

## REPORT ON VISIT TO CAMEROON

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31-July-2003 to 03-August-2003

### PURPOSE

- **Orientation:** introduction to Cameroon agricultural areas and crops.
- **Personnel:** meet with UPAC executive, people involved in the pesticide industry and training staff.
- **Training:** conduct two training sessions for subject matter specialists on on-farm disposal of pesticide containers.
- **Training materials:** discuss and hand over latest training materials.

### ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 31-July-2003:

07h15: Depart Harare (SA025)

09h05: Arrive Johannesburg (SA025)

10h00: **Preparation:**

(Delayed 13h00): Depart Johannesburg (UY809)

14h00 (delayed 17h00): Arrive Douala (UY809)

Overnight: Douala - Palace Royal Hotel

Friday, 01-August-2003

07h30: Collection from hotel

08h00: Visit to Fimex-Calliope warehouse

08h30: Depart for training, near Douala

10h00: **Training:** on-farm disposal of containers (CARBAP, Njombé for members of SPNP, PHP, SPM, Syngenta, Calliope-Fimex, Agrochem, Govt-Phytosanitaire, UPAC)

12h00: **Practical demonstration of incinerator** (SPM farm)

13h00: Lunch

14h00: **Training:** discussions on-farm disposal of containers (CARBAP, Njombé)

15h00: Training ends

15h30: Depart Njombé

17h00: Return to hotel

Overnight: Douala - Palace Royal Hotel

Saturday, 02-August-2003

07h30: Collection from hotel

08h00: **Visit:** Stopover at Fimex-Calliope warehouse

08h30: Depart for training, near Douala

10h00: **Training:** on-farm disposal of containers (Botanical Garden, Limbé for members of Govt, CDC, Del Monte, Ader, Calliope-Fimex, UPAC, DMFPC)

12h30: **Practical demonstration of incinerator** (CDC farm)  
13h30: Lunch  
14h30: **Training:** discussions on-farm disposal of containers (Botanical Garden, Limbé)  
15h00: Training ends  
15h30: Depart Limbé  
17h00: Return to hotel  
Overnight: Douala - Palace Royal Hotel

Sunday, 03-August-2003

03h00: Depart hotel  
05h20: Depart Douala (ET973)  
06h35: Arrive Accra (ET973)  
Overnight: Accra - Hotel

## KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Henri Fosso, Chairman, UPAC, Cameroun.
- Christian Fosso, Director, Calliope-Fimex, Douala.
- Emmanuel Fillion, Calliope-Fimex, Douala.
- Doume A Dang, Chef Base Phytosanitaire, Douala.
- Seraphin Jombgue, Syngenta, Douala.
- Andre Wamba, Syngenta, Douala.
- Bernard Beyegue, Ader, Douala.
- George Mboge Mboge, Provincial Delegate of Agriculture, Southwest, Bota.
- Patrick Woede Kofi, Pest & Disease Control Officer, Cameroon Development Corporation.
- 15 trainees in Njombé.
- 19 trainees in Limbé.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Two training sessions - on-farm disposal of containers - with Subject Matter Specialists (SMS) from government, private sector and industry.
- Meeting and discussions on training with UPAC - Henri Fosso.
- Hand over of latest training modules (on CD) for UPAC.

## ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Try out on-farm incinerator and disposal pit, and discuss for approval with appropriate Ministries - Health, Agriculture, Environment (HF).
- Continue with training of SMS and farmers and farm workers (UPAC).
- Send EUREP-GAP training materials for Joachim Fopa, Nicolas Jean Awoumou & Joseph Nsahah (PM).
- Send CD of all new training materials to UPAC (PM).

- Send CD of Disposal training to Christian Fosso (PM).
- Make copies of CD for all participants requiring one.
- Set dates for future ToT course in 2004 (HF, PM).

## **CONCLUSION**

Very impressive visit - well organised and well run, thanks especially to Henri & Christian Fosso. Big estate infrastructure is well set up and gearing towards ISO and EUREP-GAP certification. Great potential for further training on these estates by trainees who have attended the training on disposal. Trainers need to be given copies of training materials on CD.

Important to ensure all training materials are given to as many people as possible to ensure a wide spectrum of end-users receive training.

ToT course for 2004.

## **KEY**

PM = Peter Mills

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Trainees from CARBAP, Njombé for members of SPNP, PHP, SPM, Syngenta, Calliope-Fimex, Agrochem, Govt-Phytosanitaire, UPAC.



Trainees had the opportunity to go to the field to observe the on-farm incinerator.



The Silsoe College designed on-farm incinerator is started first with a diesel soaked rag and other combustible materials. After 5 minutes the fire reaches temperatures of around 800°C. Containers and packaging are then burnt leaving no toxic fumes or ashes. Ashes are buried in appropriate disposal pits (Reference: British Agrochemicals Association).