

International Workshop on “Agro-Input Dealers Development in Africa” 8 –12 December—Arusha, Tanzania



Group photo at Agro-Input Dealer Workshop

The International Workshop on “Agro Input Dealers Development in Africa” took place on 8—12 December 2008 in Arusha, Tanzania. The workshop was hosted by IFDC and sponsored by the East African Community (EAC)

The objective of the programme was to enhance the capacity of private-sector agricultural input dealers and others involved in agribusiness development as well as to foster efficient and effective market-based supply systems for quality inputs and extension services. The presentations, group discussions and field visit covered a variety of technical and business skills that will go a long way to assist dealers expand their business networks and improve cost-effectiveness. The programme also helped dealers understand and manage uncertainty in a time of high prices. The current food and fertilizer crises make this subject especially timely.

There were 47 participants from 12 countries, focusing primarily on East & Southern Africa.

CLAME gave two presentations namely: “The Promotion of Responsible Use of Crop Protection Products in Africa” and “The Strategy to Promote the Sale of Crop Protection Products in the Small-Scale Farming Sector of East Africa”. Both were well received and provided the opportunity to cover topics such as “Stewardship and Counterfeiting” in some detail.

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ATELIER INTERNATIONAL SUR «LE DEVELOPPEMENT DES REVENDEURS D'INTRANTS AGRICOLES EN AFRIQUE» 08-12 Décembre, Arusha, Tanzanie.

L'atelier international sur le Développement des revendeurs d'intrants agricoles en Afrique s'est tenu du 08 au 12 Décembre 2008 à Arusha en Tanzanie. L'atelier a été accueilli par l'IFDC et sponsorisé par la Communauté d'Afrique de l'Est (East African Community, EAC).

L'atelier qui a enregistré 47 participants de 12 pays d'Afrique de l'est et australe avait pour objectif de renforcer les capacités des revendeurs d'intrants agricoles du secteur privé et d'autres acteurs impliqués dans le développement de l'agrobusiness pour promouvoir des systèmes de fourniture effectifs et efficaces d'intrants de qualité. Les présentations et débats et les visites de terrain portant sur des thèmes techniques variés vont aider les participants à étendre leurs réseaux, aider à améliorer l'efficacité, et gérer les incertitudes commerciales.

Les 2 présentations de CropLife Africa Middle East sur la « Promotion de l'Utilisation Responsable des Produits de la Protection des Plantes » et sur la « Stratégie pour Promouvoir la Fourniture de Produits de Protection des Plantes au Petit Paysan en Afrique de l'Est » ont reçu un écho favorable et ont permis d'aborder des sujets importants comme le stewardship et les contre-façons.

East & Southern Africa

Meeting with CNFA - Tanzania and Kenya

We have been struggling to find a suitable "training partner" for CropLife Tanzania and recently learned of the AGRA funding that had been directed to CNFA for the development of the "agro-input dealer network" in certain countries, of which Tanzania is included. This led to an exchange of correspondence with Josefynne Miingi – Kaiza during which "values and objectives" were confirmed and finally the structured meeting in Arusha. The meeting was attended by:

- Josefynne Miingi – Kaiza, CNFA Ag Business & Agricultural Services, Tanzania
- Steven O. Ngwalla, CNFA Business & Financial Services Manager, Kenya
- Mbiliyi Erasto, CNFA Trainer, Entrepreneurship & Business Development
- Cosmas Matanda, President, CropLife Tanzania.
- Timothy Wesonga, East African Community (EAC) Secretariat

A very productive meeting took place with the following conclusions:

CNFA plan to complete the training of 2000 agro-dealers by end 2010

They would like a CLAME ToT training for their 15 commercial trainers, the timing of which was suggested as the 1st quarter 2008, preferably February. Training to be held in Morogora (approx 194 km from Dar).

CNFA is to conduct a series of Responsible Use (RU) trainings to cover the 2000 dealerships by end 2010. It was agreed that if required we would manage the first of these training sessions at which the 15 Commercial Trainers could participate as observers and gain first-hand experience.

CNFA is extremely keen to follow-up the RU training with the CLIPM training when this is rolled out.

Timothy Wesonga (EAC Secretariat) will be advised of all trainings which are of a regional nature. It should be remembered that the EAC has harmonised on the SEARCH registration requirements.

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L-R: Josef yne Miingi – Kaiza, Steven O. Ngwalla & Mbilinyi Erasto

Timothy Wesonga of the EAC Secretariat with Les Hillowitz

Rencontre CNFA Tanzanie et Kenya

Une rencontre enrichissante a eu lieu pour coordonner les « visions et objectifs » entre CNFA et CropLife Tanzanie dans le cadre des activités de formation pour le développement d'un réseau de revendeurs d'intrants agricoles. Ont pris part à cette rencontre:

- * Josefynne Miingi – Kaiza, CNFA Agrobusiness & Services Agricoles, Tanzanie
- * Steven O. Ngwalla, CNFA Business & Directeur des Services Financiers, Kenya
- * Mbilinyi Erasto, Formateur CNFA, Entrepreneuriat & Développement des Affaires
- * Cosmas Matanda, Pdt CropLife Tanzanie
- * Timothy Wesonga, East Secrétariat Communauté d'Afrique de l'Est.

Les résolutions de cette rencontre portent sur:

La formation par CNFA de 2000 revendeurs d'ici 2010.

Une session de ToT's pour les 15 formateurs de CNFA au cours du premier trimestre 2008.

Les formations d'Utilisation Responsable pour les revendeurs d'ici 2010.

Le besoin d'informer T. Wesonga de toutes les formations en cours au niveau regional.

CropLife Uganda

Following the CropLife Uganda Annual General Meeting held on 11 December 2008, Fred Mduuli was re-elected as President of the National Association. We look forward to our continued and excellent relationship with Fred.

Fred Mduuli—President CropLife Uganda



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Kenya signs MoU for Safeguarding of Obsolete Stocks

The Ministry of Agriculture and CropLife International have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration on the identification and safeguarding of obsolete crop protection products in Kenya.

Under the MoU, CropLife and the MoA will carry out a project to locate and identify unwanted and obsolete pesticides in both the public and private sectors. Where highly hazardous stocks are found, the likely risks to nearby communities and to the environment will be assessed. In a second part of the project, CropLife intends to facilitate the safeguarding of any highly hazardous stocks to significantly reduce the risks they may pose. Safeguarding will involve repacking of any stocks in deteriorating packs and moving all hazardous stocks into secure storage.

The Kenyan project forms part of CropLife International's contribution to the African Stockpiles Programme and is aimed at reducing the potential for future environmental damage from obsolete pesticides in Africa through safeguarding. It is expected that final destruction of the safeguarded stocks in Kenya will be carried out under a future ASP project.



Dr. Kiome, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, presenting the signed MoU to Mr. Daniel Kagwe (Chairman, CropLife Kenya on behalf of CropLife International). Looking on is Dr. Wilson Songa (Agriculture Secretary, MoA) and Professor Vasey Mwaja (Special Advisor to CropLife Kenya). The MoU was signed on December 18th 2008.

Le Kenya Signe un Protocole d'Accord pour la Sécurisation de Stocks

Le Ministre de l'Agriculture et CropLife International ont conclu un accord de collaboration pour l'identification et la sécurisation de pesticides obsolètes.

Par ce protocole CropLife et le Ministère de l'Agriculture vont conduire un projet visant à localiser et identifier les pesticides obsolètes aussi bien dans les secteurs publics que privés. Des évaluations de risques seront engagées pour les communautés avoisinantes et l'environnement. CropLife entend faciliter la sécurisation des stocks dangereux pour en réduire significativement les risques.

Le projet kenyan fait partie de la contribution de CropLife International au Projet Africain de Pesticides Périmés visant à éliminer les stocks de pesticides obsolètes du continent, réduire les risques posés par ces pesticides, et prévenir de nouvelles accumulations.

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West & Central Africa

Formation en Cascade-CropLife Sénégal



Participants visiting a plot of tomato plants for pests and diseases diagnosis. (Courtesy M. Badiane, Sénégal)

Une formation de 3 jours conduite par Mamadou Badiane a regroupé 134 participants dont 98 femmes dans la région de Kolda, Sénégal, sur le diagnostic et la gestion des ravageurs et maladies de la tomate.

Les participants ont été instruits sur les symptômes et identification corrects des principaux ravageurs et maladies, des mesures de contrôle mais surtout sur la manipulation responsable des pesticides pendant le stockage, l'utilisation, et sur l'élimination des emballages vides.

Cascade Training in Burkina Faso

Cascade Training conducted by Aboulaye Drabo took place in Burkina Faso, with the following aims:

- * Build capacity for growers and extension agents on responsible use of new products (a.i's, formulations, packaging...)
- * Sensitize producers on GAP's;
- * Sensitize producers on risks related to the mis-use of pesticides.
- * Sensitize on container collection management

The training included a 4 day field trip to test plots/sites involving over 150 cotton growers in the growing areas of Dédougou, Koudougou, N'Dorola. Discussions covered the proper handling of pesticides and management of products for effectiveness in pest control, overuse of products, the safety of users and farm workers and protection of the environment. Future visits will be organized for other cotton growers on other sites.

Formation en Cascade-Burkina Faso

L'utilisation responsable des pesticides en culture cotonnière a fait l'objet de la formation organisée pour 150 producteurs des régions cotonnières de Dédougou, Koudougou et N'Dorola et dispersée par Aboulaye Drabo. Les thèmes abordés ont porté sur :

- * l'utilisation responsable de nouveaux produits,
- * la sécurité des utilisateurs et les risques liés aux dérives d'utilisation
- * la gestion des emballages
- * les bonnes pratiques agricoles et la protection de l'environnement.

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STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

A Training of Trainers organized by CropLife Côte d'Ivoire took place at the Association's offices in Abidjan between 15 – 19 December 2008. The objective was to improve trainer facilitation skills and build-up a pool of trainers.

The facilitator, Koffi Roger Yeboué was a participant at the ToT refresher course in Nairobi, Kenya. Although a larger group was expected only 4 participants attended, they were from member companies of CropLife Côte d'Ivoire. All successfully completed the training and received certificates of competence.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee of CropLife Côte d'Ivoire must play a bigger role in the organization of these training sessions and to commend the benefits for the participants and their respective companies and the association. The trainees understood the importance of conducting the training and providing regular feedback to the Association and the facilitator.



F. Traoré, Vice President CropLife Côte d'Ivoire, presenting the Letter of Reference of CropLife/IFDC to the trainer Koffi R. Yeboué



Participants presenting their certificates of competence at the end of the course with the trainer Koffi R. Yeboué (R).

STEWARDSHIP ET AGRICULTURE DURABLE

Formation des Formateurs-CropLife Côte d'Ivoire

La session de formation de formateur organisée par CropLife Côte d'Ivoire s'est tenue du 15 19 Décembre dans les locaux de CropLife sis à Cocody II Plateaux Les Vallons.

Les 4 participants provenant des sociétés membres de CropLife Côte d'Ivoire qui ont suivi avec beaucoup d'intérêt cette formation ont tous réussi l'évaluation finale et ainsi reçu le certificat de compétence.

Cascade Training - CropLife Sénégal

A 3 day Cascade Training Course was held in the Pata & Dioulacolon, Kolda Region of Senegal. The training was presented by Mamadou Badiane and had 134 participants, 98 of which were women for capacity building covering vegetables pests and diseases. The training focused on identification/recognition of major pests and symptoms and provision of proper control measures.

Identification sheets on pests were handed to all participants and they were made aware of the risks associated with mis-use of pesticides as well as the Safe Use / Responsible Use measures in the storage, handling, and disposal of containers of pesticides. Participants would also conduct cascade training for other producers. Samples of pesticides were distributed to all participants, however extension agents/counsellors will supervise the use of these products.

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (AFITO, Togo)

Meetings and consultations were held during the period 14-18 December with the Pesticides Committee of Togo, Dr Sanda Komlan, (contact for POP's-PIC Conventions) and Mocktar Sow, Secretary Mangers/Employers Organization, and Counsellor Chamber of Industry, Togo. AFITO (Distributor Association) and APIAPHYTO (Applicators Association) were also part of the discussions.

The objective of these meetings was to:

- * Assess progress on country regulations
- * Link and share ideas with other stakeholders on the illegal trade and counterfeiting in the country
- * Examine the possibility for AFITO to apply for membership of the Pesticide Association.

These meetings were very productive and produced the following outcomes:

- * Preliminary meetings were scheduled with individual member companies of AFITO and the president of APIAPHYTO, followed by a feedback meeting. Discussions focused on views, expectations, organization and activities/issues carried out and how these activities would fit in the key results areas of CropLife.
- * The need for a strong association to represent the industry and guide authorities on pesticide management and support toward the effective implementation of sound regulations;
- * The need for a sound contribution to agricultural policies in general;
- * A willingness to benefit from CropLife's expertise in the above mentioned initiatives and activities;
- * The Association (the country) has previously benefited from strong support from CropLife Africa Middle East in various areas including: regulations, IPR's, SSA, communication, association management, building alliances/partnerships etc during the annual hub workshops, seminars and meetings.
- * The need for capacity building for members of the pesticides committee for registration purposes;
- * The key need for strengthening the control of pesticides on the market and at the country's borders, currently these areas are needing support;
- * Cooperation and support with other sectors (tobacco, cosmetics, textiles...) would also be expected.



North Africa Middle East

ToT For Rain Fed Sector in Sudan



ToT session in Gadarif City

The Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA) and CropLife Africa Middle East organised a master trainer course for the rain fed agricultural sector which took place at Almotawakil Hotel in the city of Gadarif in Sudan from 21-25 December 2008.

The course was held under the auspices of HE, The Governor of Gadarif State in Eastern Sudan and was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Said Abdella, CropLife master trainer, managed the course which was attended by 21 trainees from various agricultural institutions including Mechanized Agriculture, MOA, MOH, SAGA members, farmers union and extension services

Over the period the participants received training on facilitation skills together with subject matter on IPM and the Responsible Use of pesticides. The course addressed theoretical and practical aspects and also included participative work such as exercises, written tests, lesson planning and individual lesson assignments.

All successfully completed the training and received certificates of competence.

Addressing the closing session, the Governor of Gadarif State commended the quality of training, stating that this type training course can only improve the overall performance in the rain fed sector.

Mr. Faisal Mohamed Ali, Secretary-General of SAGA, declared that the success of this training course would constitute the basis for developing training partnerships between SAGA and the participating ministries and authorities.

The training course received extensive coverage in the local press and was reflected on, radio and TV stations

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Formation des Formateurs dans les zones de Cultures Pluviales du Soudan

L'association soudanaise de l'agrochimie (Sudan Agrochemicals Association, SAGA) a organisé en collaboration avec CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient une formation des formateurs du 21 au 25 Décembre à l'hôtel Almotawakil, dans la ville de Gadarif.

Les 21 participants provenaient des ministères de l'Agriculture, de la Santé, des sociétés membres de SAGA, des coopératives agricoles et des structures d'encadrement.

La formation a porté sur les qualités de facilitation et sur des aspects techniques comme IPM et l'utilisation responsable des pesticides. Tous les participants ont réussi l'évaluation finale et ainsi reçu le certificat de compétence.

Dans son mot de clôture le gouverneur de l'Etat de Gadarif a loué la qualité de la formation laquelle devrait contribuer significativement à la productivité agricole dans cette zone de cultures pluviales.

M. Faisal Mohamed Ali, Secrétaire Général de SAGA a indiqué que le succès de cette formation devrait jeter les bases d'un partenariat fructueux entre SAGA et les ministères impliqués et autres d'acteurs.

La couverture médiatique par la presse locale a abouti à plusieurs reportages sur les chaînes de radio et TV.

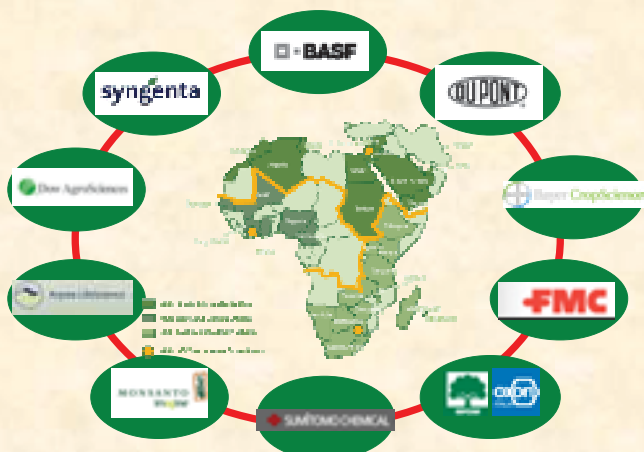


21 master trainers certified in Sudan

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