



Country News

What's happening?

- Uganda training
- IFDC ToT course
- Iraq restructuring
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Ethiopia

Recent Stewardship Reports show that over 50000 farmers, extensionists and farm workers were trained in 2005 by CropLife trained trainers and Master Trainers. Africa Stockpiles Programme team members have also been trained by CropLife in Ethiopia.

Angola

The government of Angola has called for proposals, to cover commercial production and marketing of horticultural crops. Both USAID and IFDC are in the process of developing their submissions and in both cases CropLife Africa Middle East has been included as the implementing partner for Responsible Use training.

Uganda

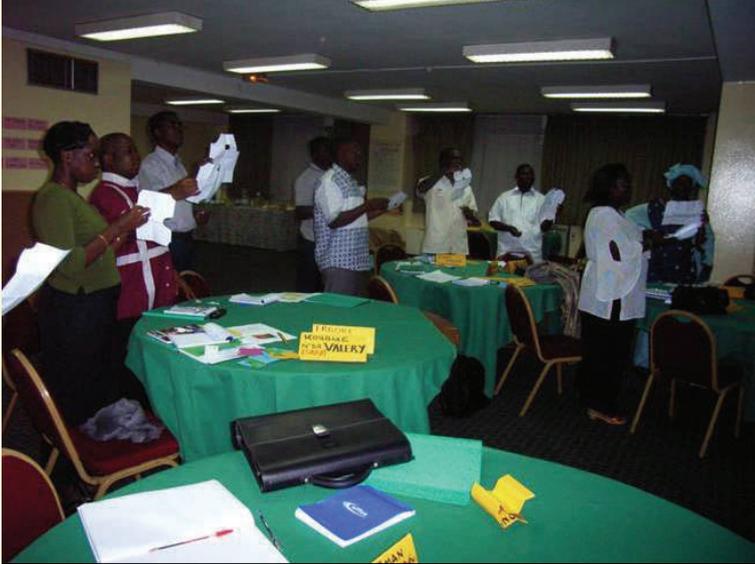
Fred Muhhuku and his colleagues of the Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Programme (APEP) in Uganda have been busy since they attended the CropLife Uganda Training of Trainers course. They have been training hundreds of agri-input dealers and shop owners, managers and attendants, coop and depot staff, extension workers, Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFF) members, seed producers, traders and

farmers in Safe Use as well as helping them to improve their agricultural and business practices. This is an important partnership between CropLife Africa Middle East and the USAID backed APEP. CropLife are also providing funding for the Cotton Pest Management Trainee Program for 2006/7, to provide each Cotton production zone with more highly qualified cotton pest specialists to be used in pest identification, scouting and spraying training for extensionists and farmers. Contact: les.hillowitz@icon.co.za





Another French ToT: Côte d'Ivoire



Manon Dohman and Raphael Voglerlsperger of IFDC, appointed CropLife Africa Middle East ToT course facilitators, conducted another French Training of Trainers course, this time in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Eleven participants from member companies of UNIPHYTO, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, crop protection, research, extension plantation services and a farmers organisation. For more, contact:

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Since the Training of Trainers program began in late 2003, more than 450 Master Trainers have been trained from 33 countries in three languages

Madagascar

As part of the tender requirements with the National Locust Control Authority the main suppliers of "locust products" have completed the required training activities and environmental impact analysis.

The National Association has been in contact with BAMEX / USAID in order to cooperate on a "Dealer Training Course" in the Lac Alaotra Region (major rice production area covering 120 000ha)

CropLife Madagascar is part of the local SAICM project (Strategic Approach to International

Chemicals Management) and has been designated the private sector project leader. They contributed to the importance of pesticide management and have been invited to participate at the SAICM meeting in Geneva on 22 – 24 June 2006.

An Ethical Code, a Code of Conduct based on the FAO Code of Conduct is under preparation by the National Association and will be signed by all members. It was agreed that all members will be given one year to fully comply with the guideline. For more: les.hillowitz@icon.co.za

Co-operation with Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Programme in Iraq

The USAID funded project for Agricultural Reconstruction and Development in Iraq (ARDI) concluded a 15-day training workshop held in Arbil, Kurdistan between 6th -22nd of May 2006 where 60 dealers received capacity building training on IPM and Safe Use of pesticides. The cost of these training activities amounting to US\$ 40 K were covered by ARDI. The training was conducted by Dr. Saeed Abdellah of CropLife Egypt assisted by other 3 Egyptian trainers, all having been previously trained and certified in our ToT courses delivered by our training consultant, Peter Mills, in Egypt. This training activity comes as a consequence of the founding of a dealer association in Iraq under the name of Agricultural Development Association of Iraq and based in Baghdad. These training activities in Iraq were discussed with Mr. Tony Treen of ARDI dur-

ing his participation in the North Africa/Middle East hub meeting in Casablanca, September 2005. The next step being discussed with ARDI is the organization of a CropLife/ARDI co-funded ToT to certify 15 Iraqi trainers to be held

in Amman in Sept. 2006. The concept of establishing an industry national association in Iraq through joint effort with ARDI is being meditated. Contact:

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AOAD General Assembly in Cairo

In the context of the ongoing cooperation with the Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development (AOAD), Ali Mohamed Ali, Regional Coordinator for CropLife Africa Middle East, attended the 29th session of the General Assembly of the AOAD held in Cairo between 23rd & 24th May 2006, as an observer. Other organisations attending as observers were OPEC, ICARDA, FAO and IFAD.

Attended by the 22 Ministers of Agriculture of the Arab Countries

and presided over by the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Amin Abaza, the General Assembly reviewed the activities and achievements of the AOAD over the past two years and concluded the organisation's business plan for the years 2006-2008.

Deliberations emphasized issues of food security, activation of the provisions of the Arab Free Zone Agreement together with enhancement of mutual cooperation with stakeholder organizations and information exchange.

The updated MOU between the AOAD and CropLife Africa Middle East was highlighted in the organisation's biannual report presented by Director General of the AOAD, Dr. Salem Ellozi. Contact:

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**MOU with
AOAD**



Cascade training by IFDC

IFDC have again been active with CropLife partners. A training course for Farmer Based Organisations from cotton, cocoa, rice, citrus, cassava, vegetable and seed sectors to reinforce capacity for Safe Use and Handling and Responsible Management of Crop Protection Products. The training was conducted by CropLife trained Master Trainers, Frank Mensah, and William Nuamah.

Further training will be held at association and community levels. Refresher training programs will be held every quarter. Members of all associations will organize meetings within their own communities to disseminate the information and skills acquired during this valuable training, sponsored and organized by IFDC-MIR and CropLife Ghana. bama-croplife@aviso.ci



Workshop on Unused Locust Products: Mali

A workshop on "Unused Locust Products" was held April 15-18, 2006 in Bamako, Mali, organised by FAO, World Bank and CILSS/CSP. Participants included crop protection and registration authorities of 14 countries concerned with locust invasions (Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia); CropLife Africa Middle East; IGO regional organisations - CLCPRO, EMPRES; Pan-Africa.

The objective was to put in place management strategies for unused locust products from 2003 to 2005 to avoid build-up of obsolete stocks.

The presentations and discussions focused on approaches and

strategies of the FAO, World Bank and CropLife International on management of pesticides; obsolete pesticides and containers; impacts of pesticides on human health and the environment; registration status of present stocks products in CILSS countries and other countries; and specifics undertaken in individual countries.

The following recommendations were concluded:

- Companies are invited to submit dossiers for registration purposes;
- Governments are requested to order registered products exclusively;
- Regulatory harmonisation for registration of locust control products;

- Updated data on stocks was presented;
- FAO to assist in stockists training and develop harmonized management program on locusts products in cooperation with CSP and CLCPRO, and conduct quality analysis before year end;
- Capacity building for country units for preventive measures, and strengthening communication and information exchange among countries and with CLCPRO for adequate supply of products.
- Implement measures for empty containers management.

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IPR Press Update by WIPO

The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Dr. Kamil Idris, pledged the Organization's continued support in enhancing the intellectual property (IP) system in Morocco during talks with Moroccan Minister of Justice, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Bouzoubaa, on Monday, May 8, 2006. In a meeting in Geneva, the Director General and the Minister of Justice discussed the strategic importance and relevance of intellectual property for development and explored ways to further strengthen cooperation between WIPO and Morocco.

The Minister of Justice was accompanied by H.E. Ambassador Mohammed Loulichki, Morocco's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Mr. Abdelmajid Chemija, Director of Studies, Cooperation and Modernization, Ministry of Justice, Mr. Abdelmajid Rohmijha, Director of Studies, Cooperation and Modernization, Higher Institute of the Judiciary, Mr. Idriss Najem, Counsellor in charge of Studies, cabinet of the Minister of Justice, Mr. Khalid El Mokhtari, Counsellor to the Minister of Justice, and Mr. M'Hamed Sidi El Khir, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Morocco in Geneva.

Dr. Idris applauded the Government of Morocco for its commitment to the use of the IP system as a tool for economic, social and cultural development. He said that Morocco had made great advances in modernizing and boosting its intellectual property capacity and infrastructure in recent years and was a model for the region. He referred in particular to Morocco's use of information technology to facilitate public access to the Moroccan legal system. A consequence of this important development, he said, was that it offered users of the IP system better access to IP legal texts and easy access to information relating to commercial IP disputes.

The Director General further congratulated the Government of Morocco on recent initiatives to streamline and expedite the delivery of IP services, particularly within the field of trademarks. Such initiatives, he said, were key to enhancing the competitiveness of Moroccan industry within the global marketplace. Dr. Idris said that Morocco was an excellent partner in promoting intellectual property at national, regional and international levels.

The Minister of Justice, outlined the importance of IP to Morocco, particularly within the context of the country's

comprehensive multisectoral development strategy. He referred to the Ministry's role in promoting Morocco's national development goals through the modernization of its national legal framework and improved access to and delivery of legal services, including in the field of intellectual property. The Minister thanked WIPO for its long-standing and continued support and underlined, in particular, the continuing need to enhance cooperation in the education and practical training of lawyers and judges in the field of IP.

For further information, please contact the Media Relations and Public Affairs Section: publicinf@wipo.int.

**WIPO Director
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Support for
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Enhance
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News Snippets

Rivo Andriamanalina, President of CropLife Madagascar tells us that as from 2006, the Ministry of Finance Law, announced that pesticide tax has been abolished, down from 5%.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture is in the process of amending the Act governing the registration of pesticides and the National Association has been invited to provide inputs.

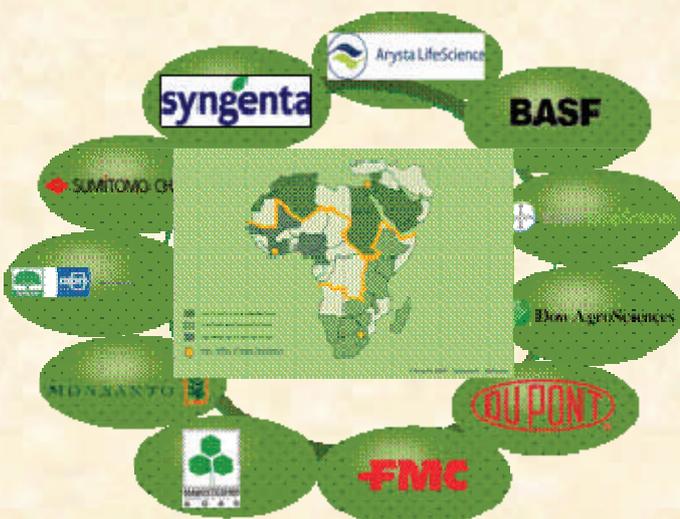
Following a request from Moroccan authorities, Boubker Elouilani and Elmehdi Zaimi (Chairman and General Secretary) will officially represent CropLife Morocco in the steering board of the Moroccan Obsolete Stocks Disposal Project within Phase I of the Africa Stockpiles Programme.

CropLife Morocco participated with a display stand in the first International Agricultural Exhibition of Morocco which took place in Meknes from 20 to 27-April-2006.

CropLife Africa Middle East sponsored the graduation ceremony for students of Crop Protection Department/Higher School of Agronomy (ESA) in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire. During the ceremony, presentations were made on CropLife Africa Middle East's organisation and activities in West and Central Africa, on Biotechnology in Africa, and on Regulations and Fraudulent and Counterfeits of Crop Protection Products in Côte d'Ivoire. Participants were students, teaching staff, farmers based organisations and researchers. Recommendations were made to assist the Biotech Committee, support and lobby for rapid adoption of the initiative by parliament for implementation of regulations so that the country could take full benefit of biotech.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- CropLife Africa Middle East General Assembly & Executive Committee meetings in Nairobi: 15-June-2006.
- East-Southern Hub and Regulatory meetings in Nairobi on 13 and 14 June-2006.
- International Training Program on Sustainable Management of Agricultural Traders and Producers Organisations from 19 to 23-June-2006 in Bamako, Mali: arranged and sponsored by IFDC.
- AfricaBio half-day business meeting for stakeholders on BIOFUELS in Johannesburg: 23-June-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Ghana: 17 to 21-July-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Syria: 06 to 10-August-2006.
- Training of Trainers for CropLife Tanzania: 21 to 25-August-2006.



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