

APSA Members Dominate Access to Seeds 2018 Index of Leading Global Firms

Dozens of APSA members are among the 60 leading regional and global seed firms that will be surveyed in the World Bank's Access to Seeds (ATS) 2018 Index.

Expected to be published between November 2018 and February 2019, the survey is an extension of the ATS 2016 Index, which surveyed 25 companies operating in four target regions.

These regions were Latin America; Western Africa; Eastern Africa; and South and Southeast Asia. The 2018 Index has added and grouped Southern Africa with Eastern Africa, and Central Africa with Western Africa.

In the latest survey, the number of leading seed companies identified in South and Southeast Asia was increased to 24, from eight previously.

Of these companies, a majority are APSA members, either directly or through regional subsidiaries, with headquarters in Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei, Germany, India, Japan, Pakistan, Thailand, UAE, US and Vietnam. The index will include Ascen-HyVeg, Advanta, Bayer, Biosseed, BRAC, CP Group (China), East-West Seed, Limagrain Group (HM Clause, Vilmon SA & Mlkado Krowal), Kalash Seed/Bejo Sheetal, Known-You Seed, Lal Teer



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Seed, Mahyco, Monsanto, Nandhari, National Seeds Corporation, Nongwoo Bio, Nuziveedu, Rallis/Metalix, Sakata, Syngenta, Takii, DowDuPont (Dupont Pioneer), Vinasseed and Punjab Seed Corporation.

Several APSA member companies have also been shortlisted for the Global Index as well as two regional surveys for the African market.

APSA Members dominate the Global Index of 13 companies. In the ranking are Advanta, Bayer, Bejo, East-West, Enza Zaden, Limagrain Group, Monsanto, Rijk Zwaan, Sakata, Syngenta, Takii, DowDuPont and KWS (Germany).

A number of APSA Members will be surveyed in the Eastern and Southern Africa Index, including East-African Seed (Kenya), East-West, Klein Karoo (South Africa), Monsanto, Pop Vriend Seeds (Netherlands), Starke Ayres (South Africa), Syngenta and DowDuPont.

Several APSA members were also shortlisted among 22 companies in the Western & Central Africa Index, including East-West, Monsanto, Syngenta and DowDuPont.

The indices that make up the Index score and rank companies on six main dynamics related to seed access for smallholder farmers.

These are availability, affordability, suitability, capability, profitability and autonomy.

According to Executive Director of the Access to Seeds Foundation, Ido Verhegen, indicators express what stakeholders expect from seed companies on each of the dynamics, which are grouped into seven measurement areas. Each measurement area is composed of indicators that assess commitment, performance, transparency and innovation.

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