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REPORT ON VISIT TO IVORY COAST
by Peter Mills
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15-September-2007 to 22-September-2007

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with UNIPHYTO and other training personnel.
- **Training:** to supervise visits to three training sites
- **Training:** to supervise two training sessions, one for journalists and one for dealers.
- **Trainer Assessment:** assess nine Master Trainers from Ivory Coast in four separate training sessions.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainers and other training staff.
- **Meetings:** meetings with Bama Yao, UNIPHYTO and participants to discuss training plans and reporting.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 15-September-2007

08h00: **Preparation**
17h00: Depart Pietermaritzburg by car
18h30: Arrive Durban
20h40: Depart Durban (SA584)
21h50: Arrive Johannesburg (SA584)
Overnight: Airport

Sunday, 16-September-2007

00h40: Depart Johannesburg (KQ463)
05h50: Arrive Nairobi (KQ463)
12h30: Depart Nairobi (KQ518)
17h25: Arrive Abidjan (KQ518 via Douala, Accra)
19h00: Arrive hotel
Overnight: Abidjan - Hotel Ibis Plateau

Monday, 17-September-2007

09h00: **Training: Refresher, Planning & Preparation of Lessons**
13h00: Lunch

14h00: **Training: Preparation of Lessons**
19h00: **Meeting: Bama Octave Yao**
Overnight: Abidjan - Hotel Ibis Plateau

Tuesday, 18-September-2007

08h00: **Travel**
10h00: **Training:** SAPH (Valery)
11h30: **Visit:** rubber plantation
13h00: Lunch
14h00: **Travel**
14h30: **Visit:** pineapple farm and factory
15h00: **Training:** IROBO (Niango)
17h00: End of Day & return to Abidjan
Overnight: Abidjan - Hotel Ibis Plateau

Wednesday, 19-September-2007

08h30: **Training of Journalists:** Hotel Ibis (Flamboyant Hall)
08h30: Opening (Yoboue)
09h15: Role of CropLife (Bama Yao)
09h45: Pesticides - General (Brahima)
11h00: Toxicity (Mariame)
11h50: Pesticide Legislation (Denise)
12h45: Registration (Kouassi)
13h30: Certificates
14h00: Lunch
15h00: **Meeting:** UNIPHYTO
17h00: End of Day
Overnight: Abidjan - Hotel Ibis Plateau

Thursday, 20-September-2007

08h00: **Training of Distributors/Applicators:** Hotel Ibis (Flamboyant Hall)
08h30: Opening (Yoboue)
09h15: Role of CropLife (Bama Yao)
09h30: Transport of pesticides (Karidia)
10h15: Soil application equipment (Bognan)
11h20: Safe use of Temik (Solange)
12h00: Personal protective equipment (Naminata)
12h45: Storage (Brahima, Mariame)
14h00: Lunch
14h30: **Meeting:** Bama Yao
Overnight: Abidjan - Hotel Ibis Plateau

Friday, 21-September-2007

09h00: **Training:** Hotel Ibis (Flamboyant Hall)
09h30: **CropLife requirements** (Bama)
10h00: **Evaluation and comments** (Peter Mills)

11h30: **Closing ceremony**

13h00: Invitation Lunch - Journalists, consultants, members of UNIPHYTO

15h00: Depart hotel

18h25: Depart Abidjan (KQ519)

Overnight: Plane

Saturday, 22-September-2007

05h20: Arrive Nairobi (KQ519)

07h40: Depart Nairobi (KQ460)

10h40: Arrive Johannesburg (KQ460)

12h55: Depart Johannesburg (SA555)

14h05: Arrive Durban (SA555)

15h30: Depart Durban by car

17h00: Arrive Pietermaritzburg

18h00: **Reports, administration**

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East.
- Justin Yoboue, UNIPHYTO.
- TRAORE Faraban, ALM & UNIPHYTO.
- Dr. Kouame Lucien, Director Crop Protection Department, MoA.
- Guy Liabra, Bayer CropScience & UNIPHYTO.
- Mariame Dosso, STEPC.
- Koumane N'Da Valery, SAPH.
- EHOUMAN ASSABA Solange, PALMCI.
- TRAORE Karidia, CNRA.
- BOGNAN Kouassi, ALM.
- NANAN BOUJOU Denise, MINAGRI.
- YA Silve Naminata, MINAGRI.
- KOUASSI N'Guessam Gaston, MINAGRI.
- TRAORE Brahma, Callivoire & UNIPHYTO.
- NIANGO ATSE Fernand, YARA.
- Mamadou TIOTE, Plantations Dam.
- 7 Rubber plantation staff trainees
- 12 Pineapple plantation staff trainees.
- 9 Journalist participants.
- 6 Distributor participants.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supervised the facilitation of four Responsible Use/Pesticide Information courses.
- Assessed 10 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 Ivory Coast for next year and negotiate allocations of resources with Bama (UNIPHYTO, PM, BOY).
- Provide the Stewardship Report for 2006 by Oct-2007 (UNIPHYTO).
- Provide the Stewardship Report for 2007 by Feb-2008 (UNIPHYTO).
- Each Master Trainer to develop a training plan for rest of 2007 and 2008, and submit to CropLife Africa Middle East (UNIPHYTO).
- Provide training reports to UNIPHYTO, Peter Mills, Bama Yao and Ali Mohammed Ali (all Master Trainers).
- Contact other potential stakeholders regarding possible co-operation in future training (UNIPHYTO, BOY).
- Publicise the prizes for trainers (UNIPHYTO).
- Reports to individual trainers on their performances (PM).
- Invite a minimum of three potential partners to the next ToT (UNIPHYTO).

CONCLUSION

This is the first time for UNIPHYO to organise and run training courses with Master Trainers under assessment by CropLife Africa Middle East. All Master Trainers performed very well, and the training was extremely well received by all audiences - journalists, dealers, rubber plantation staff and pineapple plantation staff. Trainers now need to follow through with their individual promised actions for specific audiences.

As with all Francophone countries, it is important to develop more Facilitators, who can conduct the Train-the-Trainer courses in Ivory Coast - capacity building at the next level.

At least three representatives from funding agencies/NGO's/IGO's to be invited to attend the next ToT course in 2008.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

BOY = Bama Octave Yao

Peter Mills

22-September-2007



Nine of the Ten Master Trainers seen on Day 1, at the Refresher and Preparation Session of the five day Train-the-Trainer Follow-up training held in and around Abidjan



Koumane N'Da Valery conducted training for rubber plantation field officers & agronomists in the stimulation of rubber latex production, including a demonstration and exercise in the field.



A training session for field agronomists/specialists in new fertilisation techniques for pineapples was conducted by NIANGO ATSE Fernand.



Traore, Mariame, Denise and Kouassi delivered Legal and Responsible Use training lessons to journalists.



Journalists, trainers and organising staff pose after the day's training.



Bama Yao (top, left) of CroPLife Africa Middle East opened the training for dealers, and lessons on equipment, application, and responsible use were delivered by Karidia (top, centre), Bognan (top, right), Solange (bottom, left), Naminata (bottom, centre) and Traore & Mariame (bottom, right).



Dealers & operators, trainers and organising staff pose after the day's training.



Bama Octave Yao, area coordinator for CropLife Africa Middle East in West and Central Africa, presented CropLife's requirements to UNIPHYTO and Trainers, on the final day of the five day Follow-up training for Master Trainers.



The Master Trainers pose with UNIPHYTO and CropLife Africa Middle East staff.