



Training Trainers in Rural SA

A new partnership with LADEP, Limpopo Department of Agriculture, was initiated in South Africa, with the first Train-the-Trainer course for 12 agronomists, specialists, extension officers, agriculture college trainers and staff (pictured below). This course was held at the scenic Madzivhandila Agricultural College outside Thohoyondou, in Venda, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

Dr. Pia Chusu (pictured at far right of picture on right), consultant for the LADEP project, was in attendance and was delighted with the training and methods. She will report back to LADEP and help set up cascade training and follow-up sessions for these Master Trainers to conduct.

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Successful Training Linkages in Ethiopia

CropLife Ethiopia has embarked upon an active programme to seek out partners to expand its training programme. Set out below are some of the successes achieved. On April, 27 and 28, Safe Use Training was given to 42 Rural Development Agents drawn from six districts in the Oromia Region. The request for the training originated from the Head of Crop Protection in the Region who also shared in the funding of the initiative.

On June, 01 and 02, a “sensitization” training on Responsible Use of pesticides was given to 676 participants (pictured below) drawn from all the zones within the Oromia region. Delegates comprised Department Heads, Crop Protection Specialists, Extension Supervisors as well as agronomists from FINTRAC. The training was funded by the Agricultural & Rural Development Bureau.



Responsible Use training was also provided between 07 and 08-June, and this was directed at 42 participants drawn from members of the Agricultural Inputs Service Organisation (AISO) and was funded by Chemtex PLC.

Later in July (27th and 28th), Responsible Use training was given to 30 crop protection specialists, farm supervisors and store keepers (pictured below), directly linked to the cotton industry. The training was funded by Chemtex PLC.



The training was conducted by Getachew Cherinet, of CropLife Ethiopia. Getachew (pictured below) has been involved in training of trainers with CropLife Africa Middle East, as well as training on the Africa Stockpiles Programme with FAO.

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Training Follow-up with Master Trainers in Côte d'Ivoire

In and around Abidjan, some of the previously trained Master Trainers from ToT courses run in 2005 (by Peter Mills of CropLife Africa Middle East) and 2006 (by Manon Dohmen and Raphael Vogelsperger of IFDC), underwent a five day Master Trainer follow-up assessment.

The first day was allocated to a refresher course and a supervised preparation session. During the following three days, these Master Trainers trained others in and around Abidjan.

Included in the three days of follow-up, cascade training sessions, were four different sessions.

The first session, delivered entirely by Koumane N'Da Valery (below), provided training for **rubber plantation field officers & agronomists** in the stimulation of rubber latex production, including a demonstration and exercise in the field.

In another training session, **field agronomists and specialists were trained** in new fertilisation techniques for pineapples, and this was conducted by NIANGO ATSE Fernand.

The following day, training of **journalists** in legislation, registration and safe use of pesticides, was conducted by TRAORE Brahim, Mariame Dosso, NANAN BOUJOU Denise and KOUASSI N'Guessam Gaston.

During the training of the journalists, a presentation was delivered by Bama Octave Yao, area coordinator for CropLife Africa Middle East in West & Central Africa, on the contribution of CropLife Africa Middle East and CropLife International (products and services) to

sustainable agriculture and sustainable development through agricultural productivity, hunger alleviation, and poverty reduction, protection of natural resources and the preservation of the environment. These journalists also received training presentations and participated in debates which focused on: pesticides and sustainable agriculture, toxicity and risks, regulations, registration and frauds/counterfeits.

Participating journalists committed to support the initiative and contribute to inform and educate the public. They unanimously requested other training sessions, and invited CropLife Côte d'Ivoire to set-up annual action plans with the media for frequent meetings and training and for a sustainable cooperation between the two organizations. The Chairman of the local journalists' union, UNJCI, indicated in his address that "The topics discussed are of utmost importance for our agriculture, our lives and livelihoods, and economic development of our country".

The final training for **dealers and applicators** in various aspects of Responsible Use, was facilitated by TRAORE Karidia, BOGNAN Kouassi (below), EHOUMAN ASSABA Solange, YA Silve Naminata, TRAORE Brahim and Mariame Dosso.



Valery addressing trainees in the rubber plantation



Bognan demonstrating parts of a sprayer to Pesticide Dealers

On day 5, all Master Trainers attended an assessment session, to receive feedback on their performances in the field. This included an address by Bama Yao on future activities and reporting & funding systems.

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Partnerships and Cooperation in Mali

CropLife Mali/WACIP

A joint team including WACIP staff, CropLife Mali and the Malian cotton farmers union visited the ongoing trials showing new approaches and technologies, as per the improvement programme for a better profitability for cotton production. Discussions focused on soil fertility improvement, new GAP proposals, cotton pests control with new pesticides formulations.

Six sites were visited during the field trip and discussions with farmers led to the following remarks and observations at mid season: The field trip was in line with the policies of WACIP, including capacity building for the improvement of cotton pro-

ductivity. Partial results for ongoing trials are towards such objectives, in particular for pests control for which trap plants such as okras were used.

CropLife Mali/CMDT

Training activities with the cotton company CMDT focused primarily on the use of PPE for pesticide handling and use. The sessions were facilitated and funded by member companies of CropLife Mali and targeted directly farmers and extension agents of CMDT. So far, they have trained 358 farmers, 140 extension agents. The cascade training figures for farmers trained by extension agents will be available at the end the crop season.

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Mini SEARCH Meeting for the East African Group

The Third Meeting of the Mini SEARCH Working Group took place in Dar-es-Salaam on 06 and 07-September-2007. Key points arising from the meeting, were:

- The Working Group to study Document 3010 and to forward the list of active ingredients of concern to Roland Levy in order to initiate further actions.
- For contact to be made with the Secretariat of the EAC concerning the harmonized documents submitted, the status of development of Burundi and Rwanda, mutual acceptance of data and a data base.

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National Pesticides Workshop in Sudan

The Sudanese Standards and Meteorology Organization (SSMO), organized a national workshop on pesticides in the Sudan between 04 and 05-September-2007, with the theme of "Regulatory Measures on Importation, Warehousing, Distribution and Safe Use of Pesticides and Fertilizers in Sudan".

The workshop was held at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum under the auspices of HE the State Minister of Cabinet Affairs.

Nearly all organizations and institutions within the Sudanese agricultural sector participated in the workshop, including research corporations, registration authority and field production schemes, were represented together with other stakeholders.

The local industry association, Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA), played a coordination role in the preparations of the workshop.

Ali Mohamed Ali, the Regional Coordinator of CropLife Africa Middle East participated and chaired the workshop session on International Conventions on Pesticides.

The workshop covered a wide range of issues related to its

theme, including:

- Warehousing and Handling of pesticides.
- Responsible Use of Pesticides.
- Pesticide Specifications and Importation Regulations.
- Pesticide Residues in the Sudanese Environment.
- Inventory and Disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants in Sudan.
- International Conventions on Pesticides Management.
- Specialized presentations on fertilizers.

The workshop concluded different recommendations pertaining to the safe use of pesticides, sound regulatory measures on implementation and distribution of pesticides together with outlining the Sudan's commitments under International Conventions on pesticides management.

Pictured below are some of the SSMO posters, leaflets and Responsible Use guidelines displayed during the workshop.

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Illegal Products seized in Mali

The Malian Pesticides Control and Inspection Service conducted a control mission in Bamako District, which led to the seizure of 14500 litres of eight illegal products. These products have no registration and are mainly herbicides. The mission was conducted with the support of CropLife Mali. Procedures are underway for the implicated retailers and distributors to face legal/regulatory measures and be fined accordingly. Contact: bama-croplife@aviso.ci



South African Biotechnology

AfricaBio, biotechnology partner of CropLife Africa Middle East, arranged a “breakfast workshop”, entitled “How the USA Regulates GMO’s”. The key speaker was Dr. Thomas C. Nesbitt, Outreach and Communication Specialist at APHIS and the title of his keynote presentation, was: “US Regulations & Risk Assessment”.

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Obsolete Stocks in Ethiopia



The Ethiopia Project Launch Mission took place 03 to 07-September, in Addis Ababa. CropLife was represented by Chris Waller, Obstocks Project Manager for CropLife International, Les Hillowitz, CropLife Africa Middle East Area Coordinator for East & southern Africa and Getachew Cherinet, Executive Officer for CropLife Ethiopia.

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Participants at the Launch Mission

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News Snippets

The allFresh 2007 Conference

The allFresh 2007 Conference for the fresh fruit and vegetable industry took place in South Africa at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 18 and 19-September-2007. Industry undertook three presentations, namely:

- “Minor use crop protection product registrations – how to address the local challenge” – Andre Schreuder.
- “The Africa Stockpiles Programme and Container Management” – Les Hillowitz.
- “Harmonisation of MRL’s to export markets – any progress” – Kobus Hartman.

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RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Course for CropLife South Africa, Thouyondou, South Africa: 10 to 14-September-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire: 17 to 21-September-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Cameroon, Douala, Cameroon: 15 to 19-October-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria: 29-September to 02-October-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East, North Africa Middle East Hub Meeting, Amman, Jordan: 06 & 07-November-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East, Executive Committee Meeting, Amman, Jordan: 08-November-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Senegal, Dakar, Senegal: 19 to 23-November-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: 26 to 30-November-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Follow-up Course for CropLife Mali, Bamako, Mali: 03 to 07-December-2007.

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