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CABI

- Restructure
- New Chief Executive
- International projects and consultancies under International Development
 - Regional Directors (9 offices)
 - Global themes
 - Invasive species
 - Including threats posed to environment and agriculture
 - Commodities
 - Knowledge for development
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Invasive Species



- The goal of CABI's invasives team is to be a global leader in the effort to reduce the spread and impact of invasive species

Activities at CABI Africa

- Responsible for all CABI's activities in Africa, in both member and non-member countries.
- **Invasive species:**
 - Biological control, entomology, pathology, sanitary and phytosanitary systems and standards, terrestrial and aquatic weeds, IPM
- **Commodities:**
 - Production, post production processing, coffee, cocoa, bananas, cotton, horticulture
- **Knowledge for development:**
 - Innovation systems, participatory approaches, ICTs, communication for development, knowledge management, information systems.
- **Cross-cutting expertise**
 - includes project management, regional co-ordination and capacity building

Projects on Invasive Species at CABI Africa

- “Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management in Africa” Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda and Zambia.
 - Weak policy environment
 - Lack of critical information
 - Inadequate implementation of prevention and control programmes
 - Lack of capacity
 - Best practices for addressing major threats
- Invasiveness of *Prosopis* in Kenya
 - Spread, species diversity and associated arthropods and microorganisms
 - Seed Predators
- RCWP (Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, DRC, Rwanda, Cameroon and Cote d’Ivoire)
- Capacity building on SPS

Suggestions for FISNA

- Lead forum for articulating forest invasive species in Africa
- Project activities
 - Solicit funding for joint activities on
 - invasive arthropods and
 - woody invasive species



Thank you

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