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REPORT ON VISIT TO MID RAND, SOUTH AFRICA

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06-May-2007 to 11-May-2007

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with CropLife South Africa.
- **Presentation:** on CropLife training activities.
- **Training:** conduct a five day **Training of Trainers Course** in Mid Rand, South Africa, for Trainers from government, private sector, NGO's in cooperation with CropLife South Africa, SA-PIP, and ECI Africa, the South African implementing partner of the Promoting Agribusiness Linkages project (PAL), backed by USAID and the Corporate Council on Africa, as well as three trainers from Botswana.
- **Training Materials:** hand over CropLife training materials to participants and interested parties.

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 06-May-2007

08h00: **Preparation**

11h45: Depart Pietermaritzburg (SA8736)

13h15: Arrive Johannesburg (SA8736)

14h00: Depart Johannesburg

15h00: Arrive Mid Rand

15h30: **Venue: Visit, Materials Preparation, Administration, Planning**

Overnight: Mid Rand - Constantia Park Hotel

Monday, 07-May-2007

12h30: **Training of Trainers Course Day 1**

18h00: End of Day 1

Overnight: Mid Rand - Constantia Park Hotel

Tuesday, 08-May-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 2**

17h00: End of Day 2

Overnight: Mid Rand - Constantia Park Hotel

Wednesday, 09-May-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 3**
17h00: End of Day 3
Overnight: Mid Rand - Constantia Park Hotel

Thursday, 10-March-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 4**
17h00: End of Day 4
Overnight: Mid Rand - Constantia Park Hotel

Friday, 11-March-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 5**
13h00: End of Day 5
19h05: Depart Johannesburg (SA8745)
20h25: Arrive Pietermaritzburg (SA8745)
21h00: **Reports, data capture & administration**
Overnight: Home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Tom Mabesa, CropLife South Africa.
- 15 Participants from government, private sector, NGO's.
- Through SA PIP: Antoinette Klein, Andrew Mbedzi, Melton Mulaudzi, L.T Tito, Vamile Madide, Joyce Mkhathshwa.
- Through ECI Africa: Thapelo Mothibi, Neo Dibeco, Florina Ndhlovu, Vincent Lamola, Xolani Ngcikhwe, Rejoice Twala.
- From Botswana industry & private sector: Njabulo Vellah, Andrew Uglietti, Biggie Hadzikwei.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Facilitated five day ToT course for 15 participants from Botswana and South Africa.
- Show, discuss and hand over training materials.
- Discussions on further co-operation & training this and next year.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Continue plans for future training for this and next year (CLSA, CLB, LH, PM).
- Provide training reports to CLSA/CLB, Peter Mills and Les Hillowitz (all participants).
- Continue work with SA-PIP, ECI Africa and other potential stakeholders regarding possible co-operation in future training (CLSA, CLB, LH, TM).

CONCLUSION

This was the second opportunity to cooperate with SA-PIP, the first being a workshop to compile the Training materials for CropLife South Africa. Most of the participants will be used in cascade trainings coordinated by SA-PIP, ECI Africa and CropLife South Africa, as well as by the participants from Botswana. It was the first opportunity to work with the "Promoting Agribusiness Linkages" project (PAL), and their trainers will be used in further trainings, particularly in northern regions. It was the first time for people from Botswana to be included in CropLife training.

Certainly one of the best trainings we have held, in terms of arrangements and enthusiasm from participants. It appears that these linkages with other partners will result in a lot of cascade training.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

LH = Les Hillowitz

CLSA = CropLife South Africa

CLB = CropLife Botswana

Peter Mills

11-May-2007



The participants were divided into three groups on Day 2 and each group presented their own lesson.



Andrew Mbedzi gave a very professional lesson on understanding the colour bands on pesticide labels and was rewarded with the top marks for the course.



At the conclusion of the workshop, certificates were presented to the participants by CropLife South Africa Chief Executive, Tom Mabesa.



The group of participants from ECI and SA-PIP pose with their certificates outside the venue, together with Tom Mabesa of CropLife South Africa, and facilitator, Peter Mills of CropLife Africa Middle East.