

# REPORT ON VISIT TO MAURITIUS

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01-May-2005 to 06-May-2005

## PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with CropLife Mauritius and other training personnel from Industry, MoA.
- **Training:** conduct five day Training of Trainers course at Robert Antoine Sugar Industry Training Centre in Reduit, Mauritius for trainers from various stakeholders, including Government, NGO's and Industry.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainees and other interested staff.
- **Meeting:** with CropLife Mauritius to plan ahead for future training programs.
- **Meeting:** with APEXHOM (Export Association of Mauritius).

## ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 01-May-2005

04h30: Depart Pietermaritzburg

05h30: Arrive Durban

06h30: Depart Durban (SA528)

07h30: Arrive Johannesburg (SA528)

09h35: Depart Johannesburg (SA190)

15h35: Arrive Mauritius (SA191)

16h30: Arrive RASITC (venue) - **set up venue**

18h30: Arrive hotel

Overnight: Black River - Villa Caroline Hotel

Monday, 02-May-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 1**

17h30: End of Day 1

Overnight: Port Louis - Le Suffel Hotel

Tuesday, 03-May-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 2**

17h30: End of Day 2

Overnight: Port Louis - Le Suffel Hotel

Wednesday, 04-May-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 3**

17h30: End of Day 3

Overnight: Port Louis - Le Suffel Hotel

Thursday, 05-May-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 4**  
12h30: **Meeting: APEXHOM (Export Association of Mauritius)**  
17h30: End of Day 4  
Overnight: Port Louis - Le Suffel Hotel

Friday, 06-May-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 5**  
12h45: Meeting - CropLife Mauritius, Participants  
13h15: End of Day 5  
16h35: Depart Mauritius (SA191)  
19h20: Arrive Johannesburg (SA191)  
21h00: Depart Johannesburg (SA585)  
22h10: Arrive Durban (SA585)  
22h30: Depart Durban  
23h30: Arrive Pietermaritzburg  
Overnight: Home

## **KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED**

- Serge L'Ecluse, CropLife Mauritius
- Clifford Dove, CropLife Mauritius
- Dr Andy Cherry, NRI-APEXHOM project.
- Raifa Bhundun, APEXHOM
- Dr Lynda Mamet, Robert Antoine Sugar Industry Training Centre, Reduit
- 12 Master Trainer participants.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Meeting with Mauritius to discuss future plans for Trainees.
- Facilitated five day course on Training of Trainers for 12 Master Trainers from government, NGO and private sectors.
- Presented hard and electronic copies of ToT and Safe Use training materials to all participants and other parties.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

- Plan for future training for rest of year (SL).
- Provide training reports to CropLife Mauritius, Peter Mills and Les Hillowitz (SL, all participants).
- Each participant is to set out his/her plans for the coming 6 months, including submitting a training plan to CropLife Mauritius by end of May, 2005 (SL, LH, all participants).
- Follow up on partnership with APEXHOM (SL).
- Contact Pineapple and Litchi associations in SA for APEXHOM (PM).
- Contact alternative potential stakeholders regarding possible co-operation in future training (SL).

## **CONCLUSION**

A good sized group with a wide range of training experience and skills. From the reaction questionnaires, this course was very enthusiastically received and appreciated.

All have great potential to become excellent trainers.

Thanks to RASITC for the use of their facilities. Thanks to CropLife Mauritius and CropLife Africa Middle East for sponsorship of the training.

Very important to follow up with training plans and training reports.

## **KEY**

PM = Peter Mills

SL = Serge L'Ecluse

LH = Les Hillowitz

Peter Mills

06-May-2005



Kathy Bucktowar gave a very thorough lesson on protective clothing.



The group of 12 Master Trainers, seen here with organisers, were selected from government, industry, NGO and the sugar industry, a major user of pesticides.