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**REPORT ON VISIT TO BAMAKO, MALI**  
by Peter Mills  
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17-June-2006 to 24-June-2006

**PURPOSE**

- **Training:** to assist facilitation of a **five day** workshop, "International Training Program on Sustainable Management of Agricultural Traders and Producers Organisations" in Bamako, Mali, for agricultural input dealers associations.
- **Presentations:** one each on "CropLife Structure and Communications"; "CropLife Advocacy in Pesticide Regulation"; "Building Training Capacity in the Middle East and Africa".
- **Personnel:** meet with association personnel from various agricultural input dealers associations, from 9 countries.

**ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, 17-June-2006

- 08h00: **Preparation** of three presentations
- 17h30: Depart Pietermaritzburg
- 20h40: Depart Durban (SA584)
- 21h50: Arrive Johannesburg (SA584)

Sunday, 18-June-2006

- 00h40: Depart Johannesburg (KQ463)
- 06h30: Arrive Nairobi (KQ463)
- 08h30: Depart Nairobi (KQ512)
- 14h30: Arrive Bamako (KQ512)
- 16h00: **Preparation: venue**
- Overnight: Hotel Plaza, Bamako

Monday, 19-June-2006

- 08h00: **Workshop: Day 1**
- 17h30: End of Day 1
- Overnight: Hotel Plaza, Bamako

Tuesday, 20-June-2006

- 08h30: **Workshop: Day 2**

17h30: End of Day 2  
Overnight: Hotel Plaza, Bamako

Wednesday, 21-June-2006

08h00: **Workshop: Day 3**  
17h30: End of Day 4  
Overnight: Hotel Plaza, Bamako

Thursday, 22-June-2006

08h00: **Workshop: Day 4**  
17h30: End of Day 4  
Overnight: Hotel Plaza, Bamako

Friday, 23-June-2006

08h30: **Workshop: Day 5**  
15h00: End of Day 4  
16h00: **Certificate Ceremony**  
17h30: Depart hotel  
19h35: Depart Bamako (KQ513)  
Overnight: plane

Saturday, 24-June-2006

06h10: Arrive Nairobi (KQ513)  
07h20: Depart Nairobi (KQ460)  
10h30: Arrive Johannesburg (KQ460)  
14h00: Depart Johannesburg (SA8038)  
15h20: Arrive Pietermaritzburg (SA8038)  
16h00: **Reports, administration, data capture**  
Overnight: Home

## KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Manon Dohman, IFDC, Ghana
- Raphael Vogelsperger, IFDC, Burkina Faso
- Scott Wallace, IFDC, Nigeria
- Aziza Yuldasheva, AAK, Kyrgyzstan
- Ibrahim Toure, IFDC Mali
- 23 association participants, from Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Mali, Senegal, Malawi, Burkina Faso, Benin, Ivory Coast.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Assisted in facilitation of a five day **five day** workshop, "International Training Program on Sustainable Management of Agricultural Traders and Producers Organisations" in Bamako, Mali, for agricultural input dealers' associations heads.

- Presented three lessons, one each on "CropLife Structure and Communications"; "CropLife Advocacy in Pesticide Regulation"; "Building Training Capacity in the Middle East and Africa".
- Link with Kyrgyzstan national association of input dealers.
- Meeting with IFDC on future training plans for West and Central Africa.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Scott to contact CropLife Nigeria and plan for ToT and follow-up visit for November.
- Follow-up on CropLife presence in Kyrgyzstan and/or region (PM).
- Collect CropLife Kenya and Zimbabwe kids pesticide safety manuals for distribution (PM).
- Collect CropLife Latin America kids trading programs from Keith Jones (PM).
- Check with Keith on advocacy document/publication on regulatory harmonisation (PM).
- Follow up on ToT courses for Mali, Senegal and Cameroon (PM, BOY, RV, MD).
- Plan for future Association workshops for rest of Africa and the Middle East (PM).

## **CONCLUSION**

This was an extremely important training for agricultural input dealers, which could easily be transferred to CropLife staff, associations and members. Many thanks to the IFDC for organisation.

Peter Mills  
24-June-2006



The participants were briefed on association activities of advocacy, communication and education, by Peter Mills, giving a global and regional association perspective and Aziza Yuldasheva from Kyrgyzstan, giving a new country association perspective.



Manon Dohman of IFDC facilitated another one of her very stimulating and interesting exercises, this one in the bar!!



Jubilant members of the winning team celebrate with their certificates and cash prize, received from Raphael Vogelsperger of IFDC, after taking top spot in the group case study presentations.



Certificates were presented to the successful participants by Scott Wallace, Manon Dohman and Ibrahim Toure of IFDC.



The group poses outside the hotel.