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Annual Conference, Dubai: 20 – 21 October 2009

The annual conference of North Africa & Middle East was held on 20 and 21 October 2009 at the Ramada Continental Hotel in the city of Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Held under the patronage of His Excellency, the Minister of Environment and Water (MOEW) of the United Arab Emirates, the conference was organised in cooperation with the Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development (AOAD) and CropLife Emirates. The conference was inaugurated by His Excellency, Sultan Ben Abdalla Alwan, Executive Director of Agricultural and Animal Resources of the MOEW.

Participants to the conference were representatives of the pesticide registration authorities of North Africa and Middle Eastern countries, together with members of National Industry Associations from 12 countries in the region.

Experts from multinational companies representing the plant science industry and delegates of regional and international organizations contributed to the discussions at the conference providing relevant technical knowledge on various aspects of pesticide management.

The conference had a broad agenda, focusing on support of the ongoing regional regulatory harmonization on pesticide management, driving stewardship and integrated pest management projects. A regional communications workshop was also conducted as an integral component of the conference.

The executive team of CropLife Africa Middle East, announced that the conference had reached consensus on recommendations focusing on promoting regulatory harmonization on pesticide management in the region.

Also highlighted were projects designed to promote stewardship, IPM, IPR and related regional training programmes, while maintaining effective communications with stakeholders across the region. Local press provided timely coverage of the conference and its outcomes.



The Buij Dubai—tallest man made structure in the world



HE Sultan Ben Abdalla alwan receives CropLife Executives at MOEW, UAE

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ATELIER ANNUEL: Dubaï, 20-21 Octobre 2009.

L'atelier annuel de la Division Afrique du Nord Moyen Orient s'est tenu les 20 et 21 Octobre à Dubaï, Emirats Arabes Unis sous le parrainage du Ministre de l'Environnement et de l'Eau et sous la présidence effective du Sultan Ben Abdalla Alwan, Directeur de l'Agriculture et des Ressources Animales. Organisé en collaboration avec l'Organisation Arabe pour le Développement Agricole (Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development, AOAD) et CropLife Emirates, l'atelier a enregistré la participation des autorités de réglementions et d'homologation des pesticides des pays d'Afrique du Nord et du Moyen Orient et des 12 associations nationales membres de la CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient. Des experts représentant les multinationales de l'industrie de la science des végétaux et d'organisations régionales et internationales ont contribué aux débats avec des connaissances techniques sur des aspects variés de gestion des pesticides.

Les débats se sont focalisés sur le processus en cours sur l'harmonisation des réglementations, la gestion avisée et la lutte intégrée (IPM) et la communication sur les pesticides. Les recommandations de l'atelier ont porté sur la promotion de l'harmonisation des réglementations phytosanitaires pour la gestion des pesticides dans la sous-région, la mise en œuvre de programmes de promotion des activités de gestion avisée et de IPM, des droits de propriété intellectuelle, de formation et des activités de communication efficace avec les acteurs de la sous-région.

La presse locale a largement couvert l'atelier.



Industry Hub Association Workshop



Conference combined session — Industry and government delegates

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Regional Communication Workshop in Dubai



Anna Riley leading the communications workshop

CropLife Africa Middle East conducted the 1st Regional Communication Workshop in the region, this as part of the recent annual conference in Dubai.

The workshop was led by Anna Riley, Manager of the Global Communications Steering Committee of CropLife International.

The main focus was on the rollout of the communication of the core messages together with communication tools and how to apply these.

Practical training to improve the communication skills of national association communicators was conducted, and online use of communication resources on the web was exercised.

Atelier Regional de Communication a Dubai

CropLife Afrique Moy en Orient a organisé le premier atelier régional de Communication comme partie intégrante de l'atelier annuel de la division Afrique du Nord Moyen Orient à Dubaï, sous la supervision et la direction de Anna Riley, Directrice du Département Communication de CropLife International. L'objectif était de s'assurer une bonne diffusion et une utilisation optimale des « messages clés » et des outils. Une formation pratique a été organisée pour améliorer les compétences en communication des associations nationales ainsi que l'utilisation des ressources via internet.

ExCo Meeting

The Executive Committee of CropLife Africa Middle East (ExCo) held its 3rd meeting for 2009 in Dubai on 22 October, 2009.

The meeting covered amongst other issues, legal, financial and operational topics together with progress reports provided by the Area Coordinators covering the activities in the 3 sub-regions. The 2010 Hub Action Plans presented by the Area Coordinators and Hub Chairs were reviewed and duly approved by ExCo. The budget proposals were submitted and given provisional approval by ExCo. Final approval of the budget for 2010 will be concluded at the 1st ExCo meeting scheduled in Casablanca in February 2010.

Detailed reviews of all stewardship activities within the region were presented at the meeting. ExCo also took note of the status of training materials and guidelines with regard to availability, translation and distribution in the region.

A report was also provided on the growing adoption of biotechnology in the region in terms of ongoing research and commercial applications.

Réunion du Comité Exécutif

Le comité exécutif (ExCo) de CropLife Afrique Moy en Orient a tenu sa 3eme réunion annuelle le 22 Octobre 2009 pour examiner différentes préoccupations parmi lesquelles les actions légales, opérationnelles, financières, ainsi que l'évolution des activités selon les rapports présentés par les Coordinateurs des 3 divisions.

Les plans d'actions 2010 soumis par les Présidents et Coordinateurs de division ont été discutés et adoptés; les propositions de budget seront rediscutées pour approbation finale au cours de la première réunion annuelle 2010 prévu pour février 2010 à Casablanca, Maroc.

Les activités de stewardship et la disponibilité, traduction et distribution des documents et guides dans la région ont été également discutées. Un rapport a été présenté sur la croissante adoption de la biotechnologie dans la région, en termes de recherche en cours et applications commerciales.

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CropLife AME Elects New President

Following the appointment to a new position within Dow AgroScience in Indianapolis, Pierre Flye Sainte Marie resigned from his position as President. The ExCo extended their thanks to Pierre for his important contribution during his time with CropLife Africa Middle East and wishes him success and satisfaction in his new role.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on 22 October Mr Eric Bureau from Bayer Crop Science was unanimously elected as the new President. Eric has a long standing track record with CropLife AME and the Plant Science Industry. In addition to various positions in both Europe and Central Asia, Eric has also been very involved in assignments within the African region. He brings excellent knowhow and experience to this role as president of our association.

The new Hub Chair and Vice President role for Central and West Africa currently held by Eric will be appointed at a later stage. In the interim, Executive President Rudolf Guyer will take charge of this responsibility.



Newly elected President -Eric Bureau



Farewell to President Pierre Flye

Un Nouveau Président pour CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient

"Le Président Pierre Flye Sainte Marie affecté à Indianapolis, USA pour relever de nouvelles défis au sein du groupe Dow AgroScience, a présenté sa démission à l'ExCo qui l'a remercié pour sa contribution constructive à CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient durant son mandat et lui a par ailleurs souhaité pleins succès pour ses nouvelles responsabilités à Dow AgroScience.

Au cours de cette réunion de l'ExCo Eric Bureau (Bayer CropScience), a été élu nouveau Président de CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient. Eric a une longue expérience au sein de CropLife AME et de l'industrie; en plus de ses responsabilités en Europe et en Asie Centrale, il a été fortement impliqué dans des missions envers la région d'Afrique. Il va ainsi bénéficier de cette expérience en tant que président de notre organisation.

Le nouveau Vice Président en charge de la division Afrique de l'Ouest et Centrale jusque-là tenue par Eric Bureau sera élu plus tard. L'intérim est pour l'instant assuré par le Président Exécutif Rudolf Guyer."

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Mediterranean Group on Pesticide Research

CropLife Egypt participated at the 6th International Symposium of the Mediterranean Group on Pesticide Research (MGPR) held in Cairo between 27-29 October 2009 .

Dr. Said Abdella delivered a presentation on the association's activities on the alleviation of pesticide counterfeiting and illegal trade in Egypt.

The symposium was attended by participants from Egypt, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Syria, Lebanon, Greece, Serbia, Italy, Czech Republic and France.

CropLife Egypt used the opportunity to launch the e-learning tool on the International Code of Conduct in the Arabic language with over 250 CDs distributed during the event.

The demonstration on the use of the e-learning tool was well received and resulted in requests for over 300 copies for distribution among different stakeholders.

MGPR Symposium
in Cairo



10th Arab Crop Protection Congress

The 10th Arab Protection Congress organized by the Arab Society for Plant Protection (ASPP) held its meeting between 26th-30th October, 2009 in Beirut. 600 participants from research institutions, regional and international organizations and industry representatives attended the congress.

Michel Chartouni, Vice President of CropLife AME attended the congress and exchanged views with several stakeholders on potential partnerships in the region. He used the opportunity to pledge support to the ASPP.

West & Central Africa

Sustainable Agriculture

IPM / RU

IPM/Responsible Use – training took place between 15-17 October in Lomé, Togo. The objective was to build capacity and provide tools to members of the Union of Farmers Organisations (RENOP) of Togo. There were 11 participants comprising of 3 coordinators (2 of which were agronomists), 6 agronomist facilitators and 2 financial managers.

The modules focused on:

- * basics of pesticides including safety during handling and the responsible use of pesticides;
- * correct choice of application equipment so as to ensure safety for users and the consumer;
- * protection of the environment ;
- * counterfeiting and illegal use of pesticides;



Dr B. Sognigbé discussing the importance of good application equipment



Quality CPP's used in the demonstration

IPM / RU

IPM/RU au Togo: un atelier de formation s'est tenu les 15-17 Octobre à Lomé, Togo pour le renforcement des capacités pour 11 membres du Réseau National des Organisations Paysannes (RENOP). Les thèmes enseignés portaient sur les notions de base sur les pesticides, le choix correct des produits et des appareils d'application pour assurer la sécurité des utilisateurs et des consommateurs, la protection de l'environnement, la contrefaçon et le commerce illicite des pesticides.



Participants at the training



The executives of AFITO, Togo

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Regulations

ECOWAS Harmonization

The launch of the MIR Plus Project is scheduled for November 14 in Abuja, Nigeria, with the participation of the Dutch DGIS who is the main funder of the project. Discussions will focus on progress for a training workshop on IPM using the CropLife course to build a pool of regional IPM trainers for the "cascade downwards" training and the drafting of the 2010 Action Plan related to the common activities with IFDC.

EU-ECOWAS Food Security Initiative

A meeting with the foundation mission led to recommendations on the implications of the EU in the ongoing process focusing on the needs for the EU to support countries regulatory activities. Such an approach will provide means to individual countries and ensure follow-up activities on the implementation of the initiative and pesticides registration process in place.

Reglementations

Harmonisation des réglementations Phytosanitaires de la CEDEAO

Le lancement du projet MIR Plus prévu pour le 13-14 Novembre 2009 a été évoqué lors de la récente rencontre entre le coordinateur de la division et Georges Dimithe de l'IFDC, Directeur du Projet. Le Comité de Coordination sera installé avec pour mission la mise en place des procédures pour l'autorisation et le contrôle de qualité des intrants agricoles (pesticides, semences, engrais...). CropLife Africa Middle East siègera audit comité. L'organisation d'un atelier de formation IPM a été discutée pour la mise en place d'un pool régional de formateurs afin d'assurer les formations en cascade dans les pays membres de la CEDEAO.

Le cours de CropLife International sera utilisé pour cette formation.

Initiative Sécurité Alimentaire UE-CEDEAO

La rencontre entre le Coordinateur de la division et la mission de formulation avait pour objectifs d'éclairer cette mission sur l'état des lieux des réglementations phytosanitaires et le processus actuel d'harmonisation. Des recommandations ont été faites pour l'appui de l'UE aux états membres afin de leur fournir des outils et moyens pour la mise en œuvre des procédures et surtout pour le contrôle post-homologation des pesticides, maillon indispensable mais malheureusement faible dans l'espace CEDEAO.

Association Management

Following the NAME East Hub and ExCo meetings, the following points were noted as key activities for the West & Central Africa Hub

- * IPRs/Anti-Counterfeiting: To emphasize the needs for national associations to prepare the project for 2011 and to ensure timely submissions for inclusion in the budget process for 2011;
- * Stewardship and Sustainable Agriculture: Submission of project to benefit the USAID/GDA funds allocation, collect feedback on the CoC E-learning tool and prepare national associations for submitting the 2009 stewardship activities;
- * Communication: To finalize the list of A and B groups of media contacts in individual countries;
- * Ensure correct uses of the core messages and media tools;

RENFORCEMENT DES ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES

Suite à la réunion ExCo et l'atelier Afrique du Nord Moyen Orient les points suivants ont été noté pour renforcer les activités du Hub Afrique de l'Ouest et Centrale. Lis'agit de:

- * La Propriété Intellectuelle/Anti-Contrefaçons: s'assurer et insister sur le besoin pour les associations nationales de soumettre leurs plans d'action et demande de financement en temps utile.
- * Stewardship et Agriculture Durable: soumission de plan d'actions pour bénéficier de l'allocation USAID/GDA, collecter les feedbacks sur la formation auto-évaluation sur le code de conduite international pour la distribution et l'utilisation des pesticides, préparer les associations nationales pour soumettre les rapports d'activités stewardship 2009;
- * Communication: finaliser les listes A and B des contacts media dans les pays;
- * S'assurer de l'usage correct et efficient des messages et outils....

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Second Review of Regional Guidelines for the Regulation of CPP's in SADC Countries

The SADC Secretariat is in the process of implementing a regional project which aims at strengthening control management systems for sanitary and Phytosanitary measures in the SADC region. The main aim of the project is to harmonise and standardise legislation related to Food Safety, Animal and Plant Health.

The Project carried out a gap analysis in the region, which has shown that procedures for the registration of pesticides and veterinary preparations are variable among SADC Member States. In order to address this gap, the Secretariat engaged Consultants to prepare relevant guidelines on:

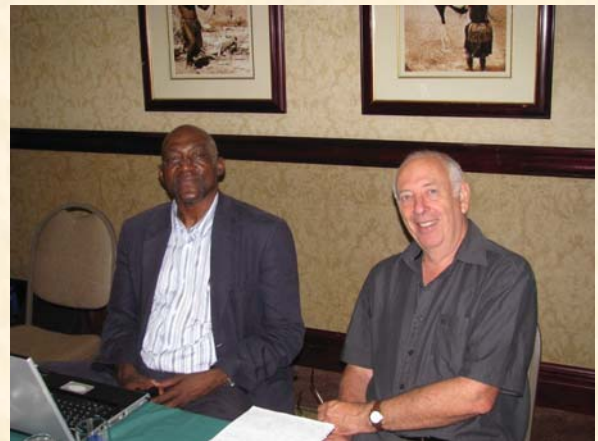
- The registration of pesticides
- The registration of veterinary preparations.

A four day workshop took place at which Member States reviewed the draft documents and developed inputs to be used to finalise the documents.

A key point worth noting is that the SEARCH Harmonised Application Form was accepted as the baseline document for the registration of pesticides. This will now be developed further and renamed the SADC Application Form for the Registration of Plant Protection Products. The reworking of the Application Form and the acceptance of this by the Member States is likely to be a lengthy process.



Ndeshihabela Händongo (L) , Chief Agriculture Inspector, Namibia & Loitseng Sebetware (R), Registrar, Botswana



Dr Antoine Nguz (L) , Regional Programme Coordinator & Dr Johan Vermeulen, (R) Consultant

Deuxieme Revision Des Guides Regionaux Pour Les Reglementations Sur Les CPP's Dans Les Pays De La SADC

Le secrétariat de la SADC est en train de mettre en œuvre un programme visant à renforcer les capacités pour les systèmes de gestion des mesures sanitaires et phytosanitaires à travers l'harmonisation et la standardisation des législations relatives à la sécurité sanitaire des aliments, la santé des animaux et des plantes.

Les études préliminaires ont montré des divergences entre les états membres, et conduit à la préparation de guides pour l'homologation des pesticides et des préparations vétérinaires.

L'atelier de 4 jours s'est penché sur la révision des documents proposés a adopté le formulaire d'application du SERACH comme document de base pour l'homologation des pesticides. Ce document sera révisé et renommé Formulaire SADC de Demande d'Homologation des Produits de Protection des Végétaux.

Angola

During the workshop in Gaborone, Botswana, a meeting took place with Sidonio Mateus, Registrar of Pesticides in Angola. This was an appeal to form a CropLife Association in Angola on the basis that the agricultural sector is developing at great speed in the country and the need for industry stewardship programmes to be introduced.

A “needs list” required for going forward was drawn up and Mr. Mateus undertook to develop this further with “Industry” in the country and to revert shortly.



Far Right: Mr Sidonio Mateus –Registrar of Pesticides—Angola

Container Management

Following the CLI Container Management Project Team Committee Meeting in Monheim in late September, a follow-up panel discussion took place with interested parties from CropLife South Africa in order to fine-tune the “triple rinse” poster.

Excellent feedback was received and this was duly passed on to the Communications Group in Brussels.

Gestion Des Emballages

Suite à la réunion de la Commission Gestion des Emballages de CropLife International à Monheim en fin Septembre une rencontre de suivi a été organisée avec la participation des parties impliquées par CropLife Afrique du Sud pour finaliser le poster « Triple Rinçage ». Des réactions positives ont été reçues et transmises au groupe de Communication à Bruxelles.

Training Plan 2010

Discussions were held with Heman Louw to develop an outline for the training activities planned for 2010.

The focus country in 2010 will be Malawi as they have fallen far behind in the earlier programme developed.

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Safe Guarding Project – Kenya

Government Indemnifies Holders of Obsolete Pesticides

CleanFarms Kenya is a project being led by CropLife Kenya in close collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Kenya Farmers Association to discover the extent of obsolete pesticides in the country and to subsequently reduce risks from these stocks by transferring them to safe storage. Kenya farmers and others holding obsolete and unwanted pesticides are being encouraged to register their unwanted pesticides with the CleanFarms project by the end of November. Those doing so are being indemnified by the Ministry of Agriculture against the cost of disposal of these stocks in the future and will be provided during next year with an opportunity to hand over these unwanted products to the Ministry for safeguarding and ultimate safe disposal. Funding of the CleanFarms Kenya project comes from the companies funding CropLife International's Obsolete Stocks Programme and forms part of industry's commitment to the Africa Stockpiles Programme. Similar projects are underway in Malawi, Ghana and Cameroon. *Article by Prof. Vasey Mwaja - CropLife Kenya*

Stocks Obsolete/Projet de Securisation du Kenya

Le gouvernement indemnise les détenteurs de stocks.

CleanFarms Kenya un projet piloté par CropLife Kenya en étroite coopération le Ministère Kenyan de l'Agriculture et l'Association Kenyane des Agriculteurs vise à identifier les stocks de pesticides obsolètes dans le pays et à les transférer sur des sites sécurisés pour en réduire les risques sur l'environnement.

Les agriculteurs Kenyans et tous les détenteurs de stocks indésirables sont encouragés à déclarer leurs stocks à CleanFarms avant fin novembre et seront indemnisés plus tard par le Ministère de l'Agriculture en proportion du coût de destruction de ces stocks.

Le financement de cette opération provient des sociétés finançant le programme de stocks obsolètes de CropLife International.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA




MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Agriculture has initiated the process of taking inventory of all obsolete and unwanted pesticides in Kenya in collaboration with CropLife Kenya with a view to disposing them safely and effectively as prescribed in the Pest Control Products Act, Cap 346, and disposal Regulation made there under and other relevant statutes.

The activities are being implemented through a project called CleanFarms Kenya under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture represented by the Pest Control Products Board and the Plant Protection Services Division and led by the Plant Science Industry represented by CropLife Kenya.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- 1) To identify the quantities, types, and status of obsolete and unwanted pesticides as well as associated empty containers existing in Kenya and to compile a comprehensive national inventory of these materials.
- 2) To carry out programmes of collection and safeguarding of the said materials free of charge for those holding them and their eventual disposal in compliance with the Pest Control Products Act and other relevant statutes.
- 3) To find a sustainable long-term solution to the management of unwanted pesticides and empty pesticide containers in the country.

In order to ensure that all undesired pesticides and associated wastes in the country are identified and the products collected for disposal, the Government wishes to bring to the attention of the public the following:-

- a) Farmers, cooperative societies, stockists or any other organisation or entity that may be in possession of such undesired pesticides are advised to register the said materials to the CleanFarms Kenya Project.
- b) The period of reporting and registration is to run from **23rd September to 30th November, 2009**.
- c) Following registration of the materials within the project period, and their subsequent delivery to specified collection centres, those individuals or organisations holding or owning the materials will not be held responsible legally or financially for their future disposal. The Government, through the Project, will be responsible for collection and disposal of the collected wastes.

Holders of unwanted and obsolete pesticides and empty pesticide containers are therefore urged to register the products within the specified period and to take advantage of this one-off opportunity.

For further information or clarification please contact the following:

<p>1) CleanFarms Kenya P.O. Box 13809- 00800 NAIROBI TEL: 020 8009991 Mobile: 0734 808 011 Email: cleanfarms@agrochem.co.ke Website: www.cleanfarms.net</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>2) The Managing Director Pest Control Products Board P.O. Box 13794 – 00800 NAIROBI TEL NOS: 020 4446115/4450242/4441804 FAX: NO. 020-4449072 Mobile: 0720 480 904 / 0735 778 743 E-mail: pcpboard@todays.co.ke</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>3) Teresia Karanja Ministry of Agriculture Plant Protection Services Division P.O. Box 14733 – 00800 NAIROBI TEL: 020 4441973 – office Mobile: 0722 267 909 Email: dhcokb@yahoo.com or ppsd@kijimo.go.ke</p>
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Nigeria – Africa Stock Piles Programme

An Agreement has been signed between CropLife International and the Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria under the Africa Stockpiles Programme (ASP) for the contribution of funds for the provision of technical assistance. The Honourable Minister of Environment, Mr John Odey signed on behalf of Nigeria. Mr. Michael Hansen from the environmental management consultants NIRAS, based in Denmark, will provide the technical assistance to the project. An inventory of obsolete pesticide stocks in government stores throughout the thirty six states of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory is underway. The ASP Nigeria project is scheduled to complete its first stage activities by June 2010. The funding being provided under this Agreement forms part of the commitment to the ASP made by the companies funding CropLife International's Obsolete Stocks Programme, that has already sponsored technical assistance to South Africa, Tanzania and Mali.

Article by Sam Kunu - President CropLife Nigeria



Handing over ceremony of the agreement to CropLife Nigeria:

From left are : Alhaji M.S Kalgo- Ag. Permanent Secretary- Federal Ministry of Environment, Mr John Odey-Honourable Minister of Environment, Mr Jerry Wright- Chairman, Technical Committee, CropLife Nigeria and Mr Theodore Nwaokwe- Project Team Leader, Nigeria-ASP

Programme Africain de Stocks de Pesticides Obsoletes (PASP)

PASP Nigeria: un accord a été signé entre CropLife International et le Ministère Fédéral de l'Environnement du Nigeria pour une contribution volontaire aux fonds pour l'assistance technique. Honorable John Odey, a signé l'accord pour le compte du Nigeria. L'inventaire des stocks dans le secteur public est terminé pour les 36 états, et la fin du PASP Nigeria est prévue pour 2010.

Le financement de cette opération fait partie de l'engagement de financement du programme de stocks obsolètes par les sociétés membres de CropLife International, lequel sponsorise l'assistance technique en Afrique du Sud, en Tanzanie et au Mali."

Yemen

Anti-Counterfeiting Mission Yemen

At the North Africa & Middle East Hub Meeting in November 2008 it was agreed that the Obsolete Stocks Programme would support CropLife Yemen in verifying counterfeit stocks in Yemen as well as raising the level of awareness in their country in order to prevent further accumulation.

Vis Moodley, a consulting technical advisor based in South Africa and Getachew Cherinet of CropLife Ethiopia were tasked with undertaking a mission to Yemen during July 2009. Dr Ahmed Elaghil of CropLife Yemen made all the local arrangements in terms of logistics, meetings with the appropriate authorities, store visits with counterfeit pesticides, press and media coverage ending with a public seminar including all interested and affected parties.

Meetings were held with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation together with Director General of Plant Protection and Managers from the Pesticide Monitoring and Inspection division in Sana'a, Taiz and Amman. Confiscated counterfeit pesticides were witnessed in these 3 regions.



Public Seminar



Panel Discussion

The mission was concluded with a public seminar to raise the level of awareness and to discuss the issues surrounding counterfeit pesticides

From discussions held at the various Ministry offices and from the Deputy Minister down to officials at local level, everyone was aware of the presence of smuggled and counterfeit pesticides in the country. Approximately 150 tonnes of counterfeited or smuggled pesticides have been confiscated by the authorities in Yemen. Forty five different products were checked. These included: 24 smuggled, 13 fake / imitation, 9 banned, 3 unregistered.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation have been very aware of the presence of smuggled and counterfeited pesticides and now has a pesticide monitoring and inspection team to police outlets and confiscate where necessary. This policing system does however need to be extended to all provinces.

The seminar was a great success in raising the level of awareness of counterfeit pesticides. This will be followed up with a national campaign to raise awareness to the level of the end user. Government agencies such as Customs, Police, Military, Trade and Industry, Public Prosecutions, etc will be brought on board to tackle this problem with a united front.

Counterfeit products that have been confiscated as well as other expired and unusable products will be treated as obsolete stocks and disposed of responsibly.

This mission has assisted in raising the level of awareness and the negative effects of counterfeit products, both on the economy, farmers and general public.

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