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IPM / RU: Launch of the CropLife IPM Course

The launch of the CropLife IPM course took place between 7 -10 September in Ghana for the Anglophone countries of West Africa. The session was chaired by Dr Vesper Suglu, Director, Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD). In Bamako, Mali, for Francophone countries, the course took place between 28 September and 2 October 2009. This session was chaired by A. Cissé, Technical Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture, representing the Minister of Agriculture.

The objective was to roll-out the IPM course and provide IPM tools to master trainers at country level. There were 16 participants from CropLife National Associations, being master trainers from the Hub or trainees from the previous ToT sessions. 10 ATP sponsored trainers from farmers based organisations in Ghana (6) and Mali (4) also attended the training.

Copperfield Banini who facilitated a training of this nature for the first time was put under pressure by this active group. The participants came from very varied backgrounds. Despite this, 11 of the 14 participants scored 50% and higher in the pre and post testing.

Participants at the Bamako session were more similar in background with the majority holding university degrees in agronomy or plant protection. Both groups are regularly involved in pesticide use/handling and/or occupied in field activities.

Participants from both sessions provided positive feedback on the facilitators and the course which they noted was both interesting and valuable and recommend that the training be extended to various other stakeholders. It was felt that the course should be extended to 5-6 days and that this should also include a field visit.

All attendees pledged to conduct training with other stakeholders and provide report back to the national associations and CropLife AME.



The Facilitator Copperfield Banini (left corner) giving clear explanations to the participants individually (L) and collectively (R) during the sessions.

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Top Left: Dr V. Sugu, Director PPRSD, congratulates CropLife for the initiative of the course & presents certificates to one of the participants (Right)



Malian TV ORTM (L) and newspapers (R) consistently reported on the workshop throughout the week



Above: Abdaramane Cissé, Technical Counsellor, representing the Ministry of Agriculture was presented copies of the CropLife AME annual report, handout of the "Farming First" and a CD of the E-Learning tool by B. Yao, WCA Hub Coordinator



Group Participants proudly showing their certificates

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IPM/RU: Follow Up Training

Follow-Up (Subject Matter Training) took place between 14 – 16 September 2009 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The objective was to provide basic technical knowledge to farmers and retailers to enable them to handle pesticides and to test trainer (trainees of previous ToT's) capacity for facilitating training sessions.

6 trainers of which 4 were from CropLife Cameroon and 2 from the Ministry of Agriculture attended the programme. They are scheduled to facilitate sessions for 29 retailers and members of farmers' organizations. The outcome of this session was:

- improved trainer facilitation skills in terms of lesson preparation and use of training materials
- greater willingness and engagement of the trainers to improve their skills
- enhanced knowledge of trainees (retailers and farmers) for safe and responsible use in the handling of pesticides

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Following the recommendations of the recent workshop on counterfeits and illegal trade of pesticides in Côte d'Ivoire, CropLife Côte d'Ivoire in cooperation with the public organization for agricultural research and counselling (FIRCA) prepared radio and TV messages as tools to educate farmers and other users and stakeholders on the issues and impacts of such illegal practices.

COOPERATION & ALLIANCES

The Agribusiness and Trade Promotion (ATP) Project was initiated on 10 September 2009 at the ATP offices in Accra, Ghana. This was attended by R. Vogelsperger and Rose Lum Wanzie from ATP and B. Yao from CropLife AME. The aim of the meeting was to prepare the 2010 common (ATP-CropLife AME) work plan.

A draft plan is now being finalized to be submitted for adoption by both ATP and CropLife AME. The activities will focus primarily on capacity building through training as follows:

- ToT's to build up a pool of 60 trainers for subject matters and cascade downwards training on cereals
- IPM and ISFM to strengthen capacity and competence for 80 trainers on specific topics
- Production of training materials to support the above activities
- Training of 5000 farmers involved in maize production during the first quarter of 2010. The National Associations of the CropLife AME network will link in to various farmers organizations and other partners of ATP for the programme activities

ATP sponsored the participation of 10 farmers in the IPM training in Accra and Bamako to mark the cooperation under the MoU.



R. Vogelsperger and Rose L. Wanzie from ATP

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ASP-MALI

29 & 30 September 2009 saw the launch of "Pesticides Management Support Network" derived from the Pesticides Stocks Management System (PSMS). This initiative is to build capacity for the sound optimization of management of pesticides in the country. The programme is conducted under the prevention component of ASP activity, and is operational in the 7 ASP-P1 countries.



Officials at the opening ceremony of the PSMS workshop

There were 104 participants made up of Ministerial Departments, representatives from the 8 Regional Administrations, representatives of pesticides management services, FAO / World Bank representatives, journalists/media, CropLife Mali, customs and FBO's.

Presentations were made to update participants on the issue and give an overview on the objective of the programme as follows:

- * PSMS Database (objective/concept, structure, functions) by Dr. Mohamed AMMATI, FAO, Rome
- * Using PSMS: ASP-Mali Case by Dr Cheikh Hamallah SYLLA, Specialist Pesticides Management PASP Mali
- * Why a PSMS Network in Mali, by Mr. Cheik B. BATHILY, Programmes, FAO, Mali

Participants also visited the storage site of Sanankoroba, 40 km from Bamako. The workshop agreed on the nature, institutional framework and the functioning of the network for a rational and transparent management of pesticides in Mali.

The main objective is to prevent the build-up of pesticides so to protect human, animal health, the environment and biodiversity. The network will conduct frequent surveys on the pesticides in stores, manage a database on stocks, collect and disseminate information on pesticide use and flow (import, donations...), reduce risks from empty containers and build capacity for stakeholders implicated in pesticides handling. Supporting funding will be sought from FAO, GEF, UNEP, FFEM, WB, WHO, WAEMU/ECOWAS, AU, NEPAD, CILSS and the private sector. CropLife Mali is expected to be a key player in the network.



Participants at the workshop

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The purpose of the visit was to explore with the Executive President on the feasibility of the CropLife Quality Project. Discussions took place with a broad spectrum of stakeholders who generally were in favour for the introduction of the project.

During the visit the opportunity was taken to get an update on the status of the ASP in Tanzania and to explore possible synergisms with the Quality Project.

Time was also taken to meet with the CNFA Programme Director to assess the training that was provided to this organisation during 2009 and to develop plans for 2010. Regarding possible support for the Quality Project, CNFA would like to be involved in the roll-out of the programme.



Rudolf Guyer with several of the stakeholders involved in the discussions



Rudolf Guyer with Wilson Songa, Agriculture Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya

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Waste Management

Development of a Revised Waste Classification System for South Africa

The 2nd Stakeholder Meeting took place on 16 September 2009. The programme covered the following:

- * Key issues from the "Needs Assessment Report"
- * Local Literature Review
- * International Literature Review
- * Proposed Waste Classification Framework
- * Proposal for Acceptable Re-Use of Waste
- * Way forward



Dee Fischer, Director: Waste Stream Management addressing the audience

CropLife International Container Management Project Team Committee Meeting

The CLI CMPT Committee Meeting took place in Monheim Germany on 21 & 22 September.

Items covered comprised of the following:

- * A re-visit of the Vision and Mission to assess whether we are still on the right track
- * The Committee's objectives for 2009 – 2010
- * Cost comparisons; Data and KPI's from country operations.
- * Triple rinsing communication's material
- * Pilot programmes
- * Hazardous vs. non- hazardous countries
- * Recycling vs. Incineration
- * Technical underpinnings – control of the plastic end uses
- * Global Branding
- * End-Use applications
- * Distribution of minutes to country managers



Members of the CLI Container Management Project Team Committee

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North Africa Middle East

SAGA Elect New Executive Board

The Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA) held its General Assembly meeting on 13 September 2009 at the Harizon Hotel in Khartoum where a new executive board was elected for a 4-year term of office extending to the year 2013.

The new board comprises of the following members:

- President - Sirelkhatim Omer Hassan
- Vice-President - Mohamed Abdalla Ali
- Secretary General - Faisal Mohamed Ali
- Deputy Secretary - Sami Elias
- Treasurer - Abdelrahim Abdelrahman
- Board member - Eidalla Mohamed Yousif
- Board member - Eltay eb Ahmed Hassan
- Board member - Tariq Tag Elsir
- Board member - Ahmed Abdelrahman Aldoma

The General assembly also approved in principle the prospective restructuring of the association through the formation of several specialized commissions to address various aspects of the association's activities.



President—SAGA



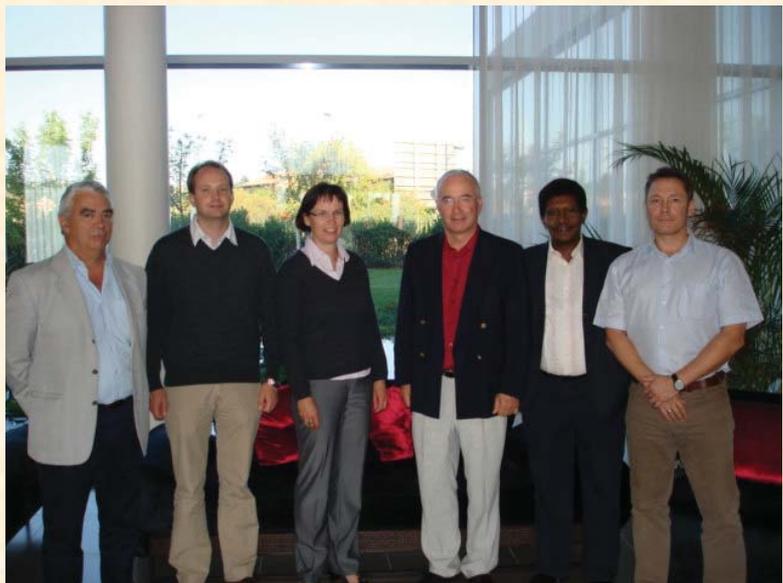
Secretary General—SAGA

Regional Regulatory Committee Meets in Lyon

On 8 September 2009 the Regional Regulatory Committee (RRC) of CropLife AME held its second face to face meeting this year at the Ambassador Hotel in Lyon, France.

Chaired by President Rudolf Guyer the meeting also included Xavier Schmid (Dow), Markus Diehl (BASF), Marion Beckmann (Bayer), Michael Studer (Syngenta), Bernhard Johnen (CLI) and Ali Mohamed Ali (CLAME)

Major topics covered in the meeting were the Better Regulation Project presented by Bernard Johnen and regulatory developments in North Africa Middle East. The meeting discussed and agreed on the industry response to several recently issued lists of banned pesticides at the National level. Finally the forthcoming annual meeting in Dubai and the agenda for regulatory discussions was reviewed and approved.



RRC Group in Lyon

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SYRIA

CropLife Syria Launches IPM training

With the support of CropLife AME and CropLife International, the Syrian association, CropLife Syria, organized the 1st launch of the global IPM course between 4 - 8 October 2009.

The course convened at the Agricultural Sciences and Extension Training Centre in Damascus under the patronage of the Syrian Ministry of Agriculture and was facilitated by Dr. Said Abdella of CropLife Egypt and Dr. Keith Jones of CropLife International.

Participants comprised of 21 trainees from the various departments of the Crop Protection Directorate of the MOA. The course covered basics of IPM, pesticide classification, toxicity, human health and environmental protection. A major part of the course was devoted to bio-pesticides and their impact on IPM programmes, together with related procedures for registration.

Dr. Abdel Hakim Mohamed, Director of the Plant Protection Directorate commended the organization of the course and expressed the MOA's commitment to cascade down the IPM training in Syria.

Mr. Elias Salhani, President of CropLife Syria confirmed their long-term commitment to Responsible Use and IPM training.

The local Syrian press provided intensive coverage on the course organization and impact.



IPM Course Group—Syria



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