

CABI membership

working together to solve agricultural
and environmental problems worldwide



welcome to **CABI**

Dear CABI Member,



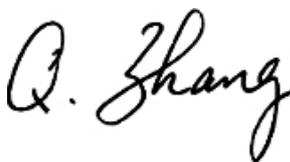
I am very pleased to welcome you to CABI and thank you for your support in helping us achieve our mission to improve lives worldwide by providing information and applying scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment.

As an international science-based development and information organization, owned by 49 member countries, CABI is uniquely placed to respond to national development agendas and demands. We can be viewed as an international extension of your national capabilities in agriculture and the environment, helping you and other countries make a difference in addressing issues of global concern such as food security and climate change.

CABI values the partnership with her Member Countries highly. We can help by linking members, donors and partners, to facilitate regional and international development initiatives for the benefit of all our members, and in particular our least developed member countries.

I look forward to working closely with you – creating partnerships that deliver real ‘win-win’ results.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Q. Zhang".

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about **CABI**

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

Our mission and direction is influenced by its member countries who help guide the activities undertaken. These include scientific publishing, development projects and research and microbial services.

CABI helps address the issues of global concern, such as food security through science, information and communication. We do this by improving crop yields and combating threats to agriculture from pests and diseases, protecting biodiversity and safeguarding the environment, and improving access to agricultural and environmental scientific knowledge.

For more information go to www.cabi.org

CABI – a membership organization

CABI was established by a United Nations treaty-level agreement between 49 member countries. Each member country has an equal role in the organization's governance, policies and strategic direction, in addition to enjoying a number of privileges and services relating to our scientific expertise, products and resources.

Most importantly, membership of CABI gives national governments a leadership role in directing and influencing the global development agenda through the work of the organization and its international network of partners.

This short brochure outlines the benefits of being a CABI Member Country in more detail and explains the roles and responsibilities of the representatives responsible for membership in their country.



governance – shape CABI's future

CABI is run by you, for you. As a member you have the opportunity to direct and benefit from our work to solve agricultural and environmental problems. Your contributions help people in less developed parts of the world to improve their lives. You have the opportunity to shape CABI's future either through the formal Governance mechanism or other consultation processes.

Review Conference

The overall governance of CABI comes from the Review Conference of Member Countries, which reviews CABI's work programmes and determines its broad policies and strategies. Review Conferences are held every two years.

Executive Council

The Executive Council approves CABI's annual accounts and budgets, the admission of new members and key policy decisions. 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

We regularly hold consultations to understand the key issues affecting agriculture and the environment in our Member Countries. Together, we develop priority areas which CABI has a capability to address in some way. 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.

Current priority areas

- Trade development and good agricultural practices for market access
- Institutional capacity strengthening and knowledge management
- Monitoring and adaptation to climate change
- Integrated pest management in relations to high value crops
- Technology transfer and exchange between countries
- Protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services

Benefits at a glance

- Regular regional consultations shaping CABI's activities to address members' needs
- Voting rights at CABI Review Conferences and Executive Council meetings
- Approval of annual budget and accounts, CABI strategy and priorities, and appointments of Board Directors and the Chief Executive

projects, products and services

CABI implements development and research projects and publishes high quality scientific resources. Members benefit from free, priority or discounted access to a range of these projects, products and services.

Our **Plantwise** programme is helping countries establish community-based plant clinics which deliver practical advice to farmers when their crops have a problem. We aim to have clinics in 40 countries by 2020 and are prioritising member countries.

Every member country can use up to three day's consultancy per year to support the development of joint policy papers, concept notes or project proposals. We offer special rates for longer research or consultancy projects.

We offer a range of professional microbial services and members can use CABI's in-house expertise for free or discounted identifications of microbial samples*.

Benefits at a glance

- Free access to CABI information products for one institution or governmental agency (member countries in Bands 1 – 4)
- Free microbial identification service for Member Countries (Bands 1-4). (up to 40 samples per member country per year)
- Discounts on purchase of CABI information products
- Free policy and project development support (up to 3 consultancy days) and special rates for longer research or consultancy projects
- Use of CABI facilities worldwide at preferential rates
- Priority considerations for CABI training courses
- Access to the CABI Development Fund for joint project development
- Input to CABI research activities and delivery of research, development and communication programmes meeting national and regional priorities. Including priority considerations in CABI's global initiatives (eg. Plantwise)



international collaboration and networking

As a member of CABI you have access to an international, independent development organization with a network of partners and funders and 100 years' experience of solving agricultural and environmental problems around the world.

CABI works with:

charities and foundations
development agencies
farmers
governments
national research and extension institutions
non-governmental organizations
the private sector
universities

Our shared contacts can facilitate the formation of further partnerships and consortia.

Members can take advantage of networking opportunities by meeting with other member countries and their agricultural and environmental institutions to share knowledge and experience to address common goals.

CABI gives members direct links to research, access to international scientific experts and leaders in applied agricultural sciences, and to a global network of partners from public, private and civil society organizations.

Benefits at a glance

- The opportunity to share knowledge and experience with other members, and develop joint projects to address common goals
- Global networking opportunities (with public, private and civil society organizations)
- Links to CABI's research centres around the world and privileged access to scientific resources
- Free and exclusive access to the member gateway (members only website)

your involvement

CABI's main points of contact with its member countries are through Liaison Officers based in their country and Executive Council members in London or in their country. Your main CABI contacts are the Director of Memberships (Executive Council members), and Regional Directors (Liaison Officers) in your region.

The role of a **Liaison Officer** is vital to the success of CABI in helping us to address your country's needs and priorities.

To help us respond to these needs we encourage regular communication between Liaison Officers and our regional centres, and we welcome your contribution to the development of CABI's strategy and activities.

Liaison Officers work together with Executive Council members as the focal point for information between CABI and your Government departments and institutions, and to encourage prompt payment of CABI membership fees.

The **Executive Council member** plays a key role in CABI through the regular Executive Council meetings held in London.

Here CABI's accounts are signed off and the budget approved. As the membership contact in the UK we hope you are able to encourage any action required by your Liaison Officer on important information, including papers that require policy decisions.



communicating with you

Visit the CABI website www.cabi.org

Use our members only website: www.cabi.org/membership

Sign up to the **CABI blog** 'handpicked... carefully sorted'

Register to receive our latest news in the quarterly **CABI eZine**

 Join us on **Facebook**: www.facebook.com/CABI.development

 Join us on **LinkedIn**: www.linkedin.com/company/cabi

 Add [cabi_news](#) as a **Twitter** favourite

Attend **Executive Council meetings** in London

Join us at our **Regional consultations**

Meet with us at your Embassy or High Commission

Arrange a meeting between Liaison Officers and our **Regional Directors**

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