

## REPORT ON VISIT TO UGANDA

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04-April-2004 to 08-April-2004

### PURPOSE

- **Orientation:** introduction to Uganda - personnel, country, agriculture, training systems.
- **Personnel:** meet with CPAU executive, people involved in the pesticide industry and training staff.
- **Training:** conduct abbreviated Training of Facilitators course for USAID APEP personnel, industry personnel and university staff.
- **Training materials:** discuss and hand over latest training materials to all participants, APEP staff and industry.

### ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 04-April-2004

08h00: **Preparation**

13h30: Depart Harare (UM9374)

18h00: Arrive Nairobi (UM9374)

22h00: Depart Nairobi (KQ416)

23h05: Arrive Entebbe (KQ416)

24h00: Arrive hotel

Overnight: Kampala - Grand Imperial Hotel

Monday, 05-April-2004

08h00: **Meeting:** Stephen Matovu, Monsanto, CPAU & Dr Ben Ssekamatte, APEP

08h30: **Training of Facilitators Course - Day 1**

18h00: End of Day 1

19h00: Marking tests, preparation, assignments

Overnight: Kampala - Grand Imperial Hotel

Tuesday, 06-April-2004

08h30: **Training of Facilitators Course - Day 2**

18h00: End of Day 2

19h00: Marking tests, preparation, assignments

Overnight: Kampala - Grand Imperial Hotel

Wednesday, 07-April-2004

08h30: **Training of Facilitators Course - Day 3**

18h00: End of Day 3

19h00: Marking tests, preparation, assignments

Overnight: Kampala - Grand Imperial Hotel

Thursday, 08-April-2004

08h00: **Training of Facilitators Course** - Day 4

13h00: End of Day 4

14h00: **Test** (after my departure, supervised by Stephen Matovu)

15h10: Depart Entebbe (KQ413)

16h15: Arrive Nairobi (KQ413)

19h00: Depart Nairobi (UM9375)

21h30: Arrive Harare (KQ9375)

Overnight: Harare - home

Monday, 12-April-2004 to Saturday, 17-April-2004

Hub meeting in Mali

Sunday, 18-April-2004

**Administration:** Mark tests, assignments and assessment data capture, when they arrive by courier.

#### **KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED**

- Stephen Matovu, Monsanto; Chairman, AAU.
- Clive Drew, Managing Director, Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (APEP), USAID
- Mark Wood, Commodity Commercialisation Director, APEP, USAID.
- Michael Mailloux, Producer Commercialisation Director, APEP, USAID.
- Dr Ben Ssekamatte, Research, Education, Training Specialist, APEP, USAID.
- Nathan Uringi, Commercialisation Specialist, APEP, USAID.
- Fred Muhhuku, Producer Organisation/Inputs Specialist, APEP, USAID.
- Edward Gitta, Training Specialist, APEP, USAID.
- Godfrey Katwere, Monsanto, Kampala.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Training of Facilitators course for 23 trainers from university, APEP and industry.
- Hand over of latest training materials to all participants, industry and APEP staff.

#### **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Send tests (SM)
- Mark tests (PM)
- Provide plan for training program - type, target, dates, numbers, (SM).
- Provide reports and evidence of all training sessions (SM).

#### **CONCLUSION**

Due to the Easter weekend, the course was shortened. Having 23 participants as opposed to the ideal 15, made this course very congested. However, it went extremely well, and it was completed, with a lot of co-operation from the participants (late hours and lots of homework). Participants were very receptive and enthusiastic, and from the course evaluation questionnaires, they rated this course extremely highly.

Due to the limited time, the tests were written by participants after I left, and supervised by Stephen. I await their arrival, by courier, for marking.

It is now critical that Stephen liaises with Mike Mailloux and Mark Wood on an action plan of planning further trainings (an exercise which is almost complete), and then for the trainers to report back to Mike and to Stephen, and onward to CropLife Africa Middle East (Les Hillowitz).

An excellent opportunity for CropLife to link with an important partner, USAID. This needs a lot of nurturing by CropLife Africa Middle East, East-Southern Hub.

#### **KEY**

PM = Peter Mills

SM = Stephen Matovu

Peter Mills

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Participants listen intently to a participant's lesson.



David Ochieng, one of the participants explains an aspect of supportive training.



Participants (23), administrator and facilitator of the Ugandan Training of Facilitators course, held at APEP, USAID offices, in Kampala, from 05-April-2004 to 08-April-2004.