



Africa Stockpiles Programme: Mali

The Africa Stockpiles Programme in Mali was officially launched during an ASP Partner Supervision mission to Bamako, 11 to 15-June-2007. The launch included a performance in local dialect of a short comedy about locust control, which effectively passed key messages on obsolete stock prevention and was very well received by the approximately 100 participants at the launch. Representatives from the ASP Implementation Committee comprising the World Bank, FAO, CropLife, WWF and PAN Africa spent five days with the Mali ASP Project Management Unit reviewing progress and planning future steps. An Inventory Review confirmed the existence of 850

tonnes of obsolete pesticides in Mali together with an additional quantity of associated waste. CropLife Mali will be carrying out a validation survey of the stocks in the coming weeks to determine those products manufactured by companies participating in the CropLife Obsolete Stocks Programme. The inventory and survey will form the basis for CropLife's financial contribution to the incineration of the obsolete stocks overseas. It is hoped that an international technical expert, funded by CropLife International, will soon join the project to guide it through the collection, repacking and disposal process.

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What's happening?

- Africa Stockpiles Programme progress in Mali
- Training in Cameroon
- GA and ExCo meetings
- East Southern Africa Hub and SEARCH meetings
- CropLife International Global Project Team and Committee meetings



General Assembly of CropLife Africa Middle East

Under the Chairmanship of President, Dr. Rudolf Guyer the annual meeting of the General Assembly of CropLife Africa Middle East convened on 05-June-2007, in Deidesheim, Germany. Attended by 13 full members of the organization, together with 5 guest members, the General Assembly (GA) resolved on the following issues, embodied in the meeting agenda:

- Approval of the organisation's expense budget for the year 2007 as proposed by the Executive Committee.
- Approval of the annual activity report for the year 2006. The report has been published in 1000 hard copies for distribution within the organization and outwards to stakeholders. The report is also available on the website www.croplifeafrica.org.
- Approval of the financial report for the year 2006 as presented by Dr. Wolfgang Roesch, Treasurer of CropLife Africa Middle East. The General Assembly also viewed and approved the audit report for the year 2006.

The GA meeting was hosted jointly by BASF AG and Bayer Cropscience.

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Executive Committee Meeting of CropLife Africa Middle East

Subsequent to the General Assembly, the Executive Committee (ExCo) of CropLife Africa Middle East held its second of three annual meetings in 2007, meeting on the same date, 05-June-2007, at the Steigenburger Hotel Deidesheim, Germany.

The ExCo resolved on several scheduled agendas related to legal and financial matters. It also deliberated and took necessary decisions with regard to Stewardship, Communications and regulatory issues in the entire region.

Next ExCo meeting has been scheduled to be held on 8th, November, 2007 in Amman, Jordan.

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The second Executive Committee Meeting of CropLife Africa Middle East was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Rudolf Guyer, and attended also by CropLife International Director General, Dr. Christian Verschuere

Cooperation with IFDC: Evaluation of the MIR Project

Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East's Area Coordinator for West and Central Africa participated in an evaluation of IFDC's West African, MIR Project. The meeting took place on 28 to 29-June-2007, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and was attended by Wim van Campen, MIR Coordinator, Raphael Vogel-sperger of IFDC, G. Dimithè, Policy Economist, as well as Cees Balk and Julien Somé of the Evaluation Team.

A preliminary meeting with the Evaluation Team included a presentation by Bama, on the CropLife Network (Global, Regional, Hub), activities conducted since 2004, under the MoU, and future activities to consider.

During the debriefing from the Evaluation Team to the participants from Departments of Agriculture and Environment of ECOWAS, WAEMU, CILSS and other partners of MIR, the following points were highlighted:

- The project design was a bit too ambitious for the time period, thus objectives, follow-up and evaluation process was not clear enough;
- Budget management was coincidental with objective setting;
- Contribution from other partners was weak in most cases;

• Involvement of farmers and gender aspects were weak, although they were not major priorities, however, they could have been of major interest/focus; For the future, this needs to be based on the need to continue activities initiated for which important results have been achieved. Continuation needs to be under a Regional Programme targeting all ECOWAS countries, as well as Mauritania and Chad (two CILSS, non ECOWAS countries), with stronger involvement of all important stakeholders with:

- A transition period to capitalize achievements;
- Implication/Role of regional economic organizations;
- Strengthening Public-Private Partnership at both regional and country levels;
- Funding of activities to be considered through joint ventures (Projects Proposals/Submission);
- Strengthening information on agricultural inputs;
- Capacity building for farmers/end users be made a priority, as well as for all stakeholders through cascade training;
- To reconsider Gender Issues, as women play important role in agriculture/food production.

Progress reports will be provided regularly by Bama Octave Yao: bama-croplife@avisoci

Mini SEARCH meeting for the East African Group (EAG)

The follow-up to the April, 2007 Mini SEARCH meeting, took place in Entebbe, Uganda, on the 23rd and 24th June, prior to the East Southern Africa Hub Meeting. Dr. Björn Neumann (pictured, right), Vice-President, CropLife Africa Middle East, chaired the meeting. Suitable progress was made of which the minutes will be available shortly.

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East & Southern Africa Hub Meeting: Entebbe, Uganda

The E&SA Hub Meeting took place in Entebbe, Uganda on the 26th and 27th June.

The meeting was opened by the Hon. Bright K. Rwamirama, Minister of State Animal Industry (MAAIF). Supporting addresses were given by Bulegeya Komayombi, Commissioner, Department of Crop Protection and the Hon. Deusdedit K. Bikwasizehi, Chairman Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and who is also the "Patron" of CropLife Uganda.

Highlights of the conference were the "Workshop on Chemical Conventions" by Dr Bernhard Johnen, "Building of Partnerships" by Manon Dohmen of IFDC, "Biotechnology in Uganda" by Dr Tilahun Zeweldu, "The MoU with CropLife AME" by Nalishabo Meebelo of COMESA, "Obstacles and Update on the ASP" by Dr Chris Waller, "Container Management in Kenya" by Prof Vasey Mwaja, "Global Strategy" on Container Management" by Dr Keith Jones and the excellent presentations by the National Associations.

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ABOVE: Left to right: Hon. Deusdedit Bikwasizehi, Björn Neumann, Hon. Bright Rwamirama, Fred Muduuli, Bulegeya Komayombi.

BELOW: Delegates attending the hub meeting pictured with Hon. Bright K. Rwamirama, Minister of State Animal Industry (MAAIF).



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Global Committees and Project Team Meetings

The annual meetings of CropLife International's Global Committees and Project Teams convened in Brussels between 13 and 21-June-2007.

These included meetings of Communications Steering Committee (CSC), Regulatory Steering Committee (RSC), Data Protection Steering Committee (DPSC), Anti-Counterfeiting Steering Committee (ACSC) together with the Stewardship Steering Committee (SSC).

The first meeting was a workshop on Communications (pictured below), under the chairmanship of Antonio Galindez, and organised by CropLife International Communications manager, Robynne Anderson.



A Trans-Regional Communications Workshop was also held with participants from the CropLife regional associations (pictured top, right).

The FAO Code of Conduct Team and the IPM Project Team also convened during the same period.

CropLife Africa Middle East was represented by the regional coordinator, Ali Mohamed Ali (pictured right on extreme left of picture), who attended the SSC and RSC meetings and delivered a presentation on regulatory harmonization initiatives in Africa and Middle East.

Training consultant, Peter Mills, also represented the association and attended all the scheduled

meetings and delivered two presentations, one on Communications in Africa Middle East to the Trans-Regional Communications Workshop, and another on CropLife Africa Middle Stewardship Activities to the Stewardship Committee Meeting.

In addition to the Director General, Christian Verschueren, the global meetings were attended by Emanuel Butstraen from the Crop Protection Strategy Council and Howard Minigh, President of CropLife International who commended the activities of CropLife Africa Middle East in the context of the global Stewardship Steering Committee deliberations.

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IPM & Safe Use Training in Cameroon

A cooperation program set between CropLife Cameroon and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER) led to two training sessions of three days each in Bafoussan and in Kumba, targeting farmers (94), stockists (29), trainers (29) and other stakeholders (6).

Topics covered were: Labelling and packaging of CPPs; IPM, Responsible and Effective Uses of CPPs; CPPs Regulations and Registration, and Registered Products in Cameroon; Toxicity of Pesticides; Managing Obsolete Stocks of pesticides.

Trainers were from MINADER and member companies of CropLife Cameroon and previously trained during ToT's sessions conducted in the country.

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Group photo of trainers and trainees of the Kumba session
(Courtesy of CropLife Cameroon)

CIPAC Symposium

CropLife Africa Middle East participated at the Collaborative International Pesticides Analytical Council (CIPAC) Symposium which was held at Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa on the 11th and 12th June. Industry was represented by Dr Ralf Eisert of ECPA and Dr Tom Woods, Consultant (both pictured right).



CIPAC are an international, non-profit-oriented and non-governmental organization, devoted to:

- promote the international agreement on methods for the analysis of pesticides and physico-chemical test methods for formulations.
- promote inter-laboratory programmes for the evaluation of test methods.

The methods are proposed by companies and are tested by laboratories all over the world. After evaluation of the results and adoption, the methods are published in the CIPAC Handbooks. For more information about CIPAC and their publication, visit: <http://www.cipac.org>.

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News Snippets

CropLife Zambia held it's Annual General Meeting on 08-June-2007 and the following office bearers were elected to represent the industry: Chairman - M.C. Masite; Vice-Chairman - M.M. Ngonga; Treasurer - Reen Lourens; Secretary - S. Mwansa; Committee Members - W. Mwaya, Chola Kamaki, Collins Chibbonta, A.S. Musonda. Congratulations to Chris Masite (pictured, right).



RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- CropLife Africa Middle East, East & Southern Africa Hub Meeting, Entebbe, Uganda: 26 + 27 June 2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Course for CropLife Sudan, Medani, Sudan: 12 to 16-August-2007.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Train-the-Trainer Course for CropLife Syria, Damascus, Syria: 26 to 30-August-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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