



## Year End Message from the Director General



Rudolf Guyer

During the past year, the global CropLife network and CropLife Africa Middle East continued to be heavily engaged in the same policy issues that have defined our industry priorities in previous years. With the publication of the FAO Guideline on Highly Hazardous Pesticides in Spring of 2016, the issue of the Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) has now been given a framework by which regulators and country authorities should deal with this issue.

CropLife and its member companies fully support the implementation of these guidelines and CropLife has offered to work together with all stakeholders to implement the proposed process and the regulatory steps as described in these guidelines. Added to this, our member companies have made further progress in conducting their voluntary internal portfolio review whereby they carefully assessed those product uses that might qualify as highly hazardous.

In addition to the issue of HHPs, the **monographs published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)** continue to have a major effect in the public debate on the regulation of pesticides, not only in developed countries but also in developing countries. However, reputable scientists have increasingly presented their concerns about "*pesticide assessments*" that contradict and question the findings and conclusions of the responsible legal authorities in charge of pesticide registration, such as the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Europe and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the USA. It has been rightly stated by some of these concerned scientists that such publications "**do not help Science nor Society**" since these IARC monographs ultimately undermine the trusted existing legal base and framework for credible decision making by governments. It is to be hoped that over time the societal trust in science and professionally conducted risk assessment will be re-established and that political decision making will not become the norm for pesticide registrations. Most **OECD countries** seem to have recognized the dangers and risks to be exposed to political campaigns against selected pesticides in such regulatory decision making. Many of these countries have therefore clearly confirmed their existing regulatory decisions and have openly stated that they **disagree with the published conclusions by IARC describing glyphosate as a potential carcinogenic**. In the European Union, the current regulatory decision making system has not as yet been able to issue such clear statements. The **EU is struggling** to find a way out of the political confusion that it has got into with the **non-re-registration of glyphosate** but also with the **proposed legislation regarding Endocrine Disrupting chemicals**. The coming weeks and months will therefore be very critical, not only for the European Union and its agriculture but also for all trading partners and developing countries that want to continue exporting their agricultural produce to Europe.

In addition to our continued engagement in the above policy issues during the year, our association maintained its efforts in stewardship activities and in engaging in the fight against counterfeit and illegal products. In 2016, the Spray Service Provider (SSP) concept was implemented with more external partners than ever before and with new opportunities identified almost monthly. The further growth and implementation of the SSP concept will continue to be our priority in 2017 and as a reader of this newsletter, you will be regularly updated on these projects.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Festive Season with your family and friends. I also take this opportunity to thank you for the interest and support on the work that our association has achieved over the past year and I look forward to working with you in 2017.

Rudolf Guyer  
Director General CropLife Africa Middle East

## CropLife Africa Middle East holds Board Meeting in Nairobi



Rudolf Guyer paying tribute to John Barnes

Under the chairmanship of Eric Bureau, CropLife Africa Middle East held its second Board Meeting of the year at the Windsor Hotel in Nairobi on November 15 and 16. Twelve of the 14 Board members were present or represented by proxy. The meeting discussed and approved the budget for 2017 and provided guidance to the CropLife team on ongoing and planned activities for the coming year.

One of the key topics covered at the meeting was the detailed stewardship update highlighting the tremendous progress made with the implementation of the Spray Service Provider (SSP) concept in various countries since 2009. It was emphasized that as a network we achieve the best results through close cooperation between the regional CropLife team and the responsible CropLife national association project team. The significant improvement of the local project management skills in countries where projects have been implemented, was notable

This confirmed the positive role that the implementation of projects play in the overall performance of national associations. The proposal to further intensify the cooperation between the regional and national associations was fully endorsed by the Board and will be implemented in the coming months. The ongoing advocacy efforts implemented by the regulatory team were presented with the long-term benefits and relevance emphasized. The Board also endorsed the support of establishing a local industry association in Mozambique in order to have one voice for industry matters in that country and to be able to address relevant issues much better.

Finally, the Board bid farewell to John Barnes of Arysta. John was a member of the Board since 2009 and Vice President and Hub Chair for West and Central Africa, since 2010. The Board thanked John for his excellent support of the CropLife agenda over this period and wished him well for the future. On behalf of Arysta, John Barnes proposed Marcel Dreyer as the company representative to succeed him. Marcel has been a member of the Executive Committee of CropLife South Africa for many years and is currently its President. The meeting unanimously elected Marcel Dreyer as a new member of the Board.

**Rudolf Guyer**



CLAME Board Members at the Nairobi meeting

## Stewardship

### Training of SSP Trainers in Mali

Between 21 and 25 November, 13 field officers from member companies of CropLife Mali and an extension agent from the cotton company (CMDT), underwent a TOT, in Bamako. IFDC and CropLife AME signed a contract early in November to set-up a SSP program in Mali to support vegetable production in the Segou region under the IFDC-2SCALE project. The training of SSP trainers is an integral part of the activities of the project aimed to set-up a pool of 12 trainers who in turn will train 36 SSPs to service the vegetable producers.

The training was facilitated by Regional Trainer, Roger Yeboue and covered the following topics:

- The SSP concept.
- The SDF model as used for adult training.
- Pests and Diseases of vegetable crops in Mali.
- Types of pesticides used in Mali.
- Labels, toxicological bands and toxicological classes.
- Counterfeit and illegal pesticides and associated risks, Selecting the right pesticides.
- PPE: Why wear PPE, types of PPE, and how to wear PPE.
- Cleaning and disposal of empty containers.
- Transport and storage of pesticides.
- Parts of a knapsack sprayer and how these function.
- Types of nozzles and their uses, How to calibrate a knapsack sprayer, how to calculate a pesticide dose.
- Measuring and mixing pesticides.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Participants were evaluated through a pre-test to assess their basic level of knowledge at the start of the session. They later undertook a post-test and were individually assessed. All 13 participants from the member companies passed the tests with a minimum score being 65%, and received certificates of competence together with a copy of the SSP training manual during the closing ceremony. The participant from CMDT could not attend all the sessions and was awarded a certificate of participation. The National Coordinator of the 2SCALE project chaired the closing ceremony, congratulated the participants and provided useful advice before expressing his satisfaction on the successful training program and his expectations for a successful project under the cooperation between CropLife AME and IFDC.

**Bama Yao**



Successful participants proudly displaying their certificates of competence

## Closure of Ag Inputs project in Uganda

The project was successfully closed with the last 2 phases being undertaken by Ag Inputs and not by CropLife Uganda. Of the 12 original SSP trainers, 10 underwent the “refresher training” undertaken by Perry Ngoma.

The 74 farmers that did not initially pass the required tests will be retrained and tested during December and January. Monitoring is underway using the CropLife Questionnaire and will be completed by mid-December. This is being undertaken by the Trainers with the support of Ag Inputs staff. Results will be compiled and sent to Manon Dohmen for final tabulation

**Les Hillowitz**

L-R, Solomon Seruwo, Andrew Gita, Rita Laker-Ojok and Betty Atto



## An SSP from the district of Uasin Gishu, named “Young Farmer of the year”, 2016.



Gilbert Chirchir

At a colorful 4th Annual National Farmers Awards held at the Laico Regency Hotel- Nairobi on 4 November, Gilbert Chirchir was named the Young Farmer of The Year 2016. The award was presented to him by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Hon. William Bett.

When I caught up with the energetic 31-year-old farmer from Kaptagat village in Ainamoi Sub County of Uasin Gishu, he was exuberant about accomplishing this remarkable feat after having put in some hard work on his 7-acre farm. He practices mixed farming with his main enterprises being passion fruit, potato, maize, beans, wheat and dairy farming. When entering the competition, he was confident of his achievements but did not expect to emerge as the top farmer in Kenya for the youth category.

Gilbert Chirchir was trained as a Spray Service Provider (SSP) in November 2015 where he learnt the importance of proper application, responsible use when spraying and sound pest identification and management. A year on and he has won the prestigious award recognizing his efforts as a successful small-scale farmer and entrepreneur.

Immediately after the training, Gilbert delved into the SSP business where he recruited 8 youths to work with him. His main clients are small and medium scale farmers in his locality who he charges Kshs. 300 per acre to spray pesticides on their maize and Kshs. 400 per acre for their wheat. The idea of using SSPs was well received by farmers with over 50% of small-scale farmers subscribing to this. The uptake has slowed down a bit as larger farmers prefer using mechanized boom sprayers.

Gilbert, who also happens to be a member of his local Uhuru health center said his main challenges were unpredictable weather patterns, obtaining finances to support the expansion of his SSP business, the increasing costs of Inputs as well as finding reliable young men to recruit as SSPs. He had initially recruited 8 youths, 4 have of which have left to further their studies or for other employment. The 4 remaining SSPs are active and were attending an IPM refresher course organized by CropLife Kenya, where I met him.

His future plans include the expansion into large scale farming targeting the avocado and passion fruit export markets. He is also contemplating value addition to his passion fruit business.

The awards were co-sponsored by AAK members, Elgon Kenya, BASF and Arysta Life Sciences not forgetting Seeds of Gold magazine.

**Benson Ngigi**

## Meeting with CropLife Member Companies and the SSP Team in Malawi, 17 & 18 November

Member companies of CropLife Malawi and several of their Spray Service provider (SSP) trainers met during two separate meetings in Lilongwe on 17 and 18 November 2016 to discuss ongoing and upcoming SSP activities in Malawi. The meetings were facilitated by Regional Director Les Hillowitz and Training Coordinator Manon Mireille Dohmen.

The turnout for both meetings was overwhelming with around 25 participants for each meeting. During both meetings, an enthusiasm was shown for SSP activities and participants focused their discussions on how best to implement activities in Malawi.

The meeting with the SSP trainers was attended by MacDonald Njobvu, Intervention Manager and responsible for cotton, under the Malawi Oilseeds Sector Transformation (MOST) program. In September 2015, MOST and CropLife Malawi concluded an agreement to introduce the SSP concept into the cotton sector of Malawi. The target was to develop 900 SSPs reaching 10,000 farmers by the end of 2017. So far, 130 SSPs have been trained but owing to the drought this past year, they have been unable to sell their services. In advance of the coming season, all trained SSPs will receive a refresher course to ensure that their skills are up-to-date.

The Malawi Oilseeds Sector Transformation (MOST) program forms part of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development's (DFID) Malawi Private Sector Development program. The objective of MOST is to increase incomes of the poor through 'market systems' approaches. The program is aimed at supporting the Oil Seeds sector, identified in Malawi's National Export Strategy (NES) as having potential to contribute to reducing Malawi's structural trade deficit, reducing reliance on tobacco exports and increasing access to safe, nutritious and affordable food domestically. MOST's primary focus is on cotton, groundnuts, soya, sunflower and sesame.

The project, and new management of CropLife Malawi has brought together an enthusiasm that will see both, the Project and the National Association reaching new heights.

Les Hillowitz



Representatives of CropLife Malawi member companies



Above: Ronald Chilumpha, Chairman of CropLife Malawi addressing the member companies



Representatives of the Malawi SSP Team including several SSP Trainers

## SSPs Activities Under The DFID/Propcom Project in Nigeria Have Started

CropLife Nigeria has started Spray Service Provider (SSP) activities under the Propcom Mai-Karfi project. In November, visits to participating communities in 3 states were made to select potential SSPs and in December, the first SSPs were trained.

CropLife Nigeria has signed a contract with the Propcom Mai-Karfi project to set up a network of Spray Service Providers (SSP) in Jigawa, Kaduna, and Kano states. During the project, a total of 165 SSPs will be trained, who will service at least 4,200 farmers growing maize, soybean, rice and tomato. As the season is about to start, a strict planning process was initiated by the CropLife team to train the SSPs as soon as possible.

In December, SSP training programs were organized in Kaduna and Jigawa states. So far, in every state, 30 SSPs have been trained and prior to year-end, a further 30 SSPs in each state will be trained. Staff of Propcom attended the programs and mentioned how impressed they were. "We would like to commend you for the quality of training as observed when we attended the first round of the SSP trainings in Jigawa and Kaduna. The trainings were highly informative and educative, communicated in a language easily comprehended by the SSPs, and the passion and commitment from the trainers and the participants was impressive. The training methodology and contents were concise and well designed."

They also remarked that during the first programs, only (1) member company was involved in the programs and that they would like to see more companies during the programs. This was taken up and for the rest of the programs for 2016, more companies have committed staff to facilitate the training programs. Member companies are also to expect to participate in the graduation ceremonies of the SSPs in Kaduna and Jigawa states that are planned just before Christmas. The SSPs for Kano state will be trained during January 2017.

Propcom Mai-Karfi is a program funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) that aims to increase income for the poor through enhanced employment opportunities in Northern Nigeria. The project is implemented by Palladium International Development Nigeria. Because of its focus on (youth) employment and increased income, the project showed an interest in the SSP concept which creates job opportunities for youth and will increase income of farmers through higher yields by better application of pesticides

**Manon Mireille Dohmen**

### Program in Jigawa

Right: CropLife field officer Babajide Adigun explaining how to wear PPE

Below: Active participation of the SSPs



### Program in Kaduna

Right: Active recap facilitated by national coordinator Siji Ofoesuwa

Below: Group photo: All participants passed both tests



## CropLife Ghana's Collaboration with Wynca Sunshine is Improving Container Collection In Ghana



The collection and recycling of empty pesticide containers in Ghana has significantly improved since CropLife Ghana started collaborating with Wynca Sunshine Agric. The two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the first quarter of 2016 to collect empty pesticide containers across the country. The activities have the support of the major pesticide importers, dealers, farmers, and regulatory bodies.

The empty containers are taken by member companies to the CropLife Ghana warehouse in Pokuase. Here they are processed by EZOV Ghana, a private company responsible for cleaning and shredding the empty containers. The processed plastic chips are transported to Wynca Sunshine as a raw material and recycled into pesticide bottles, caps and spray tanks. Wynca Sunshine pays a special token fee for the return of their own containers, but also accept containers from other companies.

Since the launch of the initiative in early 2016, large quantities of containers have been received from major plantations by the CropLife Ghana/EZOV warehouse. CropLife Ghana, through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will continue to advocate for all member companies of the association to participate in the Wynca collection scheme.

CropLife Ghana will also encourage the numerous SSP projects in Ghana to participate in the collection scheme, to enable more containers to be collected and processed, starting from grassroots level.

Through the collaboration with Wynca, coupled with the SSP schemes across the country, CropLife Ghana estimates that the number of containers collected will increase by 25% in 2017, reaching close to 40 tons' of plastics.

**Frederick Boampong**



## Regulatory

### CILSS-CSP 39th Session

The plenary session took place on November 22 in Bamako and was chaired by the Secretary General (SEGAL) of the Ministry of Agriculture, and attended by representatives of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and the FAO. Participants comprised the registrars from the nine member states of the Sahelian Pesticides Committee of the CILSS (Comité Sahélien des Pesticides, CSP) together with consultants and regulators representing the pesticide committees of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea-Conakry and Togo. CropLife AME was represented by Bama Yao, Regional Director and Nonon Diarra, President of CropLife Mali.

The plenary session doubled as the official opening ceremony aimed at briefing participants on the key issues related to pesticide management under the CILSS-CSP regulatory framework. The five successive messages by the Director General of the Sahelian Institute (Institut du Sahel, INSAH), the President of CSP, the representative of FAO in Mali, the representative of the WAEMU and the SEGAL, stressed on the important contribution that pesticides play in boosting agricultural production. This more so under climate change conditions as being experienced in the Sahel. A better management of pesticides is a prerequisite for these countries to fully benefit. Both the Director General of INSAH and the President of CSP, thanked CropLife for the continuous support to the CSP.

The message from the President of the CSP stressed on the following key issues during the session:

- The lack of enforcement of some CSP decisions, resulting in the increase of illegal pesticides circulating on the markets in CSP countries. This is basically through the lack of cooperation to the national pesticide management committees by the authorities.
- The issue covering Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHP) for which some balanced decisions are needed.
- Guidance on the activities of the national pesticide management committees.
- Review and discussions of the inputs from partners on the new requirements for pesticide registration.
- Filling the vacant position of Scientific Secretary.
- The urgent need for the tripartite agreement ECOWAS-WAEMU-CILSS to allow the implementation of the ECOWAS regional regulatory framework. To this end the personal commitment of CILSS and especially of the Minister-Coordinator of Agriculture is expected.

The development of a new website, the Integrated Pesticide Management system (Système Intégré de Gestion des Pesticides, SIGEP) is progressing. The most important feature of SIGEP is the online submission of pesticide registration dossiers which is close to finalization, and will be functional shortly, following the approval by CSP. However, the progressive use of the online option needs prior discussion with the industry and potential applicants, and a workshop will be organized early in 2017. A tutorial video will be also be available to guide the potential applicants for through the uses

**Bama Yao**



The SEGAL of the Ministry of Agriculture and the President of CSP (L-R) thanked representatives of CropLife AME and CropLife Mali (R-L) during the opening ceremony

## Stewardship

### Tribute to Kobus Steenekamp

The AfricaBio AGM was used as the opportunity to present a trophy to Kobus Steenekamp on behalf of CropLife Africa Middle East for his 6 years' valuable service as Vice President and Hub Chair for East & Southern Africa.

His guidance and support was invaluable during his term of office.

**Les Hillowitz**



Les Hillowitz (R) paying tribute to Kobus Steenekamp

### New Field Coordinator at CropLife Malawi



Danniell Kalobekamo

Danniell Kalobekamo started his career and obtained his diploma in Business Administration in 2006. The following year he joined the Tobacco Control Commission as a Liaison Officer, linking farmers and companies within the tobacco industry.

In 2008 he joined the Great Lakes Cotton Company as an Internal Auditor where he remained for four years.

Shortly after this he joined the cotton company, Toleza as a Senior Field Supervisor where he was identified to undergo a Trainer of Trainers course in Blantyre by CropLife Malawi in 2015.

This led to the IPM training in 2016 and eventually to the position of Field Coordinator on SSP project, within CropLife Malawi.

We welcome Danniell to the CropLife Team

**Les Hillowitz**

## CropLife Uganda holds AGM

CropLife Uganda elected Solomon Seruwo as the new Chairman of the association during its 9th Annual General Meeting that took place on 8 December 2016 in Kampala. Outgoing Chairman, Stephen Matovu will remain a member of the Executive Committee. Fourteen member companies attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the following members of the Executive Committee were elected:

- Chairman, Solomon Seruwo (Bukoola Chemical Industries)
- Secretary, Kagimu Paul (Kuuto General Stores)
- Treasurer, Ongom Godfrey (Nsanja AgroChemicals Limited)
- Member, Matovu John Stephen (Sekalala Limited)
- Member, Kazigo Alex (Lyala Bbisi Farm Suply)
- Member, Ms. Agnes K Mbabazi (Balton Uganda Limited)
- Member, Ms. Nankya Evelyn (MTK Uganda Limited)

During the end of the meeting, all members were presented with a booklet, titled "CropLife Uganda in Action" which covers activities of association over the period 2005 to 2015. CropLife Uganda closes on a busy year in which activities under the USAID funded Agricultural Inputs Activity project just ended Under the project, 150 SSPs were trained. The monitoring exercise is ongoing to see how the SSPs are performing in the field.

To assist the start-up of the new ExCo, CropLife Uganda will in February 2017, organize a management workshop that will be facilitated by CropLife Africa Middle east.

**Betty Atto, Executive Secretary, CropLife Uganda**



CropLife Uganda new Executive Committee members 2017-2019



Outgoing Chairman Stephen Matovu (Left) with Incoming Chairman Solomon Seruwo. (Right)

## Plant Biotechnology

### African Delegation Visits Indian Bt Cotton Farmers

A high-level delegation consisting of parliamentarians, government executives, scientists, cotton sub-sector players and the media from Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland, and Zambia visited Bt cotton fields in Maharashtra State of India on November 15, 2016. Indian cotton farmers led by farmer Shivaji Bhagal of Aurangabad district showcased the extra-long staple Bt cotton to Ethiopian State Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Mr. Yimama Zekarias Serkola; Hon. Massa Almaz Messele, the chairperson, parliamentary standing committee of agriculture affairs; and Hon. Haile Jembereh Kinfe, vice-chairperson, Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. The Bt cotton farmers exchanged and shared their experiences and the socio-economic impact of growing Bt cotton for the last decade. They proudly narrated how they have been able to take their children to English school, buy smart phones, motorbikes, and build permanent houses.

The African delegation also visited the hybrid Bt cotton seed production plot of smallholder farmer Prabhakar Dhondiba Gaikwad of Tandulwadi village, Jalna district of Maharashtra. They were impressed by the expertise and highly skilled women farmers in emasculation and pollination of cotton parents to produce high quality hybrid Bt cotton seeds. Indian smallholder women farmers produce hundreds of thousands tonnage of Bt cotton hybrids each year sufficient to plant 95% of total cotton area currently standing at >10 million hectares. The hybridization of Bt cotton seeds provide job employment to millions of smallholder women farmers, and landless laborers in India, while ensuring purity of seed planted. The study tour aimed at showcasing Indian Bt cotton farming experiences and the country's model biotech crops regulation and commercialization processes with a view to fast track lessons that could be replicated in Africa. The importance and contribution of cotton-textile industry and Bt cotton oil in the Indian economy were also demonstrated.

The high delegation is part of the annual series of exchange and outreach programs under the India-Africa Agriculture Engagement, which is generously supported by ISAAA *Afri*Center, Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern & Southern Africa (ACTESA/COMESA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC).

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Ethiopia delegation from left: State Minister, Cabinet Affairs Mr Yimama Serkola, Hon. Massa Almaz Messele, Chairperson Ethiopian Parliamentary Standing Committee of Agriculture and Hon. Haile Jembereh Kinfe, vice chairperson Standing Committee on natural Resources and Environment with Indian Bt Cotton farmers

## Plant Biotechnology

### Global Ban on GM Crops to Raise Food Prices, Add A Billion Tons of CO2 to Atmosphere



A study conducted by researchers from Purdue University reveals that a global ban on genetically modified (GM) crops would raise food prices and add the equivalent of nearly a billion tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere.

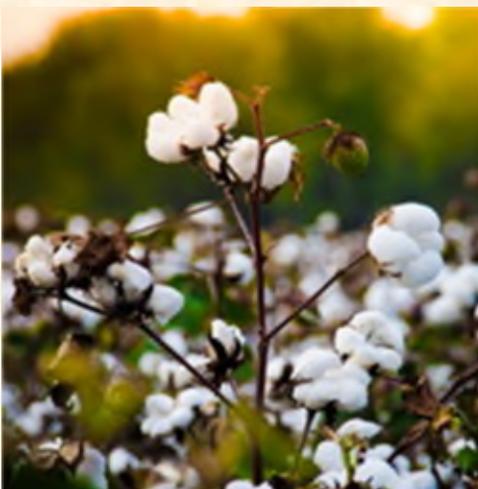
The researchers used a model to assess the economic and environmental value of GM crops, and found that replacing GM corn, soybeans, and cotton with conventionally bred varieties worldwide would cause a 0.27 to 2.2 percent increase in food costs, depending on the region, with poorer countries hit hardest. The study also reports that a ban on GM crops would also trigger the conversion of pastures and forests to cropland to compensate for lower productivity of conventional crops, which would release substantial amounts of stored carbon to the atmosphere.

If countries planting GM crops matched the rate of GM crop plantings in the United States, global greenhouse gas emissions would fall by an equivalent 0.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide, and would allow 0.8 million hectares of cropland (about 2 million acres) to return to forests and pastures.

Purdue University professor of agricultural economics Dr. Wallace E. Tyner said, "Some of the same groups that want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions also want to ban GMOs. But you can't have it both ways. Planting GMO crops is an effective way for agriculture to lower its carbon footprint."

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### Ethiopia to Commercialize Bt Cotton in Two Years



Ethiopia is ready to commercialize Bt cotton in two years, according to Dr. Endale Gebre, director of the agricultural biotechnology unit in the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Institute. He explained that the confined field trial of Bt cotton in their country is currently in the final stage. The trials have been conducted for four years, testing four varieties of Bt cotton from India and Sudan. He added that the results of the field trial will determine the impact of Bt cotton on yield, bollworm infestation, herbicide-use, and other farm inputs.

Gebre also explained that Bt cotton has been criticized for about two decades. However, Bt cotton has been widely used in India, particularly by 95 percent of the smallholder farmers. This implies that Bt cotton could also bring positive benefits not just to Ethiopian farmers, but also to their economy in general. Gebre was part of the African delegation who visited Bt cotton farms in India in November 2016.

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## AfricaBio's holds 17th Annual General Meeting, Irene Country Lodge, Pretoria, Wednesday 30 November

The first AGM for the new CEO Dr Siya Ntutela was held on 30 November. He tabled the 2015 Annual Report, the Statement of Finances, which had improved remarkably over the past year, introduced the 5-year Strategic Overview and presented the New AfricaBio Logo.

The President & Chairman of the Board, Prof. John Mugabe used the opportunity to tender his resignation, having served a 4-year term. A new Board was elected with 3 vacancies which will be filled at a later stage.

John McMurdy, CropLife International, Director of Emerging Markets & Development Partnerships, participated at this event.

**Les Hillowitz**



Dr Siya Ntutela delivering his address



John McMurdy and Siya Ntutela

# UPCOMING EVENTS

CropLife Cote d'Ivoire, AGM, Abidjan	Dec 09
Anti-Counterfeiting training workshop - Pesticides Committee, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire	Dec 13
CropLife Ghana, Year-End Dinner for Staff and Trainers	Dec 15
CropLife Ghana, Year-End Luncheon	Dec 16
Meeting with CropLife Zimbabwe ExCom, Covering Hub Meeting 2017	Jan 12 - 13
Capacity Training for new ExCo of CropLife Uganda	Jan 30 -31
Regional Trainers Meeting, Accra, Ghana	Feb 6 -10
RRC Meeting, Monheim	Feb 13 - 14
CP Communications Meeting, Brussels	Feb 14 -15
Meeting of the Anti-Counterfeiting Steering Committee, Brussels	Feb 15
Meeting of the CPSC, Brussels	Feb 16
Inaugural Meeting for the Creation of CropLife Mozambique, Maputo, w/c	Feb 27
Maghreb Regulatory Meeting including GHS training	Mar 21 -22
Container Management Project Team Meeting, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Mar 21 - 23



Photo Ghana Crusader



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