

East & Southern Africa

Hub & Regulatory Workshop - Dar Es Salaam

“Obsolete Pesticides & Container Management – Moving towards a Sustainable Solution”

The E & SA Hub Meeting and Regulatory Workshop took place in Dar Es Salaam on 24 + 25 August.

The theme of the conference was “**Obsolete Pesticides & Container Management – Moving towards a Sustainable Solution**” with the keynote address delivered by Chris Waller.

The conference was officially opened by Mrs. Sophia E. Kaduma, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives.

Presentations covered included the following:



- * Anti-Counterfeiting in East Africa - Rudolf Guyer
- * Solving Africa’s Weed Problem: Increasing Crop Production & Improving the lives of Women - Leonard Gianessi supported by Jay Vroom from the CropLife Foundation.
- * Developing Markets and Enhancing Food Security - Alexis Ellicott of CNFA.
- * Core Messages & Communication Tools - Anna Riley
- * Review of Stewardship 2009 KPI’s in line with Vision 2010 - Manon Dohmen
- * “Telling the Training Story” - Herman Louw
- * Reinforcing “The Code of Conduct - Bama Yao
- * Success Stories - National Associations
- * Media & Message Training Workshop - Anna Riley

Day (3) focused on the National Associations only and covered “Developing a Roadmap towards a Sustainable Solution” and “Proposal Writing”. A field trip was then arranged for the group to view “Safe Guarded” stocks at a government warehouse.



3rd SADC Regional Stakeholder Meeting on regulatory harmonization of pesticides, Gaborone, Botswana	Sep 7 - 10
Container Management Project Team & Country Managers Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey	Sep 20 - 22
RRC Meeting (4) Germany	Sep 27 - 28
NAME Hub & Regulatory Meeting, Damascus, Syria	Oct 26 -27
Anti-Counterfeiting Customs Training, pilot workshop, Damascus, Syria	Oct 25
CLAME ExCo (4), Damascus, Syria	Oct 28
Off Patents & Generic Conference , Brussels	Nov 23

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Regulatory Workshop

Back-to-back with the Hub Meeting, Bernhard Johnen conducted a regulatory workshop titled "Principles of Regulation".

The majority of Registrars within the region participated together with representatives from SADC and COMESA.

Bernhard Johnen presenting to the regulatory group

Awards

During the "formal dinner" recognition was made to the following:

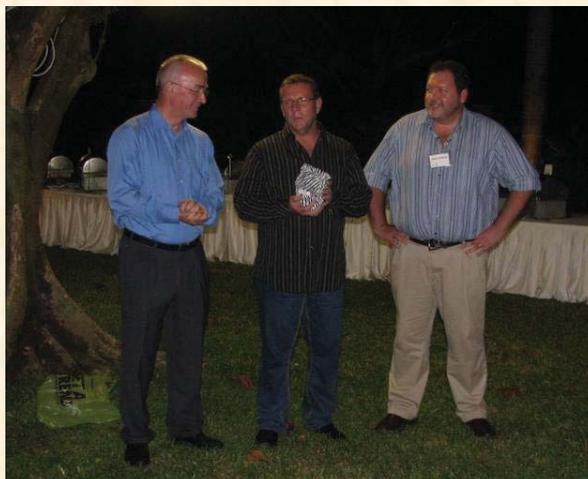
- * CropLife Kenya Excellence in Association Leadership
- * CropLife Uganda Excellence in the Start-up of Container Management
- * Marilza Kieck Excellence in the Regulatory Harmonisation Process
- * Herman Louw Excellence in Training Development



Rudolf Guyer & Kobus Steenekamp presenting the award to Richard Sikuku and AK Otieno



The presentation being made to Marilza Kieck



The presentation being made to Herman Louw

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FANRPAN Regional Food Security Policy Dialogue

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Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network

The last week of August, Namibia played host to the 2010 FANRPAN Regional Food Security Policy Dialogue, where over 200 policymakers, farmers, agricultural product dealers, scientists and non-governmental organizations from across Africa and the world gathered to address African priorities on food security and climate change and its impacts on agricultural development, natural resource management and rural livelihoods.

Food security in Africa is still only an aspiration. With one-quarter of the world's arable land, Africa produces only 10 per cent of its total global output. More than 265 million people are still chronically hungry, yet Africa is estimated to hold 60 per cent of the world's remaining uncultivated farmland

Stagnant agricultural productivity is a constant battle in Africa, exacerbated by limited access to agricultural inputs, to water, to markets and to knowledge. The impacts of climate change add yet another obstacle in front of African farmers who are seeking to sustain themselves and their families. Developing countries stand to bear the brunt of climate change, while being the least resilient to extreme or erratic weather patterns, such as floods, droughts, salinity exposure and unpredictable rainfall.

The potential for agriculture to boost rural livelihoods, reduce poverty and underpin other sectors of the economy is well established. Agriculture is the most important source of livelihood throughout Africa, accounting for more than 70 per cent of total employment and 65 per cent of that figure is made up of women farmers.

Africa's agricultural sector has the potential not only to feed its own people but to become the breadbasket of the world. It is estimated that Africa produces only 10 per cent of the world's crops despite representing roughly 25 per cent of land under cultivation. Africa also has 60 per cent of the world's uncultivated arable with the potential for African yields to grow in value more than three-fold by the year 2030, from \$280 billion today to \$880 billion.

To achieve this, agricultural tools and knowledge must be made accessible to farmers to increase their yields and adapt to new climate scenarios. Africa needs its own agricultural revolution built on technology and innovation, and facilitated by a favourable policy environment aligned with the needs of African farmers.

Both CLAME and CLI were represented at the conference and at which Isabelle Coche undertook the presentation on "Farming First".



The Hon. Sindiso Ngwenya presenting the FANRPAN award to the Hon. Abraham Lyambo, Min of Education on behalf of H.E. Hifikepunye Lucas Pohamba.

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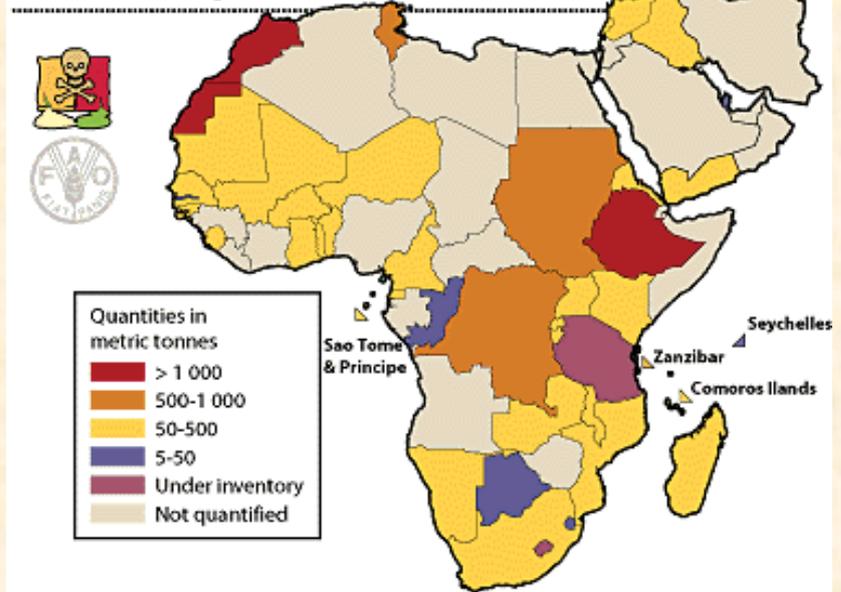
ASP South Africa – PMU Meeting

The PMU meeting was held on 5 August.

Key points from the meeting are:

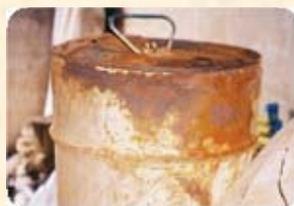
- The approval for Basel notification has been received from the UK Environmental Agency and will be sent to Veolia UK through Veolia SA. A copy was sent to CLI for record keeping.
- Feedback on government held stocks was presented with a schedule of stocks from “Working for Water”. A follow-up is to be made with SANPARKS, DFF and both provinces, Free State and Western Cape. A request was received from the Correctional Services (Barberton) to include the obstocks currently held into the project. This was accepted.
- The advertising of the “booking-line” will through Grain SA, AgriSA, local radio stations, national TV, SMS’s etc.

Inventory of obsolete and unwanted pesticide stocks



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- The model of the draft booking-line was presented and the operation detailed. A suggestion was made for DEA to meet with the GIS section to discuss the possibility of logging the agro-dealerships on GIS.
- It was suggested that discussions take place with FAO / TSU to finalise the EIA requirements.
- Progress has been made on developing the tender document and plans are in place to have this completed by mid August.
- There was a suggestion that a PSC meeting should be called to inform stakeholders on the continuous implementation of the ASP. A suggested date of 19 October was tabled.
- It was confirmed that the EMP Peer Review had been completed and submitted to the Bank for a “no objection”.
- The name of the laboratory used by Veolia to be sent to AVCASA
- With regard to the Technology Review and Assessment, the consultants are currently working on the project which is taking longer than anticipated to complete and have asked for a time extension before the next meeting.



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Above: Participants during the training

Below: The Group with the certificates



Stewardship & Sustainable Agriculture

IPM / RU training took place in Cameroon on 20-21 July in Nkongsamba, 3-4 August in Buea and 11-12 August in Garoua. There were 72 participants made up as follows:

- * 37 farmers
- * 10 trainers
- * 5 extension agents
- * 20 retailers / dealers / stockists

The training sessions were organized under the joint training program of CropLife Cameroon and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development with the aim to provide knowledge and tools to the participants for the safe handling and responsible use of pesticides.

The training covered:

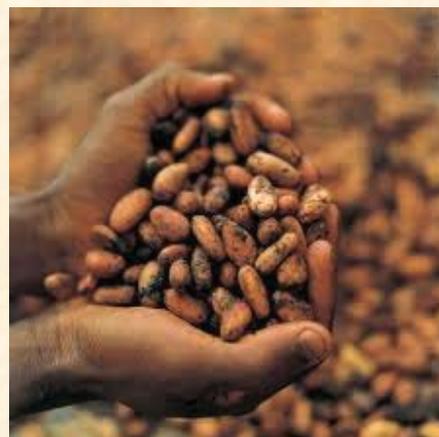
- * Basics on pesticides (mode of action and formulation)
- * Labels, labeling and toxicity / risks
- * Stewardship
- * Counterfeits and illegal pesticides
- * Principles of IPM
- * Disposal of pesticide containers
- * PPE

Alliances & Cooperation - GHANA -COTE D'IVOIRE

The Sustainable Cocoa Production Forum took place on 25 – 27 August in Accra, Ghana. Attendees included COCOBOD/Ghana, Cocoa-Coffee Sector Management Committee (Comité de Gestion de la filière Café-Cacao, CGFCC) of Côte d'Ivoire, farmers etc

The Forum was an initiative between Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana to set up a bilateral cooperation between the two countries on various issues related to the cocoa production/business. The forum was organised to exchange views on issues of certification, child labour, smuggling, and Ag. Research. On the Ag Research issue:

- * A request was made that the private sector, in particular CropLife AME be involved in future meetings;
- * That there is a need to consider farmers/producer needs and expectations and consumer requirements for a sustained cocoa economy;
- * Bama Yao, WCA hub Coordinator confirmed the availability of CropLife Africa Middle East/International to share knowledge and expertise and provide tools to achieve the goals for sustainability;
- * The future participation of both CropLife Côte d'Ivoire and CropLife Ghana was confirmed.



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Senegal

IPM / RU training took place on 15-30 June in, Sédhiou and Goudomp (Casamance), Senegal. 232 participants attended made up of 232 farmers of which there were 197 males and 35 females, from 59 villages. The training session was organized in order to share knowledge and provide IPM tools so as to control fruits flies for mango production.

The Training covered:

- Morphological, biological characteristics and behavior of major fruits flies in mango orchards;
- Protection tools (cultural, biological, chemical and post-harvest treatments);

The sessions were sponsored by the rural development support program (Programme d'Appui au Développement Rural en Casamance, PADERCA) and the management unit of the National Agricultural and Rural National Counsel Agency (Agence National du Conseil Agricole et Rural, ANCAR) of the Kolda region.



Above: Farmers at the IPM session receiving explanations: Below Exercising for the preparation of traps with adapted local materials (Photos Courtesy CropLife Senegal)



North Africa Middle East

On invitation from International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the Regional Coordinator attended a 3-day workshop organized in Addis Ababa between 17-19 August 2010 at the Campus of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

The major focus of the workshop concentrated on the discussion and critique of the Consultative Group on International Research (CGIAR) Mega Programme (2)-(MP2) which is a comprehensive research guideline that resulted from an e-consultation involving 250 stakeholders of CGIAR (The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research).

Over the 3 days, more than 60 participants presented an external advisory panel to IFPRI/CGIAR, and provided for detailed study and critique of the e-consultation documents of Mega Programme (2)-(MP2) which was titled "Policies, Institutions and Markets to Strengthen Assets and Agricultural Incomes For the Poor."

The MP2 has the following 3 major sub components that are set to direct research targets for CGIAR in the short and long term:

- * Component (1): Policies and Investment That Enable Pro-poor growth
- * Component (2): Enabling Institutions and Governance for the poor
- * Component (3): Value Chains linking Small Farmers to Markets

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The overall programme (MP2) was based on the following baseline assumptions:

- * Current policies fail to address emerging global challenges
- * Agricultural policies do not address the needs of smallholders
- * Inadequate policies result in under investment or policy distortion in agriculture
- * Policies are often ineffectively implemented due to weak institutions and governance
- * Few policies support farmer organisations and producer groups

The MP2 consultation panel has provided for the following

- * Inputs from participants on the proposal
- * Addressed research outputs and impact pathways
- * Mapped out partnerships with recommendation on cooperation with multinational R&D based industry

It is worth mentioning that the final MP2 document (the final submission document) will be concluded by Sept 2010 and be submitted to potential donors for support of MP2 research programmes.

The required funding proposed for MP2 falls in the tune of US\$ 70 Million per annum expected to be met by bilateral and multilateral donors.



MP2 Breakout Groups

MP2 Interactive sessions, ILRI Addis Ababa



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Other Regional News

CropLife Kenya Reviews and Strengthens Efforts against Counterfeit Pesticides

Gerwin Bouillon, member of the global Anti Counterfeiting Steering Committee and Rudolf Guyer, Executive President, CropLife Africa Middle East visited the Kenyan national association in August to review and discuss the best way forward for adopting anti-counterfeiting practices in that country.

The visit program included special bilateral discussions with the management of some of the member companies, a general discussion with the Anti Counterfeiting Steering Committee as well as with the Pesticide Control Product Board (PCPB) and with the Kenyan Plant Health Institute (KEPHIS).

In addition to the above time was taken to visit the Kitengela incineration facility and a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Agriculture for discussions with the Agricultural Secretary.

The Kenyan government as well as our local association has made the fight against counterfeit a key priority. Just recently two investigations led to seizures of counterfeit pesticides and further prosecution is now awaited. Both raids have received media coverage in the press and television. To cope with the issue of counterfeit pesticides the local association recently established a special committee in charge of the governance of this project. More resources will be added over the coming weeks to implement their ambitious action plan.

Cooperation between the private sector and respective government institutions works quite well in Kenya. Intensive and open discussions with all involved stakeholders are taking place between the PCPB, KEPHIS and CropLife. Wherever possible joint actions and investigations are planned and implemented. The PCPB urges industry to speed up the introduction of more sophisticated packaging and security devices. "Producers of counterfeit products have become so smart today that even company staff cannot recognize their own and authentic product packs" Gladys N. Maina from the PCPB told her visitors.

Therefore a lot of training and education remains to be done over the coming years particularly in rural areas where farmers and local retailers are suffering the most from these illegal activities.

For details of the well designed local campaign against counterfeit products, contact can be made with Richard Sikuku of CropLife Kenya. There is even a video from the latest seizure available.



Discussions at the Kitengela Incineration Plant with Dr. Mwabe



Courtesy visit and discussions with the Agricultural Secretary, Dr. A. Songa



Meeting with Gladys Maina at the Office of the PCPB



Meetings with CropLife Kenya at their Offices

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Malawi

CropLife Malawi Delegate Attends Kenya Training

Patrick Khonje, of CropLife Malawi attended a 2 day technical briefing, 29-30 June, 2010, and an 8 day hands-on training 1-9 July, 2010, in the safeguarding of pesticide stocks and stores in Kenya. The training was organized and sponsored by CropLife International, in collaboration with CropLife Kenya and the government of Kenya – Ministry of Agriculture, under the “CleanFarms” Kenya initiative.

The training was given by Veolia Environmental Services, presided over by Nick Morgan, Head of International Sales and Field Services. Participants comprised of 14 members from Environmental & Combustion Consultants Ltd. (ECC), a local hazardous waste management company, members of the Obsolete Pesticides Safeguarding Project in Kenya, Agrochemical Association of Kenya, members of the Pesticide Control Board, and the Ministry of Agriculture. David Laycock, “CleanFarms” Project Consultant, was present, and gave sound advice and guidance throughout the programme.

The two day Technical briefing covered aspects of pesticide hazards, risk assessment of personal protective clothing, planning of Safeguarding, site management and controls, management of pesticide storage sites, the transportation of dangerous goods by road and manual handling. The subsequent 8 day safeguarding, collection, transport and storage pilot scheme in Thika and Kabete, showcased real life situations and challenges. The “CleanFarms” Malawi Safeguarding Project was launched on 8 March 2010 and stands to benefit from the lessons and experienced gained in Kenya.



Patrick with David Laycock, Vasey Mwaja and Nick Morgan

Patrick undergoing training using the correct Personal Protection Equipment



Article submitted by Patrick Khonje - CropLife Malawi

Uganda

Anti Counterfeiting Raids - Uganda



Four teams of Inspectors from the Ministry of Agriculture inspected and impounded counterfeit crop protection products in Uganda last month.

The inspection was carried out in two regions, the Eastern Region and the Central Region

In the Eastern Region, 76 shops were raided and in the Central Region, 60 shops

The most common counterfeited products found were "Round Up, Dithane and Cypermethrin".

Inspectors from the Ministry of Agriculture have impounded the products.

The Ministry of Agriculture went on to say that due to under staffing and inadequate finance these raids can only be undertaken on an ad hoc basis

Inspector John Mwanja at "container village" in Kampala

Inspector John Mwanja recording inspecting shops in the Iganga District.



The Anti-Counterfeiting Bill was tabled on the 14th September in parliament by the Minister of State for Trade, Mr. Gaggawale Wambuzi for discussion and ratification.

Article submitted by Betty Atto - CropLife Uganda

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