

## Press release

\* Dubai 22<sup>nd</sup>, October, 2009:

- The annual conference of CropLife Africa Middle East concluded its sessions yesterday at Ramada Continental Hotel in the city of Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Held under the patronage of HE the Minister of Environment of Water of the United Arab Emirates, the conference was co-organised in cooperation with the Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development (AOAD) and co-organised by CropLife Emirates, and was inaugurated by His Excellency Sultan Ben Abdalla Alwan, The Executive Director of Plant and Animal Resources.
- Participants to the conference were the delegates of the pesticides registration authorities of North Africa and Middle Eastern countries, together with delegates of national industry associations from 12 countries of the region. Experts from multinational companies representing the plant science industry and delegates of regional and international organizations contributed to the deliberations of the conference providing relevant technical back-up in various aspects of pesticide management.
- The conference addressed a broad agenda, emphasizing on support of the ongoing regional regulatory harmonization on pesticide management, and driving stewardship and integrated pest management projects. A regional communications workshop was conducted as an integral component of the conference.
- Executives of CropLife Africa Middle East including Regional Coordinator, Ali Mohamed Ali, Vice-president Michel Chartouni and Executive President Rudolf Guyer, announced that the conference concluded specific recommendations focusing on promoting regulatory harmonization on pesticide management in the region. They also highlighted projects designed to promote stewardship, IPM, IPR and related regional training programmes, while maintaining effective communications with stakeholders across the region.

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