

**REPORT ON VISIT TO KENYA**  
**By Peter Mills**  
**CropLife Africa Middle East**  
**15-September-2003 to 17-September-2003**

**PURPOSE**

- **Personnel:** meet with AAK executive members; people involved in the pesticide industry; industry and ministry training staff; meet and discuss ToT with Malawi delegation.
- **Training:** observe two day training session for pesticide dealers in Nyeri area.
- **Orientation:** visit to Nyeri district - training, staff, agriculture, crops.
- **Training materials:** discuss and hand over latest training materials.

**ACTIVITIES**

Monday, 15-September-2003

08h00: **Preparation**

10h40: Depart Harare (KQ422)

16h05: Arrive Nairobi (KQ422)

18h30: Arrive hotel

Overnight: Nairobi - Fairview Hotel

Tuesday, 16-September-2003

06h30: Depart hotel

08h30: **Meeting** - Provincial Director, Agriculture, Central Province

09h30: **Meeting** - Washington Ngigi, Nyeri District Agricultural Officer

10h30: **Training** - Nyeri Stockists/Distributor training

11h30: Depart training

15h00: Return to hotel

15h00: Preparation for Zimbabwe ToT

18h00: **Meeting** - Jack Aston

21h00: Return to hotel

Overnight: Nairobi - Fairview Hotel

Wednesday, 17-September-2003

07h00: Depart hotel for Mayfair Hotel

07h45: **Meeting** - Ludwig Schatz, Malawi

**Meeting** - John Muya, AAK executive

08h15: Depart Nairobi

10h15: **Training** - Nyeri Stockists/Distributor training

14h00: Training ends

15h00: Depart Nyeri

17h00: Arrive Nairobi

17h40: Arrive airport

18h00: Depart Nairobi (KQ414)  
19h05: Arrive Entebbe (KQ414)  
20h45: Arrive hotel  
Overnight: Kampala - Grand Imperial Hotel

## **KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED**

- Ludwig Schatz, IFDC, Malawi.
- Gitau Macharia, Lachlan, Nairobi; AAK executive.
- Mark Omboga, Journalist, Nairobi.
- Duncan Warren, NASFAM, Malawi.
- Joshua Varela, NASFAM, Malawi.
- Collins Mkandawire, Chairman, Agricultural Input Supplies Association of Malawi (AISAM), Malawi.
- Tamanda Chidzanja, Limbe Leaf Tobacco, Malawi.
- Judith Mutea, PCPB, Nairobi; trainer.
- Stanley Miyogo, PCPB; trainer.
- Jane Kibe, MoA; trainer.
- Richard Sikuku, AAK; trainer.
- Joseph Macharia, Horticulture, MoA.
- Margaret Maumba, PCPB, Nairobi; trainer.
- Ronald Ngwiri, Dimon Tobacco, Malawi.
- Fredric Kawalewale, AISAM, Malawi
- Mike Kachere, CARNAC International, Malawi. Provincial Director, Agriculture, Central Province.
- Washington Ngigi, Nyeri District Agricultural Officer.
- Jack Aston, CropLife consultant.
- 32 trainees in Nyeri.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Meeting and establishing contact with potential ToT participants from Malawi, who were on a training visit to Kenya.
- Discussions with Ludwig on future Malawi ToT program.
- Training session - observation and report on dealers training sessions in Nyeri for Central Province dealers.
- Hand over of latest training modules (on CD) for AAK.
- Discussions on plans for future - include medical training, dealers training, ongoing farmer training.
- Closing of Nyeri training session and promotion of CropLife.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Provide plan for training program (RS).

- Plan for future visits all to include presentations about CropLife to all possible stakeholders (RS, PM).
- Send farmer training manuals from Zimbabwe and SA to Malawians (PM).
- Send posters to Malawi (PM).
- Give all training materials to PCPB (PM).
- Send posters to Zimbabwe (RS).
- Send Gifap Manuals to Zimbabwe (JA).
- Send guidelines to Zimbabwe (JA, RS).

## CONCLUSION

An extremely useful visit for me and hopefully also for AAK training. The training was well organised and well presented. The comments from participants in their evaluation, showed that the training was very well needed and very worthwhile. Congratulations to all trainers and organisers.

In summary, from the participants evaluations, they were very happy with the venue - the accommodation and food were well received, although they felt the hall was a little small. They were very pleased with the content of the course and materials, but would have preferred the materials to be handed out before training and not after. Some commented that they wanted even more materials - hungry for information. Perhaps handouts on pests and diseases could be incorporated. Regarding the presenters and presentation, they were very complementary about the personnel and their methods. With regard to duration, most commented that the course was too rushed, and they felt they needed more time - 3 to 5 days. As a result of the limited time, some presentations were rushed. Some commented that they would have preferred better visual aids. Perhaps the CropLife CD and guidelines with training materials can assist in some way. Regarding AOB, many commented on the need for assistance with transport - budget restrictions.

My own thoughts is that I agree with the participants comments - excellent training and very useful for them. As with all training, some comments from participants should be taken seriously. Congratulations and well done, Richard.

Arrangements now made for future ToT course in Kenya for the middle of next year.

## KEY

PM = Peter Mills  
 RS = Richard Sikuku  
 JA = Jack Aston

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Prior to the Nyeri Stockists/Distributor training the delegation from Malawi spoke with Washington Ngigi, Nyeri District Agricultural Officer.



Richard Sikuku, Training Manager for CropLife Kenya opens the training for the participants, watched by Gitau Macharia of CropLife Kenya, Judith Mutea and Stanley Miyogo, both Master Trainers, MoA.



The Malawi delegation (in the centre) spent some time observing the Nyeri Stockists/Distributor training.