



**Press release**

**CropLife Africa Middle East Strengthens Regulatory Harmonisation  
on Pesticides In the Arab World**

- **Amman, Jordan: 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2007:**

- CropLife Africa Middle East annual regional conference on regulatory harmonization on pesticides amongst countries of North Africa and the Middle East, concluded its deliberations yesterday at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Held under the patronage of HE Dr. Mustafa Guranfulla, Minister of Agriculture of Jordan, the conference was co-organised by CropLife Africa Middle East, and the Arab Organisation For Agricultural Development (AOAD) and the Agricultural Materials Traders and Producers Association of Jordan.
- Delegates representing the regulatory authorities in charge of chemicals management in the region participated to the conference, together with representatives of national industry associations from 18 countries of the region. Regulatory experts from multinational companies representing the plant science industry also attended and provided technical back-up to the conference on pesticide regulations.
- CropLife Africa Middle East regional coordinator, Mr. Ali Mohamed Ali, announced that the conference concluded recommendations to harmonise procedural and statutory measures in relation to crop protection chemicals management with particular emphasis on aspects of product registration, labeling, pesticide specifications and quality control as essential factors for protection of human health and the environment.
- Dr. Rudolf Guyer, President of CropLife Africa Middle East and Vice-President, Mr. Michel Chartouni pledged to continue the ongoing support to regulatory harmonization and stewardship programmes aimed at the safe use and responsible use of crop protection products in the region.

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