

## ***Egypt: A Unique Pesticide Dealers Training Scheme***

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CropLife Egypt is a major contributor to a unique program to certify and license pesticide dealers. This is a partnership between CropLife Africa Middle East, CropLife Egypt, the Ministry of Agriculture and two other service providers. To date, a total of 3000 dealers have been successfully certified and licensed. CropLife Egypt has contributed 34 trainers, prepared by Peter Mills of CropLife Africa Middle East. These CropLife trainers deliver safe use and integrated pest management training modules. The dealers are trained in courses, delivered over a total of 30 hours training, plus 5 hours of practical exercises. They also have to write and pass a 2 hour test to become certified. See picture of certificate below.

It is hoped that the delivery of the Basic Courses for dealers will be completed by mid 2007. In the mean time, an Advanced Course has been prepared by CropLife Egypt and this has been submitted to the authorities for approval. CropLife Egypt hopes to start the Advanced Course in the first quarter of 2007. Contact: [ali-croplife@nets.com.jo](mailto:ali-croplife@nets.com.jo)





## *More training in South Africa*

Joe Siyoko is one of the Master Trainers who was trained by AVCASA (now CropLife South Africa) in 2004 and also by CropLife Africa Middle East in Malawi in January 2005. Joe is based in Johannesburg as Area Manager Agriculture Chemicals with Total South Africa (Pty) Ltd. Joe's main role in training is to raise awareness on the dangers of carelessly handling pesticides and to curb human poisoning and environmental damage, especially in the fruit and vine production areas of South Africa, with special emphasis in the Western and Eastern Cape Provinces of South Africa. Since he started this training in 2004, he has trained more than 3010 trainees, including: chemical agents, co-operative managers, farm owners, farm managers, industrial employees, farm workers and government extension officers.

Each training session has been tailor made to fit and suit each group of trainees'

needs without losing its gist and essence. Each group of trainees is trained in the appropriate vernacular so as to encourage maximum participation during training sessions and also ensuring proper understanding of training content.



Most of the farm managers and Government extension officers' feed back with regards to this training clearly recognises that this type of training is obligatory for all those who use pesticides. This training has brought about a positive behavioural change in

farm managers and workers. This can clearly be seen through farm managers acquiring and enforcing use of personal protective gear for all those who handle pesticides on farms. Government extension officers, through knowledge acquired from this training have also in turn trained community projects and farmers in the safe use of pesticides.

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## ***ASP: Morocco & Tunisia***

Mr. Mihi Mohamed of CropLife Morocco has been nominated by the association to participate in a study tour for representatives of the Africa Stockpiles Programme (ASP) who will receive familiarization training on obstocks management organized by CropLife Global Obstocks Team in Lyon, France between 11-15 Sept. 2006. Also attending from Morocco will be Mekki Chouibani and Ahmed Jaafari of PASP, Maroc.

Nacer Chouikh and Hassine Ben

Salah of CropLife Tunisia and Mlle Nadia Cheikh Limam of Agence Nationale de Gestion de Déchets, Tunisie will also attend the meeting.

The Moroccan newspaper "L'ECONOMISTE" published an article on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 on pesticide management in Morocco with highlights on the obsolete stocks disposal project in the country within Phase I of the Africa Stockpiles Programme.

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## **ASP and Training matters**

### **Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya Master Trainers course in Dar-es-Salaam**



CropLife Tanzania have been very committed in improving training capacity for their members, partners and government personnel. Last year 13 Master Trainers were trained in Morogoro, to the west of Dar-es-Salaam. This year 14 participants from Tanzania, Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya were trained as Master Trainers by Peter Mills in Dar-es-Salaam. This is also further strengthening support for partners, the UNA-FAO IPM Project in Somalia as well as upcoming agribusiness and trade expansion activities in Ethiopia.

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## *News from Sudan*

Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA) concluded a pesticide dealer training for 21 dealers in August, 2006. The training was conducted in cooperation with PPD Safe Use Department.

Local media intensified coverage on the state driven initiative aimed at injecting substantial public funding into agricultural development and moderniza-

tion of the agricultural sector with emphasis on plant protection.

The Sudan Agrochemicals Association (SAGA) presented a paper on "Improving the Pesticide Business in Sudan" within the framework of a public debate organized at the Friendship Hall with participation of agricultural sector stakeholders.

SAGA maintained several

contacts with the Agricultural council and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture focusing at securing conformity of local regulations to the provisions of the Middle East North Africa initiative on harmonized procedures on pesticides together with measures to facilitate execution of public tender pesticide contracts.

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## News from the Middle East

### *And in Jordan?*

Mahmoud Al Tabaishi of CropLife Jordan (pictured right) reports that Regulatory Authorities in Jordan, are in the process of introducing improvements to the regulatory system of pesticide registration. The key points considered are:

Applying FAO/WHO guidelines and specifications for determination of equivalence of active ingredients for registered and newly registered pesticides.

Registration files to include complete toxicological data on active ingredient percentage, percent impurities and analytical method.

Using fingerprinting analysis for all newly registered products to be kept as standards for imported Crop Protection Products.

The emulsifier Non-Phenol-Ethoxylate is banned in all Crop Protection Products in Jordan following a recom-



mendation of the Ministry of Environment which is being adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture.

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## *Cooperation in Mali*

Bama Octave Yao, area coordinator for West & Central Africa region has established a cooperative link with Trade Mali. TradeMali is a USAID funded organisation implicated in fruit exports. Following initial contacts with A. Diallo of TradeMali and Susan van Keulen-Cantella of CropLife Mali, in August, participation of CropLife Mali will participate in a “**Mangoes Day**”

to be held on 12 & 13-September-2006. Participants will come from government organisations, private sector and farmer based organisations. CropLife will make a presentation on phytosanitary protection on Mangoes in Mali and CropLife Africa Middle East are expected to conclude formal cooperation/alliance with Trade Mali.

The expected outcome of this

is the setting-up a framework for active cooperation to lead to a MoU between CropLife Mali and TradeMali. CropLife Mali will thus be in charge of training and stewardship activities for mango production, thereby ensuring safe and responsible use of CPP's in order to guarantee fruit quality. Contact:

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## Cooperation & Partnerships

## *Cooperation in East Africa*

At the IFDC International Training Workshop: Challenges in Developing Agricultural Input Markets in Africa, held in Arusha, Tanzania, from 21 to 25 August-2006, Les Hillowitz, CropLife Africa Middle East area coordinator for East & Southern Africa, presented two papers, “Key Issues Affecting the Development of the CPP Market in Africa” and “Measures Needed to Develop a Regional Market in CPP's”. This has resulted in requests for dealership level Safe Use training support for IFDC projects in Mozambique, Angola, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Madagascar and Mauritius.

A presentation, given by R.G. Bamwenda & Julius Mkenda on the “Harmonisation of CPP Regulations in Eastern Africa”, showed that the SEARCH Application Form is now the official document within the East African Community.



The relationship between CropLife Africa Middle East and IFDC seems to be quite exceptional and it is hoped that this continues to expand in the East and Southern African region.

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## ***West-Central to include Togo***

In an on-going programme to include more country National Associations under the CropLife umbrella, Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East coordinator for West & Central Africa visited Togo in August to set up the Hub and Regulatory workshops, due to take place in Lomé, Togo at the end of March, 2007.

In a multistakeholder approach, the following stakeholders have been consulted and included in the plans for these important meetings: Arokoum Akla, Director Agriculture and President of the Togo Pesticides Committee; J. Blakime, Agri Togo; President Kondi C. Agba, Minister of Agriculture/Arokoum Akla; M. Lare, Sec-

retary General, Ministry of Agriculture/Arokoum Akla; Mrs N'na Sary Kanda, Director General, National Institute for IPR and Technology; Ould Ahmed Abdelsalam, FAO.

The Minister of Agriculture accepted the chairmanship of the workshop. All parties included have agreed to participate, support and assist CropLife in making this a successful series of workshops. Important issues to be dealt with in these workshops include implementation of decrees and laws to rid the market of fraudulent and counterfeited products; the need for training, education and communication for responsible use of Crop Protection Products; and actions to be con-

sidered for 2007 under the leadership of the Association des Fournisseurs d'Intrants du Togo (AFITO, Association of Inputs Suppliers of Togo).

During this visit, Bama was able to have discussions with Rob Groot, Director IFDC, Africa Division. They discussed the activities conducted during the first semester as per the MoU. Extension of activities of IFDC in other areas and mainly in Eastern Africa were discussed. This cooperation can be reinforced between IFDC and CropLife based on the experience of West Africa.

IFDC also accepted in principle to participate in the hub workshop to convene in Lomé, Togo, in 2007.

## ***West-Central operations***

Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East area coordinator for West Central region, has spent a concentrated period working with CropLife Africa Middle East National Associations. He has been guiding National Associations on issues and priorities of the industry to be considered in their activities for visibility and credibility. These include restructuring and organisation; adoption of the CropLife name and logo; free license agreements; formation of project teams and committees to carry out various functions; setting out annual action plans; guid-

ing industry members on the implementation of the FAO Code of Conduct; dealing with Intellectual Property Rights in national legislations for data and Trade Mark protection and patent laws; formation of alliances and cooperation to involve other stakeholders and create necessary synergy; communication and reporting to create visibility on stewardship activities and other activities; introduction of broad band (ADSL) connections. These activities are a follow-up on two association building workshops conducted in 2005, with the cooperation of IFDC. As a re-

sult of this activity, CropLife Côte d'Ivoire will be registered soon and launched in early December, under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture.

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# *Africa Stockpiles Programme meetings: Cape Town*



Stakeholders of the Africa Stockpiles Programme (ASP) met in Cape Town, South Africa, last week to review progress one year after ASP start-up. The Forum followed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), who is the major funding agency for the ASP, and brought together more than 50 participants from 10 African countries, donors, NGOs and ASP partners.

The ASP Implementing Committee, which gives direction to the US\$250 million programme, received feedback from the Forum on project implementation to date and on future direction of the programme. Opening the meeting, FAO Deputy Director-General David Harcharik highlighted the importance of the ASP to removing threats to human health and the environment – both being components of the Millennium Development Goals.

The CropLife Safeguarding project drew particular interest as a risk reduction initiative in countries without immediate access to other ASP funding. The initiative, now approved by ASPIC, seeks

to identify leaking and dangerous stocks and organise appropriate safeguarding measures. The project will be led and initially funded by CropLife with implementation in close collaboration with other ASP partner organisations and country governments. Ultimate disposal of safeguarded stocks will occur in P2 – P4 projects. The initiative was well received by the Forum.

The Forum (picture below) followed a particularly successful bi-annual two day meeting of ASPIC (picture above) hosted, on this occasion, by CropLife International and chaired by Peter Natkanski of Syngenta, Chairman of CropLife's Obsolete Stocks Projects Team. The ASPIC meeting, which consisted of representatives from the World Bank, FAO, PAN, WWF and CropLife International agreed several important actions to speed up implementation and coordination, including integrated work plans, interim ASPIC secretariat resource and communications en-

hancement. CropLife will retain the ASPIC Chair until March next year, when it will pass to the World Bank.

A 'side-event' featuring the ASP was also held during the GEF Assembly opened by the South African Minister of Environment and chaired by Steve Gorman, Senior GEF representative at the World Bank. Mr. Gorman described the multistakeholder nature of the ASP as a particularly interesting model for the GEF and acknowledged the participation of CropLife International as the second largest financial contributor to the 15 year programme.

Closing the ASPIC meetings on the last day, Peter Natkanski told the committee "I have much appreciated the opportunity to be part of the development of this complicated yet exciting project during this week. The member companies of CropLife are committed at the highest level to working in this partnership for the success of the entire ASP."

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## News Snippets

### COMESA

CropLife Africa Middle East will soon sign a MoU with COMESA. According to the responsible person in the Agricultural Unit, Mr. Chikakula Miti, they will be developing the paper work, and over the next few days advise an appropriate date will be announced when CropLife will be invited to Lusaka to sign the MoU.

### SA PIP

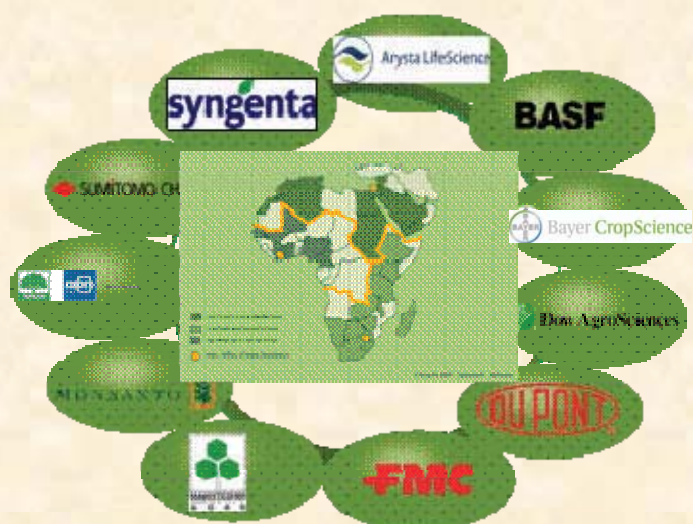
CropLife Africa Middle East, East-Southern, were invited to sit on the Steering Committee of SA PIP. The first meeting took place on 15 August. This has provided the opportunity to assess the training requirements of the small holder segment operating in the "export fresh produce" sector.

### IFDC-CropLife Cooperation

In continuing cooperation with IFDC in the West-Central African region, CropLife and IFDC will be running several Train-the-Trainer trainings, and follow these up with cascade trainings of dealers in the region. IFDC hope to extend this to East-Southern Africa soon

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), in Cairo, Egypt: 11 to 14-September-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Mali and TradeMali: 09 to 13-October-2006.
- "Latest Developments and Trends in Agricultural Biotechnology", with AfricaBio, Pretoria: 5 to 6-October-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Nigeria: 06 to 10-November-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Senegal: 27-November to 01-December-2006.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Executive Committee meeting, Cairo, Egypt: 23-November-2006.
- North Africa Middle East hub & regulatory meetings, Cairo, Egypt: 21 to 22-November-2006.
- CropLife Africa Middle East Executive Committee Meeting 3/2006, Cairo: 23-November-2006.



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