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REPORT ON VISIT TO MALI
by Peter Mills
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16-December-2006 to 23-December-2006

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with CropLife Mali and other training personnel.
- **Training:** to supervise two training sessions, one for government personnel and one for pesticide managers in rice and cotton enterprises.
- **Trainer Assessment:** assess Master Trainers Mali (6) in two separate training sessions.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainers and other training staff.
- **Meetings:** meetings with CropLife Mali personnel, ASP partners and participants to discuss training plans and reporting.
- **ASP Launch Mali:** attend the opening session of the launch of ASP-Mali.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 16-December-2006

05h00: Depart hotel
10h30: Depart Dakar (ET908) - delayed from 07h15
12h00: Arrive Bamako (ET908)
13h30: Arrive hotel
10h00: **Preparation**
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Sunday, 17-December-2006

08h00: **Preparation**
09h00: **Newsletter**
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Monday, 18-December-2006

08h00: **ASP-Mali Launch Day 1**
17h00: End of Day 1
19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao
Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Tuesday, 19-December-2006

08h30: **ASP-Mali Launch Day 2**

17h00: End of Day 2

19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao

Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Wednesday, 20-December-2006

09h00: **Meeting:** ULCP - Toumani Sidibe

11h00: **Visit:** FAO Container management site

17h00: **Meeting:** IFDC - Yves Duplessis

19h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao

Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Thursday, 21-December-2006

08h30: **Meeting:** Launch of Seed Association Company (USAID)

11h00: **Meeting:** Trade-Mali MoU Meeting and Signing

12h30: **Meeting:** CropLife Mali

14h00: **Meeting:** Bama Yao

15h00: **Reports, Administration**

Overnight: Bamako - Kempinski Hotel

Friday, 22-December-2006

08h30: **Reports, Administration**

13h00: Depart hotel

15h30: Depart Bamako (ET909)

17h20: Arrive Dakar (ET909)

Overnight: Dakar - Airport Hotel

Saturday, 23-December-2006

04h00: Depart hotel

07h00: Depart Dakar (SA204)

17h20: Arrive Johannesburg (SA204)

19h00: Depart Johannesburg (SA579)

20h10: Arrive Durban (SA579)

21h00: Depart Durban

22h30: Arrive Pietermaritzburg

Overnight: Home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East.
- Sable Diarra, CropLife Mali, Bamako.
- Mark Davis, FAO-ASP, Italy.
- Mohamed Ammati, FAO-ASP, Italy.
- Denis Jordy, WorldBank, Washington.
- Cheickh Sylla, FAO-Mali-ASP, Bamako.

- 25 participants of the Mali-ASP technical launch.
- Nonon Diarra, Syngenta & CropLife Mali, Bamako.
- Yves Duplessis, IFDC, Bamako.
- Toumani Sidibe, UCLP, Bamako.
- Sissiko Cheick Oumar, Agri-Tech & CropLife Mali, Bamako.
- Susan van Keulen-Cantella, Trade-Mali, Bamako.
- Arouna Diallo, Trade-Mali, Bamako.
- 50 participants, ASSEMA launch.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Visited field container management site.
- Discussions on way forward for CropLife Mali.
- Attended opening sessions of ASP-Mali Launch
- Meeting with Trade-Mali on way forward.
- Meeting with IFDC 1000+ Project on cooperation.
- Document completion and signing of the Trade-Mali/CropLife MoU.
- Discussion and plans set for FAO ToT in Tunisia.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Plan for future trainings in Mali for next year (CropLife Mali, PM, BOY).
- Provide the Stewardship Report for 2005 by 01-Feb-2007 (CropLife Mali).
- Provide the Stewardship Report for 2006 by 01-Mar-2007 (CropLife Mali).
- Develop a total plan for 2007 and submit to CropLife Africa Middle East (CropLife Mali).
- Provide training reports to CropLife Mali, Peter Mills, Bama Yao and Ali Mohammed Ali (Participants, CropLife Mali).
- Follow-up with potential stakeholders regarding agreed co-operation - IFDC's 1000+ Project and Trade-Mali (CropLife Mali, BOY).
- Contact other potential stakeholders regarding possible co-operation in future training, including BTC, USAID and others (CropLife Mali, BOY).
- Publicise the prizes for trainers (CropLife Mali).
- Invite a minimum of three potential partners to the next ToT (CropLife Mali).
- Coordinate with IFDC a potential ToT in 2007 (BOY, PM).

CONCLUSION

Unfortunately, the two training sessions were cancelled at the last minute. Because flights could not be changed/booked and/or added costs, alternative plans were put in place to attend Mali ASP technical launch, follow-up on pesticide container management - field visit, met with potential partners, met with CropLife Mali, and attend the Trade-Mali MoU signing.

Essential that CropLife Mali properly arranges the follow-up training for 2007.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

BOY = Bama Octave Yao

Peter Mills

23-December-2006



Participants of the ASP-Mali technical launch on Monday, 18-December-2006.



Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East's West Central area coordinator delivered a presentation on the role of CropLife in the Mali ASP.



The FAO container washing and crushing system situated outside Bamako.



Washed and crushed containers awaiting disposal via the ASP.



Collection of washed and crushed containers.



Bama Octave Yao (left) of CropLife Africa Middle East witnessed the signing of the MoU by Susan van Keulen-Cantella (centre) of Trade-Mali and Sablé Diarra (right) of CropLife Mali



From left to right, Bama Octave Yao, CropLife Africa Middle East, Susan van Keulen-Cantella & Arouna Diallo, Trade-Mali, Sablé Diarra, Nonon Diarra and Sissoko Cheick Oumar, CropLife Mali.