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**REPORT ON VISIT TO MALI**  
by Peter Mills  
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30-December-2007 to 08-December-2007

**PURPOSE**

- **Personnel:** meet with CropLife Mali, IFDC, FAO, DNA, CMDT, CILSS and other training personnel.
- **Training:** to supervise a two, two-day training sessions, for the Directors of Agriculture and for the Technical staff of Agriculture.
- **Trainer Assessment:** assess six Master Trainers from Mali in the training sessions.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainers and other training staff.
- **Meetings:** CropLife Mali, IFDC, Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East.

**ACTIVITIES**

Friday, 30-November-2007

08h00: **Preparation**

12h00: Depart Pietermaritzburg by car

13h30: Arrive Durban

15h40 (16h30): Depart Durban (SA566)

16h50 (17h40): Arrive Johannesburg (SA566)

19h20 (20h45): Depart Johannesburg (SA203)

Overnight: Plane

Saturday, 01-December-2007

01h55 (03h30): Arrive Dakar (SA203)

08h50 (09h00): Depart Dakar (ET908)

09h50 (10h30): Arrive Bamako (ET908)

11h30: Arrive hotel

13h00: **Preparation**

Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Sunday, 02-December-2007

08h00: **Preparation**

Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Monday, 03-December-2007

08h00: **Training:** Directors of Agriculture, Day 1  
12h45: Lunch  
14h15: **Training:** Directors of Agriculture, Day 1  
17h00: End of Day 1 (Directors)  
19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao  
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Tuesday, 04-December-2007

08h00: **Training:** Directors of Agriculture, Day 2  
12h45: Lunch  
14h15: **Training:** Directors of Agriculture, Day 2  
17h00: End of Day 2 (Directors)  
19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao  
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Wednesday, 05-December-2007

08h00: **Training:** Technical Heads of Agriculture, Day 1  
12h45: Lunch  
14h15: **Training:** Technical Heads of Agriculture, Day 1  
17h00: End of Day 1 (Technical Heads)  
19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao  
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Thursday, 06-December-2007

08h00: **Training:** Technical Heads of Agriculture, Day 2  
12h45: Lunch  
14h15: **Training:** Technical Heads of Agriculture, Day 2  
16h00: End of Day 2 (Technical Heads)  
16h00: **Training:** Feedback & Evaluation Session  
19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao  
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Friday, 07-December-2007

08h00: **Reports, Administration**  
11h00: Depart hotel  
15h30: Depart Bamako (I5270 - replacement for cancelled ET909 @ 14h35)  
17h15: Arrive Dakar (I5270)  
Overnight: Dakar - Mandrague Hotel

Saturday, 08-December-2007

05h00: Depart hotel  
07h00: Depart Dakar (SA204)  
17h30: Arrive Johannesburg (SA204)  
19h00: Depart Johannesburg (SA579)  
20h10: Arrive Durban (SA579)

21h00: Depart Durban by car  
22h30: Arrive Pietermaritzburg  
Overnight: Home

## **KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED**

- Sablé Diarra, CropLife Mali
- Nonon Diarra, CropLife Mali
- Dr. Cheick H. Sylla, FAO
- Dr. Ousmane Cissé, CMDT
- Issa Mory Dembélé, CropLife Mali
- Abdramane Sidibé, DNA
- Cheick O. Sissoko, CropLife Mali
- Oumar Sanago, CropLife Mali
- Dr. Amadou Gakou, IFDC Mali
- Yves Du Plessis, IFDC Mali
- 15 participants: Directors of Agriculture
- 20 participants: Technical Heads of Agriculture.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Supervised the facilitation of two, two-day Responsible Use/Pesticide Information course for Directors and Technical heads.
- Assessed four Master Trainers in their own training environments.
- Discussions on further training and plans set.
- Set out criteria for future activity and assistance from CropLife.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Plan for future trainings in West Africa for 2008 (PM, BOY).
- Provide the Stewardship Report for 2007 by Feb-2008 (CLM).
- Each Master Trainer to develop a training plan for rest of 2007 and 2008, and submit to CropLife Mali and CropLife Africa Middle East (CLM).
- Provide training reports to CLM, Peter Mills, Bama Yao and Ali Mohammed Ali (all Master Trainers).
- Publicise the prizes for trainers (CLM).
- Reports to individual trainers on their performances (PM).

## **CONCLUSION**

An extremely useful exercise for CropLife Mali, being the first supervised/assessed training. All trainers to attend 2008 Train-the-Trainer course and participate in ToT Follow-ups.

Critical for Stewardship reports to be completed and delivered by Feb-2008.

## KEY

PM = Peter Mills

BOY = Bama Octave Yao

CLM = CropLife Mali

Peter Mills

08-December-2007



Day 1: The training opening was attended and addressed by the Director of Agriculture, Daniel Simeon Kelema (third from left at top table).



Day 1: Dr Cheick Sylla of the FAO addressed participants on the Africa Stockpiles Programme in Mali.



Day 2: Directors of Agriculture pose with Facilitators and CropLife staff.



Day 3: Bama Yao area coordinator for CropLife Africa Middle East provided introductory remarks to MoA Technical staff in the second training course.



Day 4: Nonon Diarra of CropLife Mali delivered a lesson on labelling.



Day 4: Conclusions drawn were presented by one of the participants.