

## WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

### ANNUAL HUB AND REGULATORY WORKSHOP

West & Central Africa held its Annual Hub and Regulatory Workshop in Douala, Cameroon on 21 & 22 April 2009.

The workshop hosted over 50 participants from the region which included:

- \* Registrars/members of the Central Africa Phytosanitary Committee (Comité Phytosanitaire d'Afrique Centrale, CPAC) representing the CEMAC member states;
- \* WCA hub national associations: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal.
- \* Representatives of member companies from CropLife Africa Middle East;
- \* Regulatory Experts of member companies from CropLife Africa Middle East;
- \* Executive Committee of CropLife Africa Middle East: Rudolf Guyer Executive President, Eric Bureau Hub Chairman;
- \* Executive Secretary of CropLife Africa Middle East;
- \* Anna Riley, Manager Communication Affairs, CropLife International
- \* Stuart Rutherford, - Director Environmental Affairs, ECPA
- \* Representatives of member companies from CropLife Cameroon;
- \* Journalists of various media in Cameroon.

The workshop was held under the patronage of the Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Développement Rural, MINADER) and was represented by his counsellor.

The theme of the workshop was “**Effective Communication to Fight Counterfeiting and Enhance Stewardship**”



Above From L-R Rudolf Guyer, Executive President, H. Fosso, President CropLife Cameroon, and E. Bureau, WCA Hub Chair during an interview with a journalist from Canal 21 a TV station in Cameroon.

#### Objectives focused on:

- \* sensitizing participants on the increasing proliferation of illegal CPP's in the sub-region;
- \* highlighting the risks posed by illegal CPP's on human health and the environment;
- \* engaging participants and other stakeholders in communication for anti-counterfeiting activities;
- \* emphasizing on the need for sound, scientific and risk based regulations;
- \* Pursuing the implementation process of CPAC;
- \* Emphasizing on the need to build cooperation and alliances at regional levels for anti-counterfeiting initiatives.
- \* Strengthening/building capacity of the hub national associations on CropLife strategic priorities.

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### Outcomes:

The workshop was structured in plenary sessions with presentations on:

- \* Communication: Activities and Tools of CropLife
- \* Regulations: "Better Regulations" as per the new registrations regulations in EU, and a summary of the EU MRL Regulation 396/2005 and its implications for growers and traders outside of the EU.
- \* Global Anti-Counterfeiting Activities & Role and Benefits of IPR

The Hub Session meeting with participants from the industry national associations and member companies focused on:

- \* Stewardship activities focusing on the roll out of the international CoC and particularly the E-Learning, the roll out of the global IPM course, Container Management, ASP/ObStocks and Training Activities to Enhance Responsible Use of CPP's.
- \* Activity Reports & Action Plans of the national associations with a special focus on the concerns of the national associations for funding their activities.

The Regulatory Session discussed the CPAC registration procedures and looked at the CSP application form and label as models. The emphasis was placed on considering GHS for the future. The session also agreed on a transition period during which CPAC and the registration committee of Cameroon will work closely to favour a smooth transfer of pesticides registration (and files) to CPAC. For this purpose CPAC and the Cameroon registration committee will set up a meeting to prepare for this process.

## ALLIANCES & PARTNERSHIPS

IFDC took an active part in the workshop with the participation of Manon Dohmen and her presentation, Responsible Training Use Programme, and Georges Dimithè, Manager MR Plus. The presentation by M. Dohmen to the hub workshop highlighted the importance of proper training for responsible handling and uses of CPP's.



Eric Bureau (left) WCA Hub Chair and Executive President Rudolf Guyer (right), delivering his message during the opening ceremony



L- R B. Bouato, Permanent Secretary of CPAC, E. Bureau, WCA Hub Chair, Syxtus Nuza, Director of CPP's Regulations Department, representing the MINADER, and R. Guyer, Executive President, during the closing ceremony

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## NORTH AFRICA MIDDLE EAST

### ANTI-COUNTERFEITING



Samples demonstrated during the campaign



Senior Officials attending the training

In April 2009, CropLife Egypt continued its country wide campaign to fight counterfeiting and illegal trade on pesticides in the country.

The anti-counterfeiting training programs were conducted at the Desert Road Farms in Ismailia, Sharkeya and Gharbeya governorates.

The campaign was conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agricultural Research Centre (ARC) and the Central Agricultural Pesticides Laboratory (CAPL).

Prof. Dr. Muneer Almaz, the Director of CAPL attended and participated in all the sessions of the program.

Each round of training was attended by 50 participants from various sectors including research institutes, extension services, plant protection departments, industry representatives, retailers, agricultural exporters and other stakeholders.

The success of the campaign has generated numerous requests to extend the activities to all governorates of the country.

CropLife Egypt have set plans in place to conduct the campaign in 8 governorates during 2009, and will consider further campaign expansion in view of the increasing demand from government sources

## ARAB ORGANISATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

### Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development—AOAD elects new Director General

In a special session held on 21st of April 2009 in Khartoum, the General Assembly of the **Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development (AOAD)** elected Dr. Tariq Ben Musa Alzedgali as the new Director General of the organization for the next term of office.

Regional Coordinator, Ali Mohd Ali, contacted the new Director General and conveyed congratulations from CropLife Africa Middle East and confirmed the continuity of the ongoing cooperation between the two organizations.

The regional coordinator also addressed Dr. Salem Ellozi expressing gratitude for his extensive cooperation and commitment during his 8-year leadership of the AOAD.

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## CROPLIFE EGYPT PRESENTS ITS ACTIVITIES AT ABRI WORKSHOP

Advancing The Blue Revolution Initiative (ABRI) for Transforming the Culture and the Governance of Water in the Middle East and Africa held its 1<sup>st</sup> workshop at Kafr-Elshekh in Northern Egypt on 27-28th April 2009.

CropLife Egypt was invited to give a presentation outlining its activities in Egypt with special reference to their experience in training of ToT, SUP, IPM and Pesticide & Illegal Trade.

ABRI is a pilot project with participants such as USAID, GTZ, Mo Irrigation, Mo Agriculture and various farmer associations.

S. Sakr (Chairman) and S. Abdella participated in the workshop activities focusing on the association's services to the Egyptian farmers.



ABRI Workshop Participants

## NAME HUB WORKSHOP TO CONVIENE IN DUBAI



CropLife Africa Middle East has taken the decision to hold its annual sub-regional workshop for the year 2009 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The workshop for North Africa and Middle East countries is scheduled to take place on 20 & 21 October followed by the Executive Committee meeting of CropLife AME on 22 October 2009

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## EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ASPIC FACE TO FACE MEETING

The 2009 "face-to-face" meeting of the partners took place at the CLI offices meeting room in Brussels from 30 March – 2 April.

Key issues covered were:

- Progress and clarity of the P2 program was developed. This information was incorporated by the World Bank in the submission document to the GEF for the future funding of the project.
- Details of the CropLife Safe Guarding initiative were shared with the partners and were well received, more particularly by the FAO.

On communications, the latest ASP newsletter has been published and covers the framework that the partners agreed to.

On Friday 3 April a visit was made to Veolia Environmental Services in Limay France at which general discussions took place regarding the ASP and CLI's involvement.



L-R Pascale Doussot, David Laycock, Lilane Cloatre and Chris Waller

### WINDHOEK—NAMIBIA



Preparations for the Hub + Regulatory Workshop scheduled for 23 & 24 June are well under way..

During a recent visit to Windhoek the opportunity was taken to hold discussions with the head of Namibia Agricultural Union covering obsolete pesticides, container management and training, more specifically IPM Training.

A meeting also took place with the Registrar concerning the forthcoming Hub & Regulatory Workshop.

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### IPM / RU TRAINING FOR SPRAY SERVICE PROVIDERS - ZAMBIA

A total of 35 candidates representing the crop protection industry participated in this training.

The training was once again undertaken by Herman Louw in partnership with USAID Project Profit.

The opportunity was taken to hold a "one day" refresher session for the trainers who participated in the 2008 training. It was learnt that since July 2008 this group had in turn trained 1700 spray service providers across the country.



Herman Louw with participants



Spray Techniques being demonstrated



Training Participants

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## AFRICA STOCKPILES PROGRAMME

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### THIRD STAKEHOLDER FORUM CONVENES: PARTICIPANTS FORMULATE RESULTS-ORIENTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Third Stakeholder Forum of the Africa Stockpiles Programme (ASP) was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during October 15-17, 2008. The Forum, an annual event, brings ASP stakeholders together, to meet, share experiences, and discuss ways in which to increase the effectiveness of the ASP partnership.

The Forum was inaugurated by H.E. Abera Derassa, State Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Ethiopia. The Minister welcomed participants, and underlined the importance of the ASP partnership for sustainable agricultural development in Ethiopia. Mr. Edward F. Dwumfour, World Bank Senior Environmental Specialist in the Addis Ababa Office welcomed participants, and spoke of the importance the World Bank attaches to the ASP partnership.

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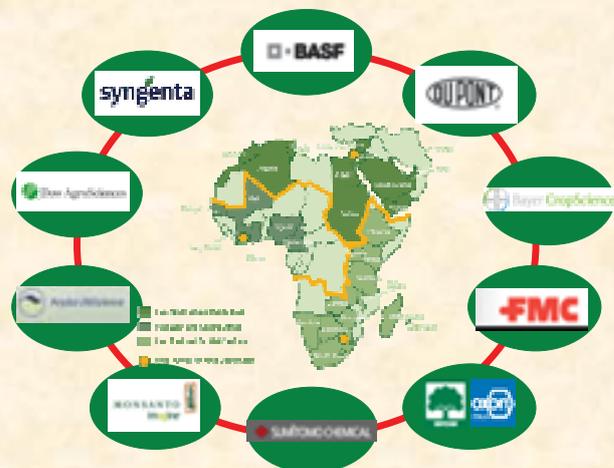
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### Africa Stockpiles Programme Phase 2

The Global Environment Facility is being asked for more than US\$ 18 million to support the extension of the ASP into a second phase, from 2010. Country projects are being proposed in North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya), East Africa (Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique) Southern Africa (Botswana, Angola Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland) and West Africa (Cameroon and five other countries). Submissions to the GEF are being made by the World Bank and FAO, supported by offers of counterpart financing including from CropLife International on behalf of the sponsoring manufacturers. More detailed project plans will be developed in the coming months with the country authorities, as funding commitments are received from the GEF and other donors. These project plans will take into account the CropLife Safeguarding projects already established in Kenya, Malawi, Ghana and Cameroon.

### ASP Newsletter

The latest edition of the Africa Stockpiles Newsletter, including a message from Monique Barbut, CEO of the Global Environment Facility in Washington DC, can be read at the ASP website, [www.africastockpiles.net](http://www.africastockpiles.net)



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