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Participation at the SADC (FANR) Food Safety – Capacity Building on Residue Control 2nd Stakeholder Regional Assembly Meeting

The regional project on “Food Safety – Capacity Building in Residue Control” was signed between the EU and SADC Secretariat on 7 June 2007. The Program Management Unit for the project was established on 17 March 2008 and activities have been taking place since that time.

One of the major activities of the project is to convene an annual Regional Stakeholder Assembly for key technical personnel from Member States and Stakeholders. This was the second meeting and the focus was to discuss project findings, obtain buy-in from the Member States on the progress of the Project and project the activities for the following year. Project objectives are:

- * Strengthening of Food safety regulatory frameworks at national and SADC regional level
- * Strengthening of regulatory framework for registration and quality control of crop protection products and veterinary drugs at national and SADC regional level
- * Strengthening of analytical capability of national and regional laboratories and providing assistance towards accreditation
- * Enhancement of coordination and communication between national and regional authorities involved in the regulatory frameworks on SPS relevant issues
- * Establishment of a network of SPS subject matter specialists and improvement of public awareness and knowledge of SPS issues in the SADC region.

CLAME, on the strength of the SEARCH Harmonization Initiative was invited as an observer to the meeting. During the meeting the Rapporteur covering the regulatory framework for the registration and quality control of crop protection products requested whether the SEARCH Application Form could be attached to the minutes.

It is hoped that stronger ties between the Project and CLAME will follow.



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Marilza Kieck with Mariam Kante of the Seychelles

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SADC (FANR) Sécurité des Aliments - Renforcement des Capacités pour le Contrôle des Résidus 2eme Réunion de l'Assemblée Régionale des Acteurs

Le projet régional sur la «Sécurité des Aliments-Renforcement des Capacités pour le Contrôle des Résidus» avait été signé le 7 juin 2007 entre l'UE et le Secrétariat de la SADC, et la mise place de la Cellule de Gestion du Programme a lieu le 17 Mars 2008.

Les objectifs du projet sont:

- * Renforcer les cadres réglementaires sur la sécurité des aliments au niveau national et régional;
- * Renforcer le cadre réglementaire pour l'homologation et le contrôle de qualité des produits de la protection des végétaux et produits vétérinaires au niveau national et régional;
- * Renforcer la capacité analytique des laboratoires nationaux et régionaux et fournir l'assistance pour l'accréditation;
- * Améliorer la coordination et la communication entre les autorités nationales et régionales impliquées dans les cadres réglementaires sur les préoccupations SPS;
- * Etablir un réseau de spécialistes sur les questions SPS et améliorer la prise de conscience et la connaissance SPS.

CropLife Afrique Moyen Orient a participé à la rencontre en tant qu'observateur, et sur la base de son implication et investissement dans l'initiative SEARCH. Il est à espérer des liens plus étroits entre le projet et CropLife Africa Middle East seront établis.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

South Africa Aims to lead in biotech.

South Africa aims to be among the leading countries in the biotechnology industry, Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor said at a workshop recently. "We want to make South Africa one of the top 10 nations in the world in terms of the pharmaceutical, nutraceutical (food that provides medical benefits), flavour, fragrance and bio-pesticide industries by 2018," she told the national biotechnology workshop in Pretoria.

The Minister said structures had been established across the country to enhance biotechnology research and innovation. All of them would soon move to the recently established Technology Innovation Agency. The agency was expected to allow for an integrated approach for the promotion of innovation, including in biotechnology. It aimed to stimulate the development of technology based products, services and enterprises and develop a technology base for the South African economy.

Pandor said the initiatives would help the country achieve several important objectives, such as the development of therapies for Aids, TB and other diseases. "We all know that the heavy burden of disease in our region gives our search for biotechnology solutions added impetus. The development of research and innovation platforms and programmes will facilitate rapid drug discovery, which will, we hope, help us produce radical and affordable treatments and cures."

Another area of focus that had received specific attention was the exploitation of the country's indigenous knowledge to, amongst others, develop medicine from plants. "South Africa is rich in biodiversity and the government has initiated programmes for the development of medicines based on traditional remedies."

Perceptions on Biotechnology and Biofuels

As a forerunner to the AfricaBio AGM, a Business Brunch was organized and two presentations given. These were titled:

- * "Bioenergy: Enhancing Agricultural Production and South Africa's Food Security". This presentation was given by Andrew Makenete of ABSA Bank.
- * "Perceptions of Biotechnology in South Africa". This presentation was given by Robert Mulder of AMI Strategic Consulting and Research.

BIOTECHNOLOGIE

L – R Robert Mulder, Andrew Makenete, Dave Keetch

L’Afrique du Sud leader en Biotechnologie

L’Afrique du Sud vise à être parmi les pays leaders de l’industrie de la biotechnologie, a déclaré le ministre de la Science et de la Technologie Naledi Pandor au cours d’un atelier récent. «Nous voulons faire de l’Afrique du Sud une des 10 nations dans le monde en termes de pharmaceutique, de nutraceutique (aliments ayant des bienfaits médicaux), parfumerie, et biopesticides en 2018», a-t-elle indiqué.

Le ministre a par ailleurs indiqué que les structures existantes dans le pays vont être regroupées au sein de la nouvelle Agence de l’Innovation Technologique pour une approche intégrée pour la promotion de l’innovation biotechnologique. L’agence vise à encourager le développement des produits technologiques, services et entreprises pour l’économie Sud Africaine.

Pandor a indiqué que ces initiatives vont aider le pays à atteindre plusieurs objectifs parmi lesquels la thérapie pour le SIDA, la tuberculose et autres maladies. «Nous savons tous que le lourd fardeau de la maladie dans notre région justifie une autre impulsion à la recherche de solutions biotechnologiques. Le développement de plateformes et programmes de recherche et d’innovation va faciliter la découverte rapide de médicaments....qui vont, j’espère, nous aider à produire des traitements et cures radicaux bon marché».

Un autre centre d’intérêt qui a reçu une attention spécifique a été l’exploitation des connaissances indigènes qui parmi tant d’autres développe des médicaments à partir des plantes. «L’Afrique du Sud est riche en biodiversité et le gouvernement a initié des programmes pour le développement de médicaments par les méthodes traditionnelles.

FANRPAN

Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network



A meeting was held with FANRPAN attended by:

- * Lindiwe Sibande -CEO
- * Francis Hale - Director, Communications & Advocacy
- * David Kamchacha -Director, Agriculture Inputs & Outputs Markets
- * Thembi Ndema - Programme Manager Natural Resources and Environment (also Project Leader “Women Accessing Realigned Markets (WARM)
- * Part Time - Samuel Kareithi: Swiss Confederation: Regional Programme Manager: Food Security

Key issues covered:

The FANRPAN Stakeholders Regional Policy Dialogue & AGM – Mozambique

The key day for CropLife participation was Wednesday 2 September. The session covering “Putting Farming First” was attended by Isabelle Coche of CLI. The afternoon session covered the “Official Opening of the FANRPAN 2009 Regional Stakeholders’ Dialogue” and included the FANRPAN Policy Award Ceremony at which CropLife International committed to both funding and a citation. The citation was delivered by Isabelle Coche.

Women Accessing Realigned Markets (WARM) Project

This project covered “Strengthening the Capacity of Women Farmers to Influence Agricultural Policy Development in Southern Africa”. The specific challenges faced by women were recorded as:

- * Access to land
- * Access to credit
- * Lack of agricultural extension
- * Lack of Technology
- * Lack of access to markets
- * Lack of infrastructure

The requirements for CropLife were to assist with the training needed under “Technology”. Gender is a key issue and a request was made as to whether we had access to female trainers. We are fortunate to be able to call upon the services of Manon Dohmen and Evelyn Lusenaka in Kenya. We anticipate that the first training intervention will take place in March 2010.

Update on Farming First

FANRPAN confirmed that the Farming First initiative was going well and that they continue to subscribe and advocate to this at every opportunity. A half day event has been set aside for this at the Mozambique Workshop

Domestication of the SADC Seed Protocol

This project will be launched later in November. It is aimed at the development of agro-dealers in the SADC member states. It is a 4 year project and is funded through the SDC (Swiss Aid Programme). A Project Manager is likely to be appointed but currently the planning is being shared between Lindiwe Sibanda and David Kamchacha. The project will focus on four pilot countries namely, Malawi, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The "common vision meeting" will take place in November and to which we will be invited



L- R David Kamchacha, Lindiwe Sibanda, Samuel Kareithi, Thembi Ndema, Francis Hale

TRAINING

UGANDA

CropLife Uganda in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture Animal industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) conducted the second "Radio Talk Show" in Kampala on Central Broadcasting Services (CBS) radio to sensitise the public on fake pesticides in the market.

Right :Mr. S Serumaga John- (CropLife member), Mr Komayombi Bulegeya (Commissioner)- MAAIF, Mr Byantwale Stephen, Inspector- MAAIF and Mose Muwanika Mafabi- MAAIF



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ETHIOPIA

A Pesticide Risk Reduction Stewardship Network Workshop was held in Natherteh 24-27 August 2009

The workshop was organized for the EGAD group of the Horn of Africa Countries namely, Djibouti, Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia. All countries sent sizeable delegations to the workshop. An association was established and Ato Kasahun Bekele one of the CropLife Ethiopia members and Getachew Cherinet were elected to executive committee on an interim basis.

There were a total of 33 participants who came from Universities, MOARD, EPA, PAN Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Horticulture Producers and Exporters Association and Regional Agricultural Bureau's .



Delegates at the Workshop



Getachew Cherinet of CropLife Ethiopia giving a presentation

RWANDA

ToT Follow Up – IFDC “Catalist” Project

In March 2009, Solofu Raberahona (Master trainer of CropLife Africa Middle East) facilitated a ToT program in Rwanda for 15 participants from partner organizations in Burundi, Rwanda and Congo. “Catalist” decided to use all participants as trainers for a training program for agro dealers and signed contracts with these partner organizations to organize training programs in several regions.

Each trainer will organize 5 training programs for groups consisting of 10-15 dealers in 4 to 6 different villages. “Catalist” has developed a curriculum based on the training manual for agro dealers. The handouts for the dealers have been translated in the local language.

It was agreed to organize a follow up program for all trainers in Burundi, Congo and Rwanda. The program in Burundi is to be facilitated by Manon Dohmen and the program in Congo and Rwanda by Solofu Raberahona.

MOZAMBIQUE

Eric Otieno is the Training Manager with the Flamingo Group and who participated in the IPM Master Trainer Programme in Addis earlier this year.

Flamingo is a vast producer of fresh produce destined for the European Markets and has operations in several countries within east and southern Africa.

Eric undertook his first training of in-company field managers in Chimoio, Mozambique during August and included the following topics in the training:

- * Residues on food crops and PHI
- * Components of Integrated pest management
- * Pest management and decision making process
- * Threshold levels and pest scouting
- * Economics of pest management
- * Pesticide selections and dose rate
- * Pesticide failures and their causes
- * Causes of pesticide resistance
- * Operator health and safety

The next steps will be field visits with the agronomists covering practical sessions on pest scouting, sprayer & nozzle calibration and decision making on pest management



Eric, second left with the Mozambique field team

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TUNISIA

Tunisian Association Establishes Training Centre

The Tunisian National Association for Plant Protection (ATPP) has established a training centre in the city of Tunis with the aim of furthering the association's role as a responsible partner in the context of sustainable agriculture and sustainable development.

The association has also created a training team consisting of ATPP members and experts in various fields of Crop Protection.

The centre and the team will maintain a special focus on the promotion of IPM but will also address training of trainers, responsible use and other aspects of training of relevance in Tunisia.

Training modules have been developed in the areas of pesticide management, classification and regulations together with rollout of the international Code of Conduct on distribution and use of pesticides.



Nacer Chouikh—Chairman ATPP Tunisia

The centre also aims at addressing training on chemical control, biological control and good agricultural practices.

Quality and certification issues will also be addressed by the ATPP training centre including GlobalGAP, HACCP and ISO certification.

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TUNISIE

L'Association Tunisienne crée un Centre de Formation

L'Association Tunisienne de la Protection des Plantes (ATPP) a créé un centre de formation pour magnifier la contribution de l'association comme un partenaire responsable dans le contexte de l'agriculture et le développement durables. ATPP a par ailleurs créé un réseau de formateurs composé de membres de ATPP et d'experts de diverses origines mais dans le domaine de la protection des plantes.

Le centre et l'équipe vont accorder une attention particulière à la promotion de la lutte intégrée (IPM), mais aussi à la formation des formateurs, à l'utilisation responsable et bien d'autres aspects d'intérêt pour la Tunisie.

Des modules ont été développés sur la gestion, la classification et la réglementation des pesticides ainsi que la diffusion du code international de conduite sur la distribution et l'utilisation des pesticides.

EGYPT

CropLife Egypt Participates to FAO Regional Workshop:

On invitation from the FAO regional office in Cairo, CropLife Egypt, represented by Dr. Said Abdella participated at the Regional Workshop for Review of Draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM's). The workshop, organized by the FAO was held on 18-22 July 2009 in Cairo, Egypt.

The workshop covered the following aspects:

- * IPPC overview
- * Diagnostic Protocols of Thrips Palmi
- * Cold treatment of fruit flies
- * Revision of ISPM No.7: export certification system
- * Revision of ISPM No.12: guidelines for Phytosanitary certificates
- * Design and operation of post-entry quarantine section
- * Glossary of Phytosanitary terms
- * The Green Customs Initiative: Building of environmental security



Sawat Sakr - Chairman
CropLife Egypt



Dr Said Abdella

EGYPTE

CropLife Egypte Participe à l'Atelier Régional de la FAO

Sur invitation du Bureau Régional de la FAO au Caire CropLife Egypte, représentée par Dr Said Abdellah, a participé à l'atelier régional sur la révision des Standards Internationaux des Mesures Phytosanitaires qui s'est tenu du 18 au 22 Juillet 2009 au Caire.

L'atelier sponsorisé par le Bureau FAO Proche Orient a vu la participation de plusieurs autres pays tels que Bahreïn, l'Iraq, l'Iran, la Lybie, la Jordanie, le Koweït, le Liban, Oman, le Soudan, la Syrie, UAE et Yémen.

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CÔTE D'IVOIRE

CropLife Côte d'Ivoire held a meeting on 26- 27 August with the Department of Crop Protection and Directorate of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Industry and Promotion of the Private Sector, Customs, Police, Farmers Unions, Fruits Production and Export Organizations and various journalists. This meeting was to prepare the legal framework of the CCP's Anti-Counterfeiting Committee.

The meeting followed 3 earlier discussions between the Crop Protection Department of the MoA and CropLife Côte d'Ivoire for the creation of the Anti-Counterfeiting Committee on CPP's. The workshop aimed at bringing together important stakeholders implicated in policies and the management and uses of CPP's so as to create the necessary actions to combat illegal trade. The presentations covered were:

- * CPP's - Legislation and Regulations in Côte d'Ivoire
- * Frauds/Counterfeiting - Identifying threats to human health and the environment.
- * CPP's - Regulations and Intellectual Property Rights - Support of innovative crop protection measures and the preservation of the environment.

The following recommendations were received from the working groups:

- * Determine major stakeholders and levels of implication in the use and handling of CPP's
- * Identify laws and decision makers in Anti-Counterfeiting issues.
- * Communication / Information to Stakeholders - This includes Importers / Distributors, Suppliers, Dealers and Retailers, Users etc.
- * Use of media (TV, Radio, Newspapers) for Anti-Counterfeiting awareness campaigns
- * Training of Stakeholders - specifically Dealers / Retailers, Police and Customs Officials
- * Strengthening of control measures
- * Full and effective implementation of regulations.



Mrs. D. Kondé, Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, between B. Traoré, President (L), and E. Fillon (R), President of the Consultative Group of CropLife Côte d'Ivoire at the opening ceremony of the Anti-Counterfeiting workshop (Courtesy CropLife Côte d'Ivoire).

AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET CENTRALE

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

CropLife Côte d'Ivoire et la Direction de la Protection des Végétaux du Ministère de l'Agriculture ont co-organisé un atelier sur la lutte contre les fraudes et le commerce illicite des pesticides. Cet atelier qui s'est tenu les 26 et 27 Aout avu la participation du Ministère de l'Environnement, du Ministère de l'Industrie et de la Promotion du Secteur Privé, de la Police Economique, des Douanes, des Organisations Paysannes, des Organisations de Producteurs et Exportateurs de Fruits, des medias...

L'objectif était de sensibiliser les partenaires, de poursuivre les réflexions sur le statut légal de la brigade Anti-Contrefaçons pour sa mise en place future.

Les recommandations suivantes ont été faites suite aux présentations/discussions en plénière et travaux en commissions:

- * Déterminer les principaux acteurs et leur niveau d'implication dans la filière;
- * Impliquer les centres/organes de décisions et leaders d'opinions dans la lutte Anti-Counterfeiting;
- * Communication/Information des acteurs tels que les importateurs/distributeurs, les fournisseurs, les commerçants/détaillants, les utilisateurs...;
- * Impliquer les media (TV, Radio, presse écrite) pour les campagnes Anti-Contrefaçons;
- * Formation des acteurs – surtout les commerçants/détaillants, la police et les Douanes ;
- * Renforcer les mesures de contrôle
- * Application effective des lois et décrets.

STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

IPM / RU: Subject Matter Training

A training session took place from 19-29 August in Adamaoua and the Northern region of Cameroon. The objective of the training was to build capacity and to train the Master Trainers of the Hub on the global IPM course for facilitating and cascading downwards the training process.

93 participants made up of retailers of CPP's and application equipment, farmer organisations and extension agents attended the session.

Topics covered included:

- * Toxicity and labels of CPP's
- * Stewardship: IPM / SU-RU, Obsolete Stocks
- * Illegal CPP's and Risks to Human and Consumer Health.
- * Legislation and Registered Products in Cameroon
- * Types of Application Equipment

COOPERATION / ALLIANCES

CropLife Mali-ASP / Licensing of Dealers / Retailers

Business discussions were held between Sablé Diarra of CropLife Mali and Demba Sidibé, Mamadou Camara & Cheick H. Sylla for ASP Mali in order to update the project for the identification / licensing of retailers / dealers.

It was agreed that the licensing of dealers / retailers as part of the prevention component of the ASP would be beneficial for the implementation of regulations, education, training and combating illegal trade of CPP's. CropLife Mali is to be fully involved in this process. The first step will be to identify the name, store, location and activities of the dealers / retailers. This is scheduled to commence in the first half of September.

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