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## **Assessment of Activities in West and North Africa April 2006 – April 2007**



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## ACRONYMS

<b>1000s+</b>	From Thousands to Millions (project implemented by IFDC)
<b>AFITO</b>	Association of agro-input suppliers of Togo
<b>AGRODIA</b>	Association of wholesalers and retailers of agro-inputs, Burkina Faso
<b>APFOG</b>	Apex body of Farmer based Organizations of Ghana
<b>ATPP</b>	Association of Plant Protection of Tunisia
<b>CASE</b>	Competitive Agricultural Systems and Enterprises
<b>CILSS</b>	Permanent inter-States committee to fight drought in Sahel (9 Sahelian countries)
<b>CNCP</b>	National Committee of Pesticide Control, Burkina Faso
<b>CPP</b>	Crop Protection Product
<b>CropLife</b>	Association representing the plant science industry in Africa and the Middle-East; affiliated to CropLife International the global federation (formerly GIFAP then GCPF)
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West Africa States (15 countries)
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>FASEPE</b>	Favorable Socio-Economic and Policy Environment (project implemented by IFDC)
<b>GAIDA</b>	Ghana Agro-Input Dealers' Association
<b>GM</b>	Genetically Modified
<b>GTZ</b>	Agency of German cooperation
<b>ICM</b>	Integrated Crop Management
<b>IFDC</b>	An International Center for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development
<b>INSAH</b>	Sahel Institute (CILSS organization)
<b>IPM</b>	Integrated Pest Management
<b>LNSP</b>	National Public Health Laboratory, Burkina Faso
<b>MIR</b>	Marketing Inputs Regionally (project implemented by IFDC)
<b>MISTOWA</b>	Networks of regional Market Information Systems and Trade Organizations in West Africa (project implemented by IFDC)
<b>MoU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>NAs</b>	National associations of CropLife network
<b>ToR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>ToTs</b>	Training of Trainers
<b>UEMOA / WAEMU</b>	West African Economic and Monetary Union (8 countries)
<b>UNIPHYTO</b>	Union of the Phytosanitary Industry of Côte d'Ivoire
<b>WACIP</b>	West Africa Cotton Improvement Program (project implemented by IFDC)

# 1. BACKGROUND

## 1.1 CropLife Africa Middle East and IFDC

### 1.1.1 Synergies

CropLife Africa Middle East is a regional professional organization representing the Plant Science industry in Africa and the Middle East. Its members are major Research & Development based producers of CPPs and biotechnology products: Arysta Life Science, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Dow AgroSciences, DuPont, FMC, Makhteshim Agan, Monsanto, Sipcam, Sumitomo and Syngenta. It is present in more than 30 countries through national associations of the industry.

CropLife Africa Middle East is affiliated to CropLife International, the global federation present in more than 90 countries in the world.

The mission of CropLife Africa Middle East is the promotion of agricultural technology in the context of sustainable development, through:

- ◆ plant science technology and stewardship as a central pillar of sustainable agriculture;
- ◆ promotion of Integrated Pest/Crop Management (IPM/ICM), Safe and Responsible Use of plant science products;
- ◆ support to pro-business, science and risk-based national and regional regulatory initiatives on plant science products;
- ◆ communication for openness and accessibility in order to build alliances and partnership and cooperation with other stakeholders on societal issues.

The mission of IFDC as an International Center for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development is to assist developing countries to increase agricultural productivity in a sustainable way. This is achieved through the development and the transfer of technologies and marketing expertise on agro-inputs (plant nutrients, crop protection products, improved seeds) that are both efficient and safe for the environment. As improved agricultural production systems and agribusiness development are inextricably linked, IFDC's programs are designed to address simultaneously agricultural input and output issues. These programs work to establish policies that are conducive to the development of competitive markets and expanded trade.

For many years, the Africa Division of IFDC through some of its projects (MIR, FASEPE and MISTOWA), has been implementing activities with national associations, some of which are members of the CropLife network. In some cases, IFDC even supported the reinforcement and capacity building of these associations.

Synergies between CropLife and IFDC are made possible due to:

- ◆ a common quest for global food security;
- ◆ convergence in their missions and objectives to increase agricultural productivity in a sustainable way;
- ◆ convergence in their values such as belief in technology innovation, involvement and responsibility of the private sector, sustainability and openness to all other stakeholders;
- ◆ complementarities in their expertise in agro-input technologies;
- ◆ the need to share human and financial resources through strong alliances with complementary partners;
- ◆ the focus of IFDC on all agro-inputs, including crop protection products (CPPs) and seeds;
- ◆ the commitment of CropLife to Integrated Crop Management (ICM).

### 1.1.2 Memorandum of Understanding

In order to formalize their collaboration and define partnership areas, CropLife Africa Middle East and IFDC Africa Division signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This was done on April 14, 2004 in Bamako, Mali.

The MoU covers all African countries, for a period of five years (April 2004-April 2009).

Four main identified areas are:

1. support to the creation and strengthening of agro-input trade associations;
2. capacity building of other stakeholders of agro-input markets (farmer based organizations, public organizations, etc.);

3. support to regulatory harmonization and policies, with regard to agro-inputs;
4. information on the agro-input markets.

## **1.2 Annual Action Plan**

### ***1.2.1 Preparation***

During the first quarter of each year, CropLife and IFDC prepare together annual common action plans (running from April to April of the following year).

To allow flexibility in the activities, separate action plans are prepared for each geographical area (e.g. West and Central Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa).

The annual action plan for 2006 (April 2006-April 2007)<sup>1</sup> assessed in this document covered West, Central and North Africa. It targeted a series of training workshops for national associations as well as continuation of the West African regulatory harmonization process on CPPs that started in 2005.

### ***1.2.2 Assessment***

As specified in the MoU, the partnership is assessed annually, usually during the West and Central Africa Hub meeting of CropLife Africa Middle East that is held in March or April each year.

This document is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual assessment conducted by CropLife and IFDC on their common activities in West, Central and North Africa.

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<sup>1</sup> For more details, see Annex 1.

## 2. COMMON ACTIVITIES FROM APRIL 2006 TO APRIL 2007

The following activities were conducted in partnership between CropLife and IFDC in West and North Africa, from April 2006 to March 2007.

### 2.1 Capacity Building for Stakeholders of Agro-Input Markets

#### 2.1.1 Training Course on Safe and Responsible Distribution of Agro-Inputs in Burkina Faso

**Venue:**

Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, 25-27 April 2006.

**Target group:**

78 members of the national agro-input wholesalers and retailers' association, AGRODIA.

**Description of the common activity:**

- AGRODIA organized a 3-day training workshop on safe and responsible distribution of CPPs and fertilizers. This course was a follow-up of the first training workshop that was organized in April 2005 (with IFDC and CropLife support).
- AGRODIA was in charge of the organization and contributed 7% of the expenses (by means of a participation fee of around \$50/participant), while CropLife and IFDC shared the remaining costs, and facilitated some of the training modules.
- The national committee of pesticide control (CNCP), the national public health laboratory (LNSP) and a few agro-input importers facilitated some lessons.
- The last day, all participants and facilitators contributed to a lively sensitization debate on fake and counterfeit CPPs.
- Seventy-eight agro-input dealers attended the training session. Forty-nine of them passed the written post-course test and received a certificate of competence.



*A trainer from a local agro-input import company explaining to dealers how to read a label*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- Skills of agro-input dealers on safe and responsible distribution of CPPs were improved.
- IFDC and CropLife initiated a sensitization on fake and counterfeit inputs.
- IFDC and CropLife facilitated the collaboration between dealers, importers, CNCP and LNSP.
- IFDC and CropLife shared their training human resources.
- IFDC and CropLife shared the costs of the workshop (IFDC 71%, CropLife 22% and AGRODIA 7%).

#### 2.1.2 Training on CPP Safe Use in Ghana

**Venue:**

Accra, Ghana, 4-5 May 2006.

**Target group:**

44 farmers (small-scale community and district based farmers and members of farmer based organizations of the apex body, APFOG).

**Description of the common activity:**

- The objective of the session was to educate farmers on the Safe Use of CPPs, in order to reduce the number of accidents related to CPP misuses and bad practices.
- CropLife Ghana organized the workshop and three of its trainers facilitated all the lessons. These trainers were members who attended the Training of Trainers (ToTs) course that was organized in Ghana in 2004.
- IFDC and CropLife Ghana sponsored the workshop.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- Skills of farmers on the Safe Use of CPPs were improved.
- The CropLife Ghana trainers had an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned during the 2004 ToTs.
- IFDC and CropLife Ghana shared the costs of the workshop (IFDC 93%, CropLife Ghana 7%).

### ***2.1.3 Training of Trainers Course on CPP Safe Use in Côte d'Ivoire***

**Venue:**

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 15-19 May 2006.

**Target group:**

11 participants from the national plant science industry association (UNIPHYTO) and its partners (commercial farms, cotton company, research and ministry in charge of agriculture).

**Description of the common activity:**

- UNIPHYTO organized a 5-day ToTs course on Safe Use of CPPs.
- Eleven participants attended the course. They all passed the tests and received a certificate of competence.
- The training module was developed by CropLife and adapted in French by IFDC.
- CropLife funded the workshop while IFDC covered the costs related to two IFDC facilitators.



*Participants during a role play on group dynamics*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- A pool of eleven competent trainers is available in Côte d'Ivoire, in addition to the pool that was trained in English in 2005.
- UNIPHYTO benefited from a ToTs course in French.
- IFDC benefited from CropLife's module, organization and funding of the course.
- CropLife benefited from the facilitation by two French speaking IFDC trainers and the coverage of their expenses by IFDC.

### ***2.1.4 Regional Training Course on Sustainable Management of Agricultural Traders and Farmers' Organizations***

**Venue:**

Bamako, Mali, 19-23 June 2006.

**Target group:**

24 members of traders' associations and farmers' organizations from 8 African countries. CropLife Ghana, UNIPHYTO and agro-input dealers' associations of Burkina Faso and Nigeria were represented.

**Description of the common activity:**

- IFDC organized a 5-day African training on sustainable management for agricultural traders and producers' organizations. The objective was to improve skills of attending organizations on how to provide value to their members and on organizational strengthening.



- Peter Mills, training consultant of CropLife Africa Middle-East, was invited as trainer and facilitated a session on education and on the CropLife network.
- Twenty-four representatives of farmer based organizations, commodity traders organization, CropLife Ghana, UNIPHYTO and five agro-input dealers associations attended the course.
- IFDC and the participated organizations (by means of participatory fees) funded the workshop, and CropLife covered costs related to Peter Mills' facilitation.



*Peter Mills, training consultant for CropLife Africa Middle-East, explaining the strategic priorities of CropLife in Africa*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- Seven African agro-input trade associations benefited from new ideas on sustainable management and organizational strengthening.
- IFDC benefited from CropLife's facilitation of some key sessions and from its coverage of the facilitator's expenses.
- CropLife Africa Middle-East and its direct partners (CropLife Ghana, UNIPHYTO and agro-input dealers' association) benefited from IFDC's expertise in association building.

### **2.1.5 Training of Trainers Course on CPP Safe Use in Tunisia**

**Venue:**

Tunis, Tunisia, 4-8 September 2006.

**Target group:**

14 participants from the national plant protection association (ATPP) and its partners (private consultants, public extension services and ministries).

**Description of the common activity:**

- CropLife asked IFDC to facilitate a ToTs workshop in Tunisia in order to meet training needs in that francophone country;
- IFDC accepted though it has no activities in Tunisia.
- ATPP organized a 5-day ToTs course on Safe Use of CPPs.
- Fourteen persons attended the course, of which thirteen passed the tests and received a certificate of competence.
- Two participants had a very high level and were identified as potential facilitators of French speaking ToTs workshops in North Africa.
- The training module was developed by CropLife and adapted in French by IFDC. CropLife funded the workshop and most of the costs related to two IFDC facilitators.



*A participant facilitating a lesson on "How to wear personal protective clothing"*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- A pool of thirteen competent trainers is available in Tunisia, in addition to the pool that was trained in English in 2005.
- Two highly competent participants were identified as potential facilitators of future ToTs courses in French in North Africa.
- ATPP benefited from a ToTs course in French.



- IFDC benefited from CropLife's module, organization and funding of the course.
- CropLife benefited from the facilitation by two French speaking IFDC trainers.

### 2.1.6 Training of Trainers Course on CPP Safe Use in Morocco

**Venue:**

Casablanca, Morocco, 11-15 September 2006.

**Target group:**

13 participants from the national plant science industry association (CropLife Morocco) including 1 participant from IFDC Africa Division.

**Description of the common activity:**

- CropLife asked IFDC to facilitate a ToTs workshop in French in Casablanca in order to meet training needs in that francophone country.
- IFDC accepted though it has only research-oriented activities in Morocco.
- CropLife Morocco organized a 5-day ToTs course on Safe Use of CPPs.
- Thirteen persons attended the course. They all passed the tests and received a certificate of competence.
- The training module was developed by CropLife and adapted in French by IFDC.
- CropLife funded the workshop and most of the costs related to two IFDC facilitators.



*Karim Benbrahim (right), Vice President of CropLife Morocco and Bentayebi Mazaz (left), Treasurer, presenting his certificate of competence to a participant*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- A pool of twelve competent trainers is available in Morocco, in addition to the pool that was trained in English in 2005.
- CropLife Morocco benefited from a ToTs course in French.
- One IFDC employee also benefited from the course.
- IFDC benefited from CropLife's module, organization and funding of the course.
- CropLife benefited from the facilitation by two French speaking IFDC trainers.

### 2.1.7 Study Tour to Central Asia on Association Strengthening

**Venue:**

Bishkek, Osh and surroundings, Kyrgyzstan, 24 October-5 November 2006.

**Target group:**

8 representatives of West-African agro-input trade associations, including CropLife Nigeria, CropLife Senegal and UNIPHYTO (Côte d'Ivoire).

**Description of the common activity:**

- The Association of Agrobusinessmen of Kyrgyzstan (AAK) is recognized as one of the most active agricultural private sector associations in Central Asia.
- The objectives of the study tour were to discuss with AAK its success and challenges and to share ideas and experiences on association development within the agro-input trade sector.



*Participants of the study tour visiting a cotton field in South Kyrgyzstan*

- Another objective was to participate in the third Central Asia agro-input trade fair (Silk Road AgroExpo) organized by AAK which attracted almost 2,500 visitors interested in agro-input issues.
- Three national CropLife associations, four national agro-input dealers associations as well as the African federation FACIA actively participated in the tour and made short-term and long-term recommendations for their own African associations.
- The tour was organized and funded by IFDC, with a financial contribution from each attending association.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- CropLife Nigeria, CropLife Senegal and UNIPHYTO benefited from an eye opening study tour on association management.
- IFDC benefited from the active participation of 3 West-African CropLife associations.
- CropLife benefited through its national associations from IFDC's expertise and support in association building.

### **2.1.8 Training of Trainers Course on CPP Safe Use in Nigeria**

**Venue:**

Enugu, Nigeria, 4-8 December 2006.

**Target group:**

13 participants from CropLife Nigeria and its partners (agro-input dealers' associations and IFDC Nigeria).

**Description of the common activity:**

- CropLife planned a ToTs workshop in Nigeria.
- IFDC was asked to facilitate the course due to the unavailability of the training consultant of CropLife.
- CropLife Nigeria organized the 5-day ToTs course on Safe Use of CPPs.
- Thirteen persons attended the course, of which twelve passed the tests and received a certificate of competence.
- The training module was developed by CropLife with IFDC's support.
- CropLife funded the workshop and most of the costs related to two IFDC facilitators.



*A participant showing his colleagues what to do in case of an accident while transporting CPPs*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- A pool of twelve competent trainers is available in Nigeria, in addition to the pool that was already trained in 2004 and 2005.
- CropLife Nigeria benefited from an additional ToTs course.
- IFDC benefited from CropLife's module, organization and funding of the course.
- CropLife benefited from the facilitation by two IFDC trainers.

### **2.1.9 Training of Trainers Follow up Course on CPP Safe Use in Ghana**

**Venue:**

Kumasi, Ghana, 26 February – 2 March 2007.

**Target group:**

- 7 trainers who followed one of the previous ToTs courses organized by CropLife and IFDC.
- 39 small-scale community and district based dealers (members of GAIDA), farmers (members of APFOG) and extension officers.

**Description of the common activity:**

- CropLife Ghana organized this session as a follow-up of the ToTs course that was organized in Ghana in 2006.
- The objective of the session was two folded:
  - 1) to upgrade the training skills of the trainers and to put their skills into practice,
  - 2) to educate dealers, farmers and extension officers on the Safe Use of CPPs, in order to reduce the number of accidents related to CPP misuses and bad practices.
- CropLife Ghana organized the workshop, IFDC and Croplife facilitated the follow up.
- CropLife Africa Middle-East, CropLife Ghana and IFDC co-sponsored the workshop.



*A CropLife Ghana trainer demonstrates how to calibrate a knapsack sprayer*

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- Skills of dealers, farmers and extension officers on the Safe Use of CPPs were improved.
- The skills of the CropLife Ghana trainers were improved and the trainers had an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned during the 2006 ToTs.
- IFDC and CropLife Africa Middle-East shared the costs of the workshop (CropLife 67%, IFDC 33%).

### ***2.1.10 Session on illegal trade and counterfeiting of CPPs***

**Venue:**

Lomé, Togo, 21 March 2007.

**Target group:**

Participants of the annual CropLife West and Central Africa Hub meeting (national CropLife associations and partners).

**Description of the common activity:**

- Due to the increase of illegal trade and counterfeiting of CPPs in West and Central Africa, CropLife planned a session on this topic during the annual meeting of the West and Central Africa Hub.
- The session's objectives were to share information with participants on illegal trade and counterfeiting of CPPs and to highlight the roles a national CropLife association could play to fight these products.
- CropLife organized the meeting with some support of IFDC.
- IFDC facilitated a 2-hour session on *Counterfeit and illegal CPPs: challenges for a safe regional input market*.
- CropLife funded most of the workshop and IFDC covered the costs related to the two IFDC facilitators.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- National CropLife associations benefited from ideas of activities that could be included in their annual action plan, to fight illegal trade and counterfeiting of CPPs.
- IFDC benefited from CropLife's organization and funding of the meeting.
- CropLife benefited from the facilitation by two IFDC trainers and the coverage of their expenses by IFDC.

### **2.1.11 Toolkit on Training of Trainers Courses**

**Target group:**

The toolkit is aimed at facilitators of ToTs courses developed by CropLife and IFDC.

**Description of the common activity:**

- The training consultant of CropLife, Peter Mills, developed a ToTs course module and put it into practice during sixty ToTs workshops with more than six hundred participants. IFDC translated the module in French and facilitated five ToTs workshops in francophone countries.
- With support of IFDC, the module was slightly revised with introduction of new exercises.
- CropLife and IFDC prepared a toolkit to be used as guideline for facilitators of ToTs workshops.
- The toolkit is a complete document (over 100 pages) that will remain dynamic: it will be progressively enriched with new exercises.
- The toolkit is written in English.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- IFDC benefited from CropLife's ToTs concept and module.
- CropLife benefited from new exercises suggested by IFDC.
- Both CropLife and IFDC benefit from the existence of a written guideline for the facilitation of ToTs courses.

## **2.2 Harmonization of the Regulatory Framework and Policy Environment**

### **2.2.1 Regional Regulatory Harmonization on CPPs**

**Period:**

May-December 2006.

**Target groups:**

ECOWAS and UEMOA/WAEMU member States.

**Description of the activity:**

- The initiative aims at offering a science and risk-based framework for CPPs management in the sub-region.
- ECOWAS and UEMOA/WAEMU commended a study to draft the regional regulation framework to be driven by both institutions.
- CropLife and IFDC co-funded the study, which is now completed and submitted to ECOWAS and UEMOA/WAEMU.
- The study benefited from inputs from CropLife, IFDC and UEMOA/WAEMU before validation by members States of ECOWAS and UEMOA/WAEMU.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- CropLife and IFDC benefited from the same level of information.
- CropLife and IFDC shared the costs of the study.

## 2.3 Information and Communication

### 2.3.1 Article in the Magazine *Afrique Agriculture*

**Period:**

May 2006.

**Target group:**

Stakeholders of the African agricultural markets.

**Description of the activity:**

- CropLife published an article in the May issue of *Afrique Agriculture*, describing the conclusions of the Hub and regulatory workshop organized in April 2006 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The workshop was co-organised by CropLife and IFDC.
- The article reported also on the partnership between CropLife Africa Middle-East and IFDC Africa Division.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- IFDC benefited from the CropLife redaction and funding of the article.
- The CropLife / IFDC alliance benefits from an improved visibility among African stakeholders.

### 2.3.2 *CropLife and IFDC Newsletters*

**Period:**

Year round. CropLife publishes monthly newsletters and IFDC/MIR project publishes quarterly newsletters.

**Target group:**

CropLife members and partners and IFDC/MIR project partners.

**Description of the activity:**

- Newsletters are used as an internal and external communication tools in both CropLife and IFDC/MIR project institutions.
- All common activities are reported in respective newsletters mentioning the specific activities and explaining the benefits for both partners.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- IFDC benefits from the CropLife communication network to improve its visibility and *vice versa*.
- The CropLife / IFDC alliance benefits from an improved visibility among staff, members and partners of both institutions.

### 2.3.3 *Leaflet on the CropLife / IFDC Alliance in West Africa*

**Period:**

March 2007.

**Target group:**

Internal members and staff of CropLife and IFDC.

**Description of the activity:**

- Since April 2004, CropLife Africa Middle-East and IFDC have developed a dynamic alliance in West Africa.
- To share this partnership experience with other CropLife members and staff and other IFDC staff worldwide, a 6-page leaflet has been printed.
- This document gives basic but important information on the partnership to benefit to others and avoid to "reinvent the wheel" in other regions where CropLife and IFDC intend to cooperate.
- The leaflet is edited in French as well as in English.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- CropLife benefited from the IFDC redaction, editing and printing of the paper.
- The CropLife / IFDC alliance benefits from an improved visibility among CropLife and IFDC staff and members.

### ***2.3.4 Information on the New 1000s+ Project of IFDC***

**Period:**

Year round.

**Target group:**

CropLife executives and members.

**Description of the activity:**

- IFDC started a new regional project in 2006, called *From Thousands to Millions* (1000s+).
- This project, funded by the Netherlands, aims at expanding the Competitive Agricultural System Enterprises (CASE) approach from thousands of farmers to millions of farmers.
- Integrated crop management is the entry point of the project, which concerns Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali and Nigeria.
- IFDC shared information on this project with CropLife and discussion on common activities has started.
- It is expected that common activities will be planned from mid 2007 onward.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- IFDC / 1000s+ will benefit from the CropLife network, training approach and expertise in integrated crop management.
- CropLife will benefit from a new project partner that will take over before the closing of the IFDC / MIR project (end 2007).

### ***2.3.5 Information and Support on the New WACIP Project of IFDC***

**Period:**

Year round.

**Target group:**

CropLife and IFDC.

**Description of the activity:**

- In September 2006 IFDC submitted a proposal for a new USAID-funded project called *West Africa Cotton Improvement Program* (WACIP).
- IFDC shared information on the project with CropLife and got support from CropLife through a letter of support
- IFDC was granted the implementation of the WACIP project.
- During the set up phase of the project early 2007, IFDC / WACIP and CropLife discussed possible common activities especially in Burkina Faso and Mali.
- It is expected that common activities will be planned from mid 2007 onward.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- IFDC benefited from CropLife's support during the application phase at USAID.
- IFDC / WACIP will benefit from the CropLife network, training approach and expertise in cotton integrated crop management and biotechnology.
- CropLife will benefit from a new project partner that will take over before the closing of the IFDC / MIR project (end 2007).

### ***2.3.6 Communication of the Assessment of the CropLife / IFDC Common Activities between April 2005 and April 2006***

**Period:**

May-July 2006.

**Target group:**

CropLife and IFDC executives.



**Description of the activity:**

The previous annual assessment of the CropLife / IFDC partnership in West Africa, that covered the period from April 2005 to April 2006, was dispatched with the CropLife and IFDC institutions between May and July 2006.

**Benefits of the partnership:**

- The CropLife / IFDC alliance benefits from an improved visibility among executives of both institutions.
- The feedback from CropLife and IFDC executives allows fine-tuning of the following common annual action plans.

### **3. PERSPECTIVES**

In 2007 and early 2008 the main areas for common activities in West and Central Africa may be:

- Continuation of activities related to the West Africa regulatory harmonization on CPPs with ECOWAS, UEMOA/WAEMU and technical support from other partners.
- Publication of a Toolkit for facilitators of the ToTs courses.
- Facilitation of ToTs follow-up workshops.
- Developing of a Toolkit for facilitators of the ToTs Follow Up courses.
- Implementation of Safe Use and Integrated Crop Management training programs in cotton production.
- Co-organization of technical events on biotechnology.

Besides, IFDC facilitators from West Africa will be made available to facilitate a ToTs course in French in Madagascar.

All common activities planned for April 2007 to April 2008 will be detailed in an action plan for West and Central Africa.

## ANNEX 1



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### Annual action plan of the partnership CropLife Africa Middle-East / IFDC Africa Division

April 2006 – April 2007

West and Central Africa, North Africa

The table below describes the activities in which both partners (CropLife and IFDC) are involved somehow or other in West, Central and North Africa.

Additional activities may be added whenever needed.

Indications of funding do not include the travel expenses of CropLife and IFDC staff.

Country	Dates	Activity	Type of collaboration	Responsible
<b>1. Activities related to capacity building for stakeholders of the agro-input markets</b>				
Burkina Faso	25-27 April 2006	<b>1.1 Training workshop on CPPs safe and responsible distribution for 60 members of AGRODIA</b>	Co-facilitation, co-training, cost-sharing. Funding by AGRODIA, CropLife, IFDC.	RV, BOY
Ivory Coast	15-19 May 2006	<b>1.2 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 members of UNIPHYTO</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	BOY, MD, RV
Ghana	4-5 May 2006	<b>1.3 Technical training and sensitization program organized for members of the Apex Farmers Organizations of Ghana (APFOG)</b>	Co-funding by IFDC. Facilitation by CropLife Ghana members	MD, BOY
Ghana	14-17 June 2006	<b>1.4 Technical training program organized for members of the Ghana Agri-Input Dealers Association (GAIDA)</b>	Co-funding by IFDC. Facilitation by CropLife Ghana members	MD, BOY

Mali	19-23 June 2006	<b>1.5 International IFDC training for Trade and Farmer Organizations</b>	Facilitation of some sessions by CropLife. Funding by participants and IFDC.	MD, BOY
Kyrgyzstan	22-30 August 2006	<b>1.6 International study tour for around 10 West-African associations, to learn on association building</b>	Participation of 1-3 national CropLife associations. Funding by participants, FACIA and IFDC.	RV, MD
Tunisia	4-8 Septber 2006	<b>1.7 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 members of CropLife Tunisia (ATPP)</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	AMA, RV, MD
Morocco	11-15 Septber 2006	<b>1.8 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 members of CropLife Morocco (AMIPHY)</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	AMA, RV, MD
Mali	20-24 Novber 2006	<b>1.9 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 members of CropLife Mali</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	BOY, RV, MD
Senegal	27 Nov – 1 Decbre 2006	<b>1.10 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 members of CropLife Senegal</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	BOY, RV, MD
Togo	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2006	<b>1.11 Training of Trainers in French for around 12 participants from Togo and Burkina Faso</b>	Facilitation by IFDC (in French). Funding by CropLife.	BOY, RV, MD
<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type of collaboration</b>	<b>Responsible</b>

## 2. Activities related to the regulatory harmonization and the policy environment

### CPP sector

ECOWAS	April to July 2006	<b>2.1 Realization of the study on the harmonization of CPP regulations</b>	CropLife and IFDC jointly support INSAH/CSP in the conduct of the study. Funding: IFDC and CropLife.	GD, BOY
Ghana	July 2006	<b>2.2 Regional workshop for the validation of the study's recommendations</b>	CropLife and IFDC jointly support UEMOA and ECOWAS to organize the workshop and to finalize the study. They attend the workshop. Funding: ECOWAS, IFDC and CropLife.	GD, BOY
ECOWAS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2006	<b>2.3 Meeting of sector Ministers preceded by the expert meeting to examine the recommendations on the harmonization of CPP regulations</b>	CropLife, IFDC and technical partners jointly support UEMOA and ECOWAS in the process. Funding: ECOWAS and UEMOA.	GD, BOY
ECOWAS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2006	<b>2.4 Submission of the recommendations of the sector Ministers to the statutory Council of Ministers (preceded by the expert meeting) for approval</b>	CropLife and IFDC jointly support UEMOA and ECOWAS in the process. Funding: ECOWAS and UEMOA.	GD, BOY

<b>Seed sector</b>				
<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Type of collaboration and expected results</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
UEMOA	April 2006	<b>2.5 Finalization of the legal consultant editing of the draft instruments for submission to ECOWAS and UEMOA</b>	CropLife, IFDC and technical partners jointly support UEMOA to finalize instruments the consultant will produce. Funding: IFDC.	GD, BOY
UEMOA ECOWAS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2006	<b>2.6 Meeting of the sector Ministers preceded by the expert meeting to examine the recommendations on the harmonization of seed regulations</b>	CropLife and IFDC jointly support UEMOA and ECOWAS in the process. Funding: ECOWAS and UEMOA.	GD, BOY
UEMOA, ECOWAS	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester 2006	<b>2.8 Submission of the recommendations of the sector Ministers to the statutory Council of Ministers (preceded by the expert meeting) for approval</b>	CropLife and IFDC jointly support UEMOA and ECOWAS in the process. Funding: ECOWAS and UEMOA.	GD, BOY
<b>3. Activities related to information and communication</b>				
Regional	April 2006	<b>3.1 Assessment on the common activities conducted from April 2005 to April 2006 in Africa, and dispatching within CropLife and IFDC</b>	Redaction by IFDC and CropLife. Funding: nil. Improved visibility of the concrete benefits of the CropLife/IFDC alliance.	BOY, RV
Regional	May 2006	<b>3.2 Paper in the magazine <i>Afrique Agriculture</i> on the West and Central Africa Hub meeting held in Ouagadougou on April 11-12, 2006</b>	Redaction by CropLife. Funding by CropLife. Improved visibility of the benefits of the CropLife/IFDC alliance.	BOY
Regional	Year round	<b>3.3 Sharing of documents and information relative to the agro-input market</b>	Sharing of data	BOY, RV, FD

#### **ACRONYMS**

CPP :	Crop Protection Product
ECOWAS :	Economic Community of West African States (15 countries)
ToR :	Terms of Reference
ToT :	Training of Trainers
UEMOA :	Monetary and Economic Union of West Africa (8 countries)

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