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Nigeria : INTERPOL Intellectual Property Crime Training Seminar

During a three day event, June 20-22 in Lagos, Nigeria, 50 participants representing law enforcement and practitioners (customs, police and judiciary authorities) met to share knowledge on the prevalence of counterfeit goods (cosmetics, personal body care, tobacco, IT equipment, pesticides etc.) and associated risks to health and the country's economy. The discussions covered the following;

- * Providing tools to identify counterfeit goods.
- * Facilitating and strengthen cooperation and communication (at borders) among enforcement and prosecution entities.
- * Exposing enforcement entities to international models to assist them in handling the issue.

The presentations and subsequent discussions by the public and private sectors focused on:

- * Institutions and services engaged in intellectual property:
- * The International IP Crime Investigators College (IIPICIC) an E-learning tool for law enforcement authorities, regulators and IP crime investigators.
- * The US Department of Justice, and US Department Homeland Security, Customs Enforcement and its global support team with 4 offices in Africa.
- * The Nigerian Customs, the Economic and Financial Crime Commission, NAFDAC, and Nigerian Police, Nigerian Copy Right Commission, Standards Organization of Nigeria.
- * The Anti-Counterfeit Coalition, International Federation of Phonographic industry, Nigeria

Intellectual Property infringements and Counteractions

- * The Microsoft Experience on transnational organized IP Crime, BIC (pens and razors), Unilever and their Personal Care products, Procter & Gamble, British and American Tobacco.
- * CropLife International / CropLife Africa Middle East and the Plant Science Industry focusing on CPPs and food security and sustainable agriculture, agricultural productivity and economic development in sub Saharan Africa.
- * IP Infringements of CPP's impacts on health and economic development. Detecting counterfeit and illegal CPP's is the way forward to combat IP infringements. This can be achieved through public-private cooperation, and also the use of technologies (Quality Scheme project with the "holospot").
- * NAFDAC recognized the various and fruitful support received from CropLife AME and CropLife Nigeria.
- * Nigeria Customs will link with CropLife Nigeria to co-organize a training course on counterfeit and illegal pesticides, and with NAFDAC to get the list of registered pesticides in Nigeria;
- * CropLife Nigeria will contact the Anti-Counterfeit Coalition (ACC) as they are planning a rally in August-September and a roundtable discussion in October;
- * CropLife AME has been requested to join another training session in Burkina Faso in November.



Police, customs and regulatory bodies from Benin, Burkina Faso and Nigeria took part in the three-day training



Photo—courtesy of Interpol

Ghana : Pesticide Residue Standards and Assessment Training Workshop

On June 06-10 in Accra, Ghana, regulators and laboratory personnel involved in the quality control and residue analysis of pesticides in Africa met. CropLife International sponsored the participation of 2 participants from Côte d'Ivoire (Nahoulé Silué) and Togo (Blaise Djatoite). These two delegates participated in the CropLife AME workshop in Accra in November 2010, and B. Djatoite was also sponsored by CropLife International for his participation to the 2008 workshop in Alexandria, Egypt.

The overall objective of the meeting was to:

- * Promote the participation of African nations in SPS-setting organizations.
- * Create a common African position in SPS standard-setting organizations.
- * Support the creation of standards in African nations.

Specific objectives were to:

- * Understand the FAO manual on JMPR
- * Explain critical aspects in evaluating the process
- * Improve the evaluation of pesticides data
- * Evaluate tests on the basis of knowledge and experience.

Prof. Dr. Arpad Ambrus, (lecturer) FAO consultant, focused on:

- * Livestock and Crop Metabolism
- * Environmental Fate in Soil and Water
- * Sampling, Sample Preparation and Analysis
- * Definition of Residues
- * Expression of MRLs
- * Evaluation of Monitoring Data re. spice MRLs and EMRLs
- * Estimation of MRLs and Exposure assessment
- * Estimation of MRLs in animal products
- * Evaluation of crop and livestock residue data for estimation of MRLs, STMR, and HR values
- * Principles of GLP
- * Preparing a Protocol for Supervised residue trials using IR-4 Draft Protocol as template and handouts as guidance.

Exercises were conducted, and projects were submitted by each participant and evaluated by the group for improvement.

All the participants appreciated and recognized the competence of the lecturer and his capacity to guide participants during the various exercises.

Prof. Dr. Arpad Ambrus expressed his pleasure in seeing CropLife involved in this activity. His desire is to be linked for such joint activities in the future. This request will be communicated to the regulatory steering committee.



Participants and the organizers after the opening (L), and during one of the workgroups at the workshop (R)

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International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO) - Launch of Cocoa SPS Africa.

On June 07-10, in Yaoundé, Cameroon, about 100 delegates from participating countries of the project and representing regulatory and registration authorities, food safety services, pesticides quality control and residues analysis, customs services, farmers and exporters organizations, got together. The technical partners present at the launch were STDF-WTO, CropLife AME, COLEACP-EDES, UNIDO, and FAO.

The objective of the launch was to:

- * Officially present the project at a regional level
- * Sensitize participating countries on SPS and MRLs and their impact on trade related issues at international level particularly in the US, EU and Japan.
- * Share knowledge and provide tools for the implementation and enforcement of SPS measures.

The following topics were covered in the subsequent presentations:

- * SPS, overview of the project and recommendations of the Malaysia workshop.
- * Safety & Quality as related to pesticide residues and other harmful substances in cocoa beans.
- * Counterfeit and illegal pesticides and associated risks on cocoa quality.
- * IPM/RU-GAP and GWP.
- * Regional cooperation for improving cocoa quality and cocoa farming.
- * A closed session was held to review specific country activities and expected contribution from the partners. The contribution in kind from CropLife AME was confirmed and this will focus on capacity building of relevant stakeholders and enforcement institutions, and the strengthening of regional cooperation for adherence to SPS standards. This to be achieved through:
 - * Dissemination of and, where necessary, design of comprehensive, locally adapted training modules in SPS measures: specifically on pesticide selection, and application
 - * Enhancing institutional capacity in-country to monitor and enforce adherence to SPS standards in cocoa.
 - * Focused training for key officials (customs officers, quarantine, immigration, plant protection officials, etc.) to combat counterfeits and illegal pesticides.
 - * Strengthening regional collaboration to enhance institutional capacity in individual countries on SPS standards in cocoa.
 - * Strengthening of national licensing procedures for the evaluation of new products.
 - * Harmonization and compliance with relevant regional/international provisions.
 - * Enforcement of relevant regulations in cross border trade of pesticide products.
 - * Create an appropriate framework where participating countries can address cross-border issues (counterfeits and illegal pesticides...)
 - * Collaboration with key regionally-operating stakeholders (e.g. STCP...)



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North Africa Middle East

Communications Steering Committee Meets in Brussels

The Communications Steering Committee (CSC) of CropLife met on 14 June in Brussels. The meeting was chaired by Tim Hassinger and attended by both company and regional association members. The CSC reviewed the activity progress report presented by Robert Hunter, the new Director of Communications at CropLife International. The CSC also reviewed a number of specific communication projects together with the operating plan and budget for 2012.

The proceedings addressed key communication issues including the following:

Regional updates:

- * Regional updates from CropLife associations in Africa Middle East, Asia, North and Latin America were presented focusing on existing communication activities and future opportunities.

Health Sector Work Plan:

- * Aimed at developing coordinated global messages on health issues together by identifying a short list of issues that pose potential media concerns.
- * The work plan is to consider updating the data base on the benefits of pesticides and the review of literature on pesticides.

Food Sector Work Plan:

- * Aimed at influencing the food sector's positive perception of the industry on issues related to food production and sustainable agriculture.
- * The plan would seek to identify and participate with the food sector together with developing collaborative projects with food sector partners in areas of mutual interest including stewardship, food safety and sustainability.

Website strategy:

- * The key need identified is that CropLife' online presence should be synergistic and streamlined across all platforms whilst positioning CropLife as a thought leader.
- * To this end, the global website, www.croplife.org is seen to be a proactive site open to the public with parallel federation sites, also open to the public but with password protected links such as CLICK and Committees sites. A resource data base is also foreseen to be set-up to feed the two proposed sites.

Public Benefits Project:

- * Following the analysis of the online community feedback, the project continues with the objective of defining the vision and role of the plant science industry together with developing key messages that are globally accepted.
- * In addition, the project would create narratives, stories and examples that showcase industry's role in agriculture.
- * Resulting from the above the current core communication messages are now being subjected to revision.
- * The CSC also reviewed an advocacy update delivered by Isabelle Coche highlighting three major components, namely, the alliance with IFPRI, RIO+20 and the public benefits project.
- * The elements of a social media strategy were also reviewed and updated.



L-R: Eva Erigsen, Tim Hassinger, Robert Hunter



CSC in Session-Brussels

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Stewardship Steering Committee Meeting

The Stewardship Steering Committee (SSC) met on 15 June in Brussels. The meeting was chaired by Eva Erisgen and attended by both company and regional association members. Keith Jones, Director of Stewardship and Sustainable Agriculture, reviewed the following salient issues:

IPM/RU

- * Multi-year projects on Responsible Use and IPM are encouraged in key countries.
- * Each region is expected to submit project proposals for 2-3 countries.

Container Management:

- * CropLife International encourages the launch of local country projects to use the CleanFarms brand and will provide free licence agreements to interested national associations.

Obsolete Stocks: Locust Pesticide Procurement

- * A proposal on future locust pesticide procurement has already been submitted by CLI to the FAO.
- * The FAO is to convene a workshop on this issue with the participation of the World Bank, manufactures, bilateral donors and recipient countries.

CoC: Highly Hazardous Pesticides

- * The current list under circulation of Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) has been adopted by the FAO and UNEP. This includes products under the Stockholm Convention and Class (a) and (b) of the WHO classification.
- * The CLI Code of Conduct Project Team is working on a position statement that redefines HHPs “back to risk “ rather than hazard, for discussion with the FAO later in the month.

Resistance Action Committees (RACs)

- * The integration of the RACs into the IPM / RU Project Team is underway.
- * The SSC also addressed the following issues:
 - * New formats are being developed to improve reporting and impact assessment of stewardship activities.
 - * The Stewardship Operational Plan and Budget for 2012 have been reviewed and agreed for submission to the CP Strategy Council.
 - * The first draft of the Stewardship Implementation Report will be distributed mid July.
 - * The Stewardship Stakeholder Dialogue Conference in Berlin on 18-20 Oct 2011 was reviewed covering the final agenda, facilitation and other operational aspects.
 - * The Stewardship Vision 2020 document was formally published in 2 versions for internal and external distribution.

Stewardship Steering Committee—
Brussels



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IFAD to alleviate rural poverty and boost Morocco's Taza Mountain zones economy

An IFAD press release mentions a US\$ 39.2 million Agricultural Value Chain Development Programme to help reduce poverty and boost the local economy of the mountain zones of Taza Province in Morocco.

About 48,000 poor rural people - smallholders, landless farmers, rural women and unemployed young people - living in the area will benefit from the programme.

IFAD will provide a loan of US\$22.5 million and a grant of US\$0.5 million to finance the programme. An agreement was signed today at IFAD headquarters by Hassan Abouyoub, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Italy and Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of IFAD.

"The programme will diversify the income sources of poor rural women, men and young people by promoting more profitable and better adapted higher value agricultural commodities," said Mounif Nourallah, IFAD's Country Programme Manager for Morocco. Production increases are expected to range from 20 per cent for meat to 200 per cent for honey.

"The programme will also enhance value-added at the farm level through processing, packaging and direct access to profitable markets," Nourallah said, adding that "the programme will ensure the sustainability of investments by supporting basic socio-economic infrastructure to address constraints facing value chain development."

The four value chains for olives, almonds, honey and red meat will be supported by the programme. The value-added to products will enable smallholders to achieve a greater autonomy in the long term. The programme will also develop public-private partnerships with local processing enterprises that will develop their own labels and marketing channels.

The programme will seek to build up the organizational and managerial skills of small-scale farmers and rural women engaged in value chain development. It will also finance functional literacy activities, giving priority to rural women, young people and grass-roots organizations.

The enhancement of rural financial services and the promotion of small and medium-sized rural enterprises will be a major component under the programme. It will be instrumental in building a permanent and viable network of income-generating activities to help boost the local economy and create employment opportunities, especially for women and young people.

With this project, IFAD will have financed 12 projects and programmes in Morocco for a total commitment of US\$188.0 million.



Mounif Nourallah



ToT- Sudan

The Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA) organized on 10-14 April 2011, in the city of Port Sudan, a ToT course, with major emphasis on the responsible use of pesticides..

Held under the auspices of the Sudanese Standards and Metrology Organisation (SSMO), the course was attended by 26 trainees from the SSMO, Customs, agricultural quarantine, locust control department and private sector disciplines.

The course was facilitated by Dr. Said Abdella, Training Consultant to CropLife Africa Middle East.

The 5 days programme provided interactive exercises covering facilitation skills with subject matter focused on responsible use of pesticides together with training materials and methods. All 26 participants passed the designated course tests and were awarded certificates of competence as certified master trainers on pesticide responsible use.



The Course Leader receiving his award from the Customs Authority



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ASP - South Africa

PMU Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the progress of the planned second phase of the project implementation.

The obstocks arising from the Limpopo project have been shipped to the UK for final destruction and the formal handover of the site by Veolia to Enviroserv took place on Monday 14 March. The NGO involved in the project conducted a monitoring operation during the packaging and transportation to the point that the stocks were loaded onto the vessel. A brief report from Veolia indicated that all but 100 drums have already been incinerated.

AVCASA confirmed that they have all the data from the booking line, up to end January 2011. They further confirmed that collection points had been identified and this information had been passed onto DEA. Outreach communications will continue with the farmers for Phase (2), up to the time of delivery of the obsolete stocks to the collection points.

Details of the tender process were communicated with the aim that the tender will be issued by end June with the closing date set for 5 August.

Hofontein Site Meeting

The following points were covered during the site meeting:

Enviroserv indicated that certain wastes remain on the site following the repacking operation.

The wastes shipped for international destruction and those disposed of locally were based on a final inventory schedule that had been agreed to by DEA, CLI, FAO, Enviroserv, Veolia and EWT. During the meeting it became apparent that Enviroserv had used a different schedule for the quotation to DEA for the non-hazardous wastes portion of the stocks.

A reconciliation of the list was undertaken using the "Final List" agreed to prior to shipment against the list referred to by Enviroserv.

The reconciliation was necessary in order to come to an agreement on the management of the hazardous and non hazardous components of the waste. Enviroserv would now dispose of the non hazardous component and invoice DEA. DEA would consider carrying over the hazardous component identified, to the upcoming ASP collection and disposal under Phase (2).

African Free Trade Area

On 13 June President Jacob Zuma of South Africa launched talks on Africa's biggest free trade bloc aimed at enhancing co-operation among 26 nations to boost economies in the continent. Zuma said at the launch of the initiative that plans are developing to join three trade blocs to form an \$ 875 billion market. The free trade area will help accelerate regional integration efforts aimed at ensuring African countries trade with each other on better terms.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC), East African Community (EAC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa intend to work as a joint bloc.

Ethiopia to Host WEF Africa in 2012

Ethiopia will host next year's World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa.

Richard Greenhill, managing director and chief business officer of WEF, announced earlier in the month that the 22nd WEF on Africa would be held in Addis Ababa from May 9-11 next year. This, after being hosted in Cape Town for most of the past 20 years and in Dar Es Salaam last year. Greenhill said Ethiopia was the second-most populous country in Africa. Its economy was expected to move to the third-fastest growth rate in the world, in the next few years.

ASP - Ethiopia



ASP Ethiopia is made up of three individual stages, the first two, multi-donor projects managed by the FAO, followed by the ASP as we know it today.

As with most projects of this nature, a greater volume of obsolete pesticides were discovered during the process of inventory taking and collection. In the case of Ethiopia, this has amounted to 420 tons and which will be managed under the ASP.

CropLife funded the contract for the repacking and disposal of 400 tons, part of the Phase (2) inventory. These stocks were recently repacked by an international hazardous waste company and made ready for shipment, which hopefully will take place within the four weeks.

The site cleaning process of the holding stores is presently underway



Left: Loading into Shipping Containers



Above: Containers being separately stored, awaiting shipment



Left: Cleaning up of the repacking and storage site

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Training—Zambia

In line with the continued development of the SSP programme in Zambia, the week of 6 June was spent on two elements of training, namely IPM and weed management for small scale farmers. This training intervention was undertaken together with our partner in the project, USAID/PROFIT.

The training comprised of the following and was facilitated by Herman Louw.

- * A one day refresher course focusing on IPM issues. The course content covered eight modules.
- * The introduction of the pilot training “Weed Control for Small-Scale Farmers”. The three day training which included time to review and critique the programme was regarded as highly successful. More importantly, it was also appreciated by the participants who recognised this as a vital tool in the overall SSP training programme.

(Right) A participant at the “weed control training programme”



Below: Training Group



South Africa



Douw Steyn, (extreme right) Environmental Director, Plastics Federation with Gerhard Verdoorn, Tom Mabesa and Nic Greyling of AVCASA

Container Management: the Plastics Federation meets with CropLife South Africa

The Plastics Federation of South Africa (PFSA) is changing its name and brand identity as part of its aim to represent a South African plastics industry that is dynamic, modern and in step with international developments.

From 1 September 2011, the organization will be known as Plastics | SA and will be rolling out a new visual identity that clearly identifies it with both the local and global markets.

A meeting took place with AVCASA on 27 June, at which the new direction of the organization was outlined with the aim of finding ways to accommodate the management and recycling of all types of plastic containers, including empty pesticide containers.

The new strategic direction of the organization will be set along the following components:

*Advocacy *Communications *Research *Training *Sustainability *Member Services

Within the category “sustainability” there are sub-groups, one being “container management” and it is in this area that the organization sees the pesticide industry playing a bigger role.

At the conclusion of the discussions a time-framed action plan was developed.

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Meeting with USAID Profit

USAID/PROFIT:

- * The USAID/PROFIT project will close at end September with the last two months allocated to audits and report writing. Technically the Project will close on 31 July.
- * On the future following the closure of USAID/PROFIT, there are three possible projects following. These are:

Profit Plus

- * Very similar to the current PROFIT project but with horticulture added.
- * The value chain will include oil seeds, horticulture and financing.
- * The project will be regional specific focusing on the Eastern Province, part of the Central Province and Lusaka Province
- * A four year project expected to commence either late 2011 or early 2012
- * Key bidders for the project are:
 - * ACIDI-VOCA
 - * Chemonics
- * This is a USAID funded project.

Zambia Economic Reliance (ZERS)

- * This is basically a split-out of the Profit Plus project aimed at the very basic level of the "small-scale" farmer. A degree of subsistence will be offered within this project, probably using a coupon system to redeem agro-inputs.
- * This will be a four year project funded by USAID and managed by CLUSA
- * The project is open to bidders.

MUSIKA

- * An exact replica to the current USAID/PROFIT project.
- * This is a five year project funded by SIDA
- * An element of this project will cover "environment". A discussion followed in which the possibility of an "empty pesticide management programme" could be included. Supporting documentation on this will be sent to the team shortly.

Important Note: The SSP's will be the backbone in all three projects.

Actions agreed upon before the closure of USAID/PROFIT

- * To have 2,500 active accredited SSP's in place before 31 July. CropLife Zambia to work with PROFIT on this. The Chief of Party to ensure the resources on the part of PROFIT.
- * The training booklet for SSP's to be finalized by end June and distributed electronically to all stakeholders.
- * Based on the success of the "herbicide training for small-scale farmers", a second and final training will take place in September before the project finally closes.

The "core group" – USAID/
PROFIT and CropLife



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CropLife Ethiopia



Marcos 3rd from left and Mesfin 4th from left with the new ExCo

On 31 May, CropLife Ethiopia held their General Assembly and the following two executives were elected to office:

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Responsible Use Training

CropLife Ethiopia together with Chemtex PLC conducted a Responsible Use training for 30 quality control experts of the government organization, Ethiopian Grain Tread Enterprises. This organization oversees the internal supply and distribution of grain stocks. The focus of the training was directed at the management of storage pests.



Getachew Cherinet of CropLife Ethiopia delivering his presentation

CropLife Zambia holds AGM



Maxas Bweupe Ng'onga, Chairman, CropLife Zambia



The AGM of CropLife Zambia (CLZ) took place on Friday 24th June 2011.

Among the key issues covered were the following;

- An increase in membership from 22 to 29 active members. (18 members attended the meeting)
- Time was spent on the need to ensure the sustainability of CLZ. It was explained that the USAID/PROFIT Project had been the backbone in supporting the financing of CLZ programmes as well as the operational expenses of the Secretariat. That this was now coming to an end on 31st July 2011 when the PROFIT project closes. A proposal to lift membership fees from 2 million kwacha (\$ 400) to 5 million (\$ 1000) effective July 1st 2011 was proposed and approved. This fee structure will help to maintain the operations of the Secretariat. In view of the pending closure of PROFIT, both MRI Agro and Syngenta offered to house the Secretariat and provide the necessary communications facilities.
- An important development mentioned was the growing relationship between Industry and the regulatory body, Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA). This has seen CLZ consulted on many of the programmes undertaken by ZEMA, one of which is the implementation of the 'Globally Harmonized Systems of Pesticide Labeling. CLZ has been appointed as a permanent member on the Agricultural Sector committee of the Project. ZEMA has also consulted CLZ on other related matters including the fight against counterfeit products and the management impact assessment on the use of DDT.
- The Tobacco sector has developed a Pesticide Compliant List and expressed interest in using CLZ to assist with the inclusion of Responsible Use aspects on the labels of these products and also to help disseminate this information to all suppliers and users. Owing to varied label instructions, the Tobacco Association indicated that they would like CLZ to help in the development of a standard label format for products used in tobacco.
- The SSP Programme was one of the highlights of the meeting. Members were given the opportunity to learn firsthand of the successes of the programme and the benefits this has brought, both to the farmers and the companies. Members were asked for continued commitment to the programme.
- The pilot training undertaken earlier in the month on Weed Management for the Small Scale Farmer was discussed and the need to have as many stakeholders trained to ensure an improved uptake of the "herbicide technology". Members are looking forward to the second and final training in Weed Management in September.
- The training in "Association Management" scheduled for early July received favourable support as members have now seen the need to actively become involved in the running of the Association.

In line with the constitution, office bearers carry a two-year term, hence the current ExCo under Maxas Bweupe Ng'onga will manage the association for a second year.

Upcoming Events

Association Training – Malawi & Zambia	July 4 - 8
Meeting with AOAD in Khartoum	July 6-7
Container Management FAO - JHB	July 25-26
Initiation of field promotion of Quality Scheme in Ghana	July 7-12
Budget, Reporting & Project Management Training	Aug 14
Hub and Regulatory Workshop, East and South Africa	Aug 16-17
POR training for AME team	Aug 18
Anti-Counterfeiting Training – Uganda/ Kenya/ Tanzania	Aug 29 - 2 Sep
ACDI-VOCA project launch event in Cairo	Sept 18
Global Container Mgt -Project Team Meeting—Lyon	Sep 20-22
Obsolete Stocks Project Team Meeting Lyon	Sep 20-22
Global Stewardship Workshop Berlin	Oct 18-19



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GROWING FOOD - CREATING RENEWABLES - SUPPLYING SUSTAINABLY

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