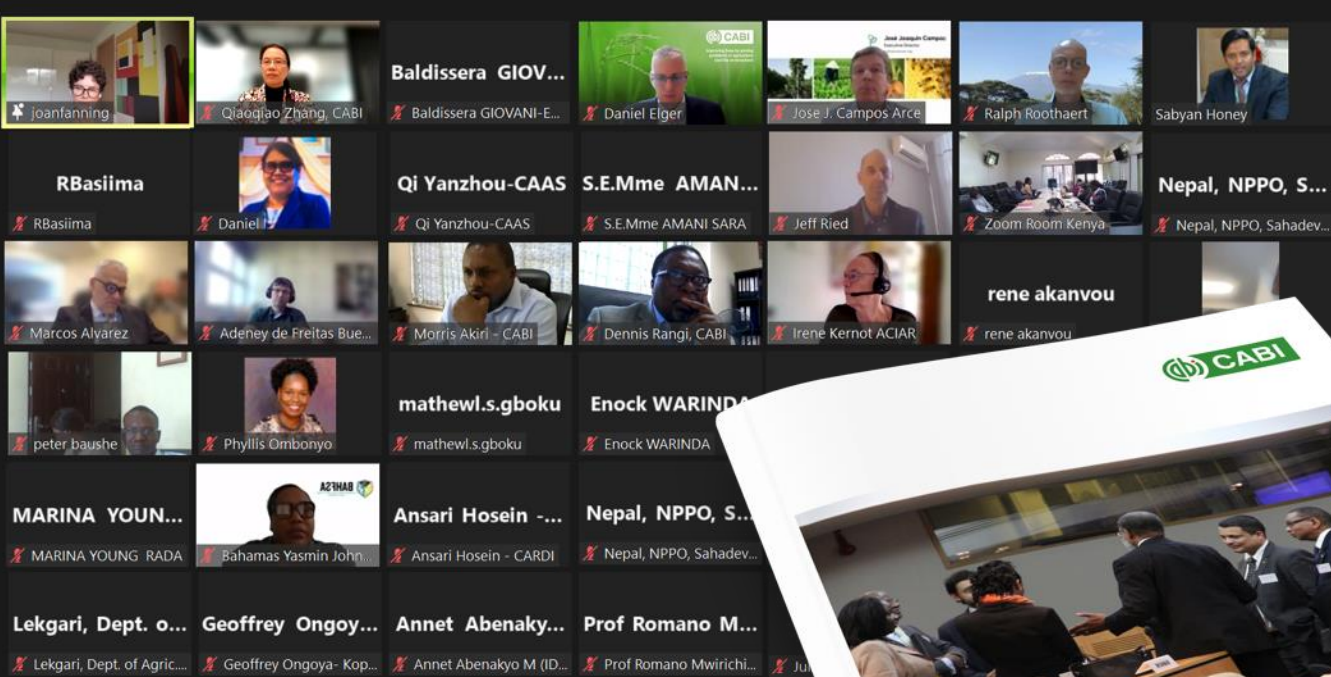
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Improve the food security and livelihoods of smallholder communities

1



Help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change

2



Reduce inequality through better opportunities for rural women and youth

3



Safeguard biodiversity and support the sustainable use of natural resources

4



Increase the reach, application and impact of science in agriculture and the environment

5



Dennis Rangi

International Development (ID) Update





2022 ID Highlights

Substantial progress on **PlantwisePlus** supported by national launches

Increase in scale and reach of **project activity**

~£14m new programme and project funding secured

Launch of **Science Strategy** 2022-2025

> 112 **peer-reviewed publications**

Partnership strategy adopted

Contribution to **global events** including climate and biodiversity COPs



2023 ID Priorities

Achieve 2023 targets under new MTS

Add relevant new capacities / programming, e.g. youth

Science strategy deliverables

Deliver further step-up in **output / impact**

Complete **PlantwisePlus** review & inception phase

Clarify plans for **new major programme**

Raise **£15.5m new project funding**

Advance **key global partnerships – CGIAR, FAO, AIRCA & other relevant regional/local partnerships**



Daniel Elger

PlantwisePlus progress

Launches in **6 initial focus countries**

- Kenya, Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, Pakistan, Bangladesh

Backstopping in **21 other programme countries**

Approach being **introduced to new countries**

- South Sudan and Papua New Guinea

External review underway for **proof-of-concept phase**

Highlights of 2022:

1. Pest preparedness pathway



40 full pest risk
assessments
(Kenya and Ghana)



Release of
papaya mealy bug
biocontrol (Kenya)




Permissions
obtained for release
in South Sudan

Highlights of 2022:

2. Farmer advisory pathway



New e-learning course:
*Introduction to
Bioprotection Products*



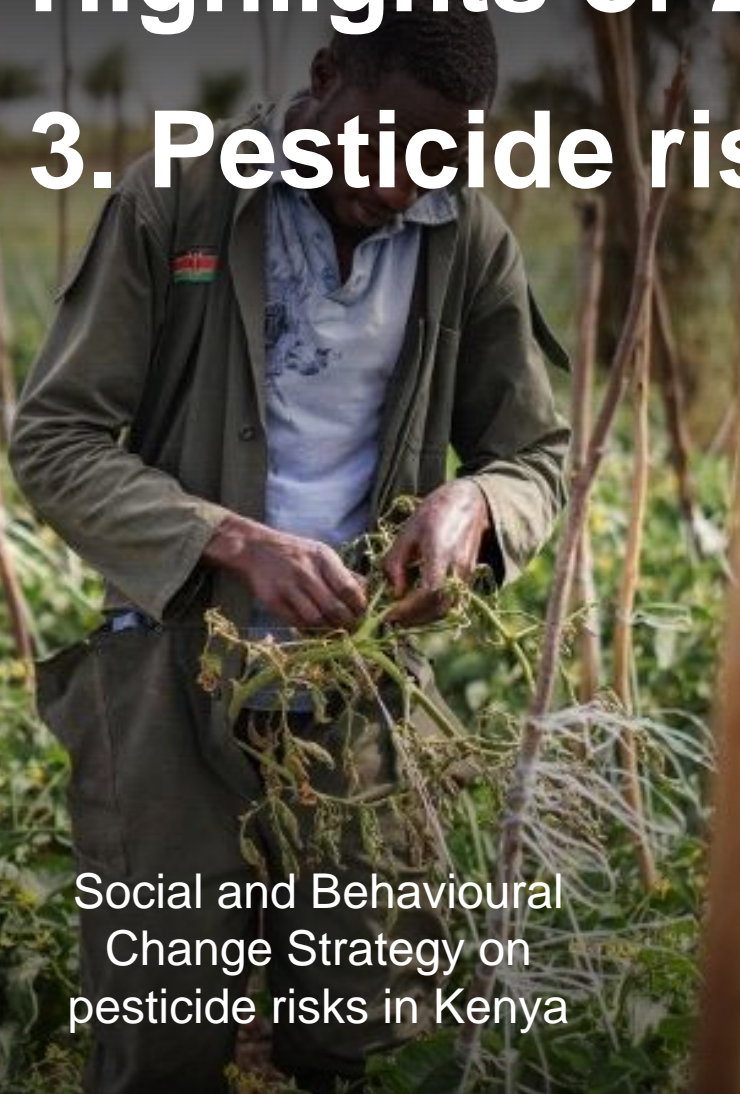
Extension of plant clinic
network in Pakistan



Digital tools training for
extension agents in
Bangladesh

Highlights of 2022:

3. Pesticide risk reduction pathway



Social and Behavioural
Change Strategy on
pesticide risks in Kenya



Training support for women
and youth programmes in
Kenya and Uganda



Analysis of legal requirements
to be an agroinput dealer
(17 countries)



Mary
O'Connor

Knowledge Business Update



Our knowledge products and services

We provide the **know-how** and turn evidence-based information into **actionable advice** for making critical decisions

Supporting study, practice and professional development through our publishing products, research services and tools



Research
databases and
evidence



Open access journals
and research services



Books and
Case Studies

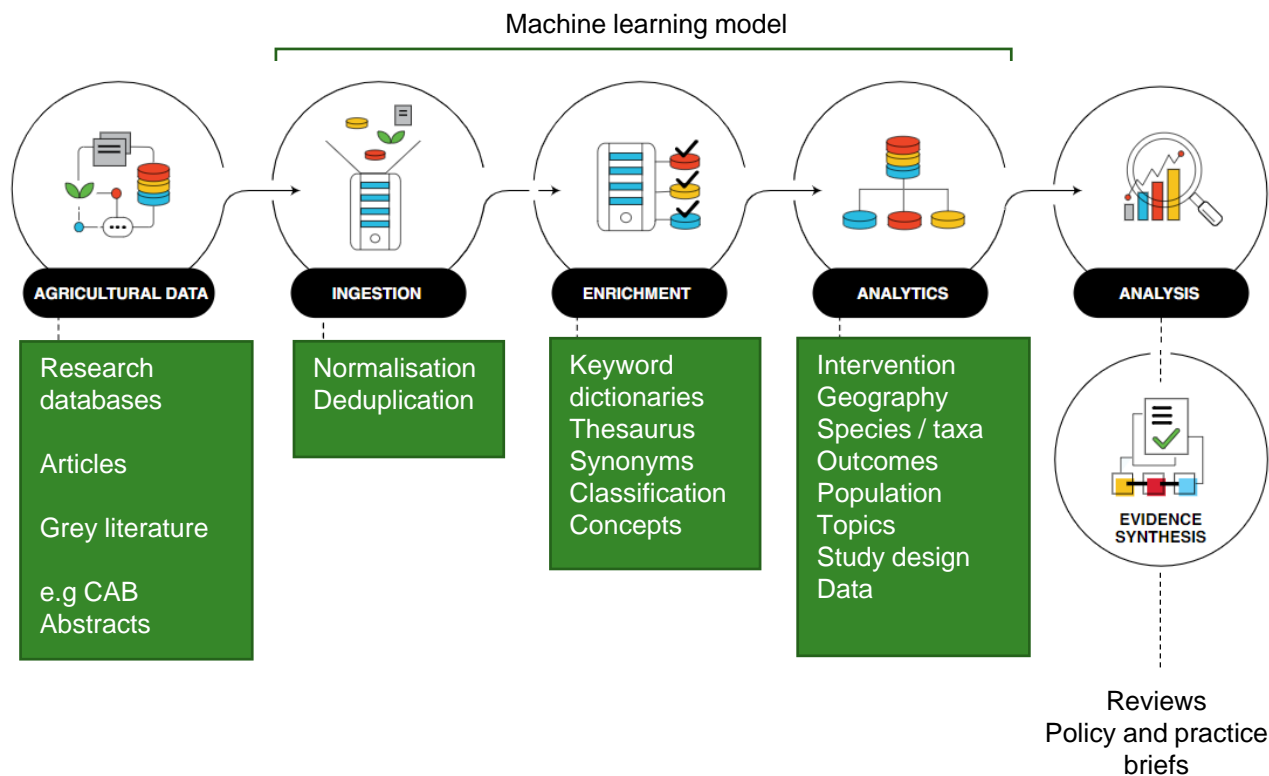


E-learning
education and
training



Compendium
and tools

- Ambitious global platform
- Engage with governments and funders to establish evidence priorities
- Deliver timely, relevant evidence
 - Define technical standards
 - Building capacity
 - Tools and solutions
 - Dissemination



JUNO progress

- ~\$1M of funding secured to kick-off the project
- Deliver donor requirements (FCDO and BMGF):
 - Roadmap for partner, stakeholder engagement and governance
 - Normative guidance – led by the FAO
 - Landmark report on the state of agricultural evidence
 - “Product definition” for evidence synthesis
 - 5 evidence reviews, including Rapid Reviews
 - Training materials
 - Commissioning mechanism
- Fundraising for future years

JUNO: Needs assessments in Pakistan & Bangladesh

Pakistan:

- Workshop convening took place in Dec'22 with research-policy stakeholders.
- Identified strong need to support evidence-based policy.
- Exploring opportunities for an initial 'proof of concept' evidence review.



Bangladesh:

- Scoping workshop led to initial key advocates being identified.
- Proposal for an audit of existing evidence materials is in circulation (as precursor to conducting a baseline assessment).



Rob Sloley

Finance update



Net Revenue 2022

£'000	November Ytd			Forecast		
	Actual	Budget Var	Growth vs 2021%	Full Year	Budget Var	Growth vs 2021%
Knowledge Business	9,791	46	3%	11,179	319	4%
International Development	17,721	(944)	14%	20,052	(868)	16%
Corporate/ Central	3,155	(200)	8%	3,627	(31)	11%
Total	30,668	(1,098)	10%	34,858	(580)	11%

Total revenue forecast of double-digit growth driven by Plantwise Plus although behind budget due to challenges of implementation across the project portfolio. Publishing sales (in Knowledge Business) tracking above budget.

Operating Surplus 2022

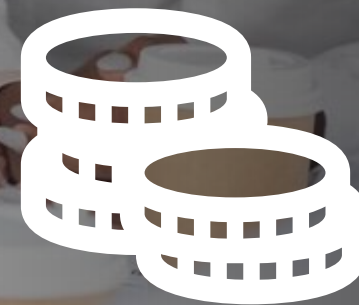
£'000	November Ytd			Forecast		
	Actual	Budget Var	Growth vs 2021 %	Full Year	Budget Var	Growth vs 2021 %
Knowledge Business	3,851	186	2%	4,226	66	(2)%
International Development	340	(202)	(42)%	378	(385)	(41)%
Corporate/Central	(3,737)	689	8%	(4,222)	690	4%
Total	453	673	46%	382	371	(28)%

Operating Surplus forecast above expectations, despite inflationary pressures on costs, driven by the revenue performance and foreign exchange gains.



Rob Sloley

Update on the UK Defined Benefit Pension Scheme



UK Pension Scheme Deficit Update 2022

- Submission of 2020 valuation and recovery plan for (legacy) DB Pension Scheme completed in March 2022. What follows is an update on the Scheme deficit at year-end 2022.
- In summary Market movements in 2022 have resulted in the reduction of the deficit to £59.5m (a positive development!)

£m	2017	2020	31 Dec 2022
Assets	52.0	62.6	40.1
Liabilities	131.6	146.2	99.6
Deficit	(79.6)	(83.6)	(59.5)
Funding ratio	39.5%	42.8%	40.3%

- However, as a result of those (same) market movements, Scheme assets have reduced to £40.1m. Scheme assets are also of relevance because of the requirement to support pension payments over a long period.

UK Pension Scheme Deficit Update 2022

(continued)

- Projected minimum funding position has also declined (from £50m to £32m) although this is less significant given the overall decline in the deficit and still represents a good improvement on the 2017 projected minimum funding position (of £16m). Recovery period has increased to 34 years (from 32 years).
- The Recovery Plan agreed with the Scheme Trustee remains valid although there may need to be an adjustment to the investment strategy to ensure a continuing balance between growth and hedging assets.
- There has been no communication or feedback from the UK Pension Regulator of any importance since the Trustee responded to the initial information request in September 2022.



Dennis Rangi

Member Country engagement





Reflecting on 2022

- MCs shaped and approved a new Medium-Term Strategy
- 24 joint action plans developed and implemented with MCs
- More projects and benefits delivered to MCs through joint fund-raising, responses to open bids and other means
- Membership support programme funded 15 projects on capacity building, additional local representation and translations of materials into Chinese, French and Spanish
- Built on new engagement channels (briefings, Finance and Risk SubCtte) with additional communications, e.g. regional newsletters
- Monitoring & Evaluation report showed considerable progress in achieving benefits outlined in the joint action plans



Plans for 2023

- Implement MTS in close partnership with Member Countries
- Prepare new joint action plans with MCs and update existing ones
- Deliver tailored benefits and promote better uptake and usage
- Promote collaboration among MCs, particularly South-South and South-North collaboration and technology transfer
- Continue to improve collection of membership fees, enabling us to deliver more benefits to MCs



Neil MacIntosh

Board and Governance Updates



Board Update



Marcy Vigoda



Ann Tutwiler



Chileshe Kapepwe



Christoph Chesher

Now seeking a further candidate – expertise in Asia region would be welcome



Daniel Elger



Close



2023 Priorities

- Deliver on initial Medium-Term Strategy targets
- Engage Member Countries to deliver MTS and Action Plans
- Successfully complete PlantwisePlus proof-of-concept phase
- Complete and build on CABI digital library migration
- Meet Pension Scheme recovery plan obligations

Questions and discussion





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