

## North Africa Middle East

### Central Agricultural Pesticides Lab, Egypt, Launches Website

The Central Agricultural Pesticides Laboratory (CAPL) of the Ministry of Agriculture of Egypt, has launched a new website [www.capl.sci.eg](http://www.capl.sci.eg) aimed at providing official information on the registration and regulations of pesticides in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The new CAPL website, in conjunction with the previously launched website [www.acp.goc.eg](http://www.acp.goc.eg) by the Agricultural Pesticides Committee (APC), will serve jointly as the official source of information on pesticides as well as other crop protection activities in the country.

The two websites will provide an excellent means of information exchange amongst regulatory authorities and other stakeholders in the agricultural and industrial sector.



Dr. Monir Almaz CAPL director



Prof. Dr. Salah Soliman -  
APC Vice Chairman

### Nouveau Site Web pour le Laboratoire Central des Pesticides Agricoles de l'Égypte.

Le laboratoire Central des Pesticides Agricoles (Central Agricultural Pesticides Laboratory, CAPL), Ministère de l'Agriculture de l'Égypte, a créé un nouveau site web [www.capl.sci.eg](http://www.capl.sci.eg) pour fournir des informations officielles sur l'homologation et les réglementations sur les pesticides en Égypte.

Le nouveau site CAPL servira en même temps que le précédent site [www.acp.goc.eg](http://www.acp.goc.eg) du Comité des Pesticides Agricoles (Agricultural Pesticides Committee, APC), de source officielle d'information sur les pesticides tout comme les autres activités liées à la protection des plantes dans le pays.

Les deux sites vont servir comme une excellente source pour les échanges d'information entre les autorités réglementaires et les autres acteurs des secteurs agricole et industriel.

## Regional Coordinator visits AOAD



Regional Coordinator, Ali Mohamed Ali, concluded a visit to the AOAD headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan during December 2009.

Discussions with the AOAD focused on the ongoing cooperation between the two organizations, with the emphasis being on promoting the regional regulatory initiative in North Africa Middle East in relation to:

- \* pesticide regulations
- \* registration
- \* general pesticide management in countries of the region

Measures to expand the ongoing cooperation into joint training programmes on integrated pest management and responsible use of pesticides were also addressed.



Regional Coordinator—Ali Mohamed Ali

## Le Coordinateur Régional à l'AOAD

Le Coordinateur Régional, Ali Mohamed Ali, a rendu visite à l'Organisation Arabe pour le Développement Agricole (Arab Organization for Agricultural Development) à Khartoum, Soudan dans le courant du mois de Décembre. Les échanges avec l'AOAD ont porté sur la coopération en cours entre les 2 organisations, notamment l'harmonisation régionale des réglementations dans les pays d'Afrique du Nord et du Moyen Orient pour:

- \* les réglementations phytosanitaires
- \* l'homologation des pesticides
- \* la gestion des pesticides dans les pays de sous-région

Les mesures pour étendre la coopération actuelle à la formation sur la lutte intégrée et l'utilisation responsable des pesticides ont été abordées.

## CropLife Egypt—New Office



Chairman, Sarwat Sakr

In support of CropLife Egypt's activities, May Trade (Bayer Agent/Distributor-Chairman Sarwat Sakr) has offered to host the association at their premises situated at 14, Kulliy et Elziraa, 12211 Giza, Egypt – Tel +20 25703561.

May Trade offered the venue and facilities to host the association for a renewable 3-year contract with the contract based on a nominal rental of U\$15/month.

CropLife Egypt Board Members and General Assembly have expressed their sincere appreciation to May Trade and Chairman Sarwat Sakr for this significant contribution. This move provides relief on the association's budget and allows it to concentrate its resources on ongoing activities.

## West and Central Africa

### Sustainable Agriculture

IPM/RU Cascade Training took place between 7 – 11 December in Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire. The objective was to provide tools to participants for Responsible Use handling in the use of pesticides as well as to sensitize participants on the importance of the Code of Conduct (CoC) and regulations. Demonstrations on the learning tool were given. Forty participants attended the training, made up of Retailers / Dealers (14), Applicators (16), Counsellors (10)

Modules trained included:

- Basics on Pesticides
- Toxicity and Labels
- Pesticide Poisoning, PPE and First Aid
- Transport and Storage of Pesticides
- IPM and GAPs
- Application Equipment and Calibration

All 40 participants successfully completed the post course test and received a Certificate of Competence.

#### International CoC — Learning Tool

On 11 December at Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire a presentation was given to the same group on the use of the CoC Learning tool.

The presentation covered

- \* the importance and content of the program as well as the implication and commitment of CropLife for the revision and promotion of the CoC;
- \* learning tools and guidelines developed by CropLife International and the uses of the tools by companies and national associations of the CropLife network;
- \* a demonstration / exercise on the use of the tools;
- \* recommendations for using, and the reporting on the training and distribution of the tool and the actions on improving the regulation systems to better conform to the CoC.



Bama Yao addressing officials and participants on the importance of training for responsible handling and uses of CPPs (left) and presenting a Certificate of Competence to a participant



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## Stewardship & Agriculture Durable

### IPM/RU: Formation en Cascade

Un atelier de formation a regroupé 7 au 11 Décembre 40 participants parmi lesquels 14 revendeurs, 16 applicateurs et 10 prescripteurs. La formation avait pour objectifs de renforcer les capacités des participants pour une maîtrise de la manipulation et l'utilisation des pesticides et sensibiliser sur l'importance du code de conduite (CoC) International pour la Distribution des Pesticides. Les modules présentés portaient sur:

- \* Notions de base sur les Pesticides
- \* Toxicité et Etiquetage
- \* Intoxication, Equipement de Protection Individuel (EPI), et Premiers Secours
- \* Transport and Stockage des Pesticides
- \* IPM and Bonnes Pratiques Agricoles
- \* Appareils d'Application et Etalonnage
- \* Importance du CoC et implication de CropLife dans la Révision et Promotion
- \* Outils de Formation sur le CoC
- \* Recommandations pour la Formation, Rapport et Distribution des Outils

Une démonstration sur l'utilisation desdits outils a été conduite un CDs remis à chaque participant.

## Anti-Contrefaçons et Propriete Intellectuelle

### Les Douanes Ivoiriennes sensibilisées aux Contrefaçons et Fraudes sur Les Pesticides

CropLife Côte d'Ivoire et le Service des Répressions des Fraudes de la Direction Générale ont organisé un atelier en vue de mettre en place des mesures pour combattre le commerce illicite sur les pesticides. Les échanges ont porté sur:

- \* Importance des Pesticides pour une Agriculture Durable
- \* Législation et Réglementations Phytosanitaires
- \* Impacts des Fraudes et Contrefaçons
- \* Mesures pour combattre le Commerce Illicite sur les Pesticides

CropLife Côte d'Ivoire et les douanes se sont accordés pour une étroite coopération pour combattre la prolifération grandissante des produits frauduleux sur le marché. Des rencontres fréquentes et des formations en cascade sont envisagées pour les agents des douanes aux frontières et ports d'entrée.

Les participants comprenaient 14 responsables/agents du service de Répression des Fraudes de la Douane, le Comité Pesticides du Ministère de l'Agriculture, le bureau exécutif de CropLife Côte d'Ivoire, B. Yao Coordinateur AOC et Roger Yeboué le Formateur de CropLife AME.

## WORKSHOP WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

On 21 December a workshop was held with Customs Officials at the RMG Conference Room. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitize and provide tools to customs on the detection / recognition of illegal CPPs. Fourteen custom agents from the newly created Anti-Fraud Service of the Customs Directorate attended.

Presentations were made by CropLife Côte d'Ivoire and covered the following:

- pesticides and their importance in agriculture and economic development
- pesticide legislation and regulations—the focus on registration
- the impact of fraud on financial and economic income, agricultural productivity and investments and innovations in the CPPs sector.

Discussions and recommendations for the future are to supply the law on pesticides and a list of registered products to the customs officials for use mainly at borders. Further training for customs agents and other agents implicated on trade transactions at borders are to take place in the near future.

Closer cooperation, interaction and communication has become necessary between the parties for effective control of illegal CPP's. The creation of a national Anti-Frauds Committee including major stakeholders such as the cosmetic, tobacco, food sectors was also discussed.



Officials (Above) F. Akamou (3rd from left), Deputy Director of Crop Protection Department representing the Minister of Agriculture, and participants (below) at the closing ceremony of the training session.



Participants from Customs Anti-Frauds Service during the presentations on illegal trade of CPPs

## East & Southern Africa

### Development of a Revised Waste Classification System for South Africa – 3rd Stakeholder Meeting December 2009

In order to properly manage waste in an integrated manner - the development of comprehensive system is essential. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) project to revise the waste classification system for SA has from the beginning considered the importance of providing for the management of waste, and not only the classification ('naming') thereof. Accordingly, the proposed draft framework for the revised Waste Classification and Management System (WCMS), Version 3 includes provisions for the development of hazardous waste management procedures, requirements and guidelines to allow for and facilitate the evaluation and implementation of appropriate waste management options.

One of the objectives of the revised classification system is to divert waste from landfill in line with the Waste Management Hierarchy. Accordingly the DEA, in support of the beneficial recovery of resources from waste in a manner that does not harm the environment or health, intends to promote the diversion of waste from landfill by implementing mechanisms for facilitating waste re-use, recycling and recovery. One of these mechanisms is the so-called "Acceptable Use Approval" that has been provided for in the WCMS.

At this stage the exact term to be used is still under consideration, but it would attempt to be descriptive of the intent of the approval and the associated legal mechanism, as well as existing definitions in the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA), 2008. In this document, the term 'Waste Resource Utilisation Activity' has been selected as it reflects the fact that resources (energy, raw materials and products) are available in general and hazardous wastes, which can be safely utilised (re-used, recycled or recovered) under certain conditions.

The main aim of this provision is to provide a mechanism whereby the re-use, recycling or recovery of a particular waste stream in a specific manner, which has been investigated, assessed and proven safe, can be approved for general implementation. Although the exact legal mechanism and process in terms of the NEMWA is still being evaluated, this would take the form of (or current lack of a better word) a 'General Approval' that would allow the specific re-use / recycling / recovery of a particular waste stream in a specific manner and subject to set conditions, without a Waste Management Licence being required for each individual wishing to follow the particular management option. Clean used pesticide containers falls within this category.



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This could apply to waste management options such as uses or application to land (road building, fertiliser), use in end-products (bricks, aggregate in concrete, extenders), as well as energy or raw material recovery/substitution (including thermal recovery). Together with establishing the correct and efficient legal and regulatory process for such approvals, the DEA identified the need for some guidance on the actual information that would be required and process to be followed to obtain approval for such a general approval. This Conceptual Guideline document provides an initial overview of the expected assessment requirements for discussion, review and comment by project stakeholders.



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**Developpement d'un Nouveua Systeme de Classification des Dechets Pour L'Afrique du Sud**

Le développement d'un système compréhensif est essentiel pour la gestion intégrée des déchets. Aussi le Département des Affaires Environnementales (Department of Environmental Affairs, DEA) de la RSA a de ce fait reconnu l'importance de la classification et la gestion des déchets et proposé un projet de classification et de gestion des déchets (Waste Classification and Management System, WCMS). La Version 3 du projet de Révision fournit des provisions pour le développement des procédures de gestion, des exigences et guides pour faciliter l'évaluation et la mise en œuvre d'options appropriées de gestion des déchets.

L'objectif principal de cette provision est de fournir un mécanisme par lequel la réutilisation, le recyclage ou la récupération d'un déchet particulier de façon spécifique a été évalué et prouvé sain pour sa mise en œuvre.

Ce processus s'applique valablement aux emballages vides rincés de pesticides.

## IPM Training, CNFA Tanzania



An IPM Training session was held between 14 - 17 December 2009 at Mgoro-goro Tanzania. The training program was the full CropLife IPM Training course including an evening class refresher on how to train people as well as a responsible use session (Pesticides from Shop to Field) A total of 10 participants (6 male and 4 female) consisting of commercial trainers and CNFA personnel attended.

Knowledge of the participants was evaluated with a pre and post test as well as an assignment consisting of 2 compulsory questions and 2 questions for which participants had to complete 1. The assignment was to test if participants will be able to apply the knowledge learned in the field. All 14 participants received certificates of competence.

It was the second IPM training course in the East and Southern Africa region. The course was very well accepted by the participants. If facilitated correctly, the CLI IPM course is a very powerful training product. The trainer, Herman Louw used the training instructions he compiled with Manon Dohmen which helped a great deal to run an excellent IPM training course



Herman Louw training the participants of CNFA

## Formation IPM, CNFA Tanzanie

Une session de formation IPM s'est tenue du 14 au 17 Décembre 2009 à Mgoro-goro Tanzania. La session basée sur la Formation IPM de CropLife International a enregistré 10 participants parmi lesquels 6 hommes et 4 femmes qui sont des formateurs professionnels et du personnel de CNFA.

Cette session, la seconde tenue en Afrique de l'Est Australe a été très appréciée par les participants qui ont trouvé le contenu comme un important outil de formation sur les pesticides.

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## Uganda

CropLife Uganda held their AGM on 11 December and in line with the Constitution a new Chairman needed to be elected as the past Chairman, Fred Muduuli, had served his two terms. Stephen Matovu was duly elected as the new Chairman.

His team for the next year will be as follows:

- \* Stephen Matovu                      Chairman
- \* Anastase Rubangula                Secretary
- \* Paul Kyabagu                        Treasurer

Executive Committee Members for the next year are:

- \* Fredrick Muduuli                    (Keith Associates Ltd)
- \* Andrew Gita                         (Twiga Chemicals)
- \* Susan Muyinza                      (Nsanja Agrochemical)
- \* Easter Nabirinzi                    (Lyala Bbisi)
- \* Wamboga                             (Kakira Sugar Works)
- \* Patrick Makweta                    (El-Shaddai)

Further news is that CropLife Uganda together with the Uganda Trade Association are organizing an Agricultural Trade Show in Gulu (Northern part of the country) to take place 9 – 11 February. The Executive Committee will meet on 27 January to revisit the 2010 budget and strategic plan.



New Chairman of CropLife  
Uganda—Stephen Matovu



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## Ouganda

L'assemblée générale annuelle de CropLife Uganda qui s'est tenue le 11 Décembre et a vu l'élection d'un nouveau président en la personne de Stephen Matovu. Anastase Rubangula servira comme Secrétaire et Paul Kyabagu comme Trésorier. Les membres du Comité Exécutif sont:

- \* Fredrick Muduuli (Keith Associates Ltd)
- \* Andrew Gita (Twiga Chemicals)
- \* Susan Muyinza (Nsanja Agrochemical)
- \* Easter Nabirinzi (Lyala Bbisi)
- \* Wamboga (Kakira Sugar Works)
- \* Patrick Makweta (El-Shaddai)

Le Comité Exécutif se réunit le 27 Janvier pour examiner le budget 2010 et le plan stratégique. CropLife Uganda et Uganda Trade Association vont organiser une Foire Agricole à Gulu, au nord du pays du 9 au 11 Février.

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