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REPORT ON VISIT TO WAD MEDANI, SUDAN

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09-August-2007 to 19-August-2007

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** planning meeting with SAGASudan and other training personnel.
- **Training:** conduct five day course on Training of Trainers in Wad Medani. Sudan, for participants from sugarcane industry.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainees and other training staff.
- **Meeting:** meeting with SAGASudan, participants.

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, 09-August-2007

08h25: Depart Pietermaritzburg (SA8732)

09h55: Arrive Johannesburg (SA8732)

11h30: Depart Johannesburg (KQ461)

16h30: Arrive Nairobi (KQ461)

17h20: Depart Nairobi (KQ320)

20h10 : Arrive Khartoum (KQ320)

Overnight: Khartoum - Dandas Hotel

Friday, 10-August-2007

08h00: **Newsletter & Preparation**

Overnight: Khartoum - Dandas Hotel

Saturday, 11-August-2007

08h00: **Newsletter & Preparation: purchase of stationery**

12h00: Depart Khartoum by car

15h00: Arrive Medani

16h00: **Preparation: venue**

19h00: **Meeting: SAGASudan**

Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Sunday, 12-August-2007

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

18h00: End of Day 1
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Monday, 13-August-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course: Day 1 (Repeated for late comers)**
18h00: End of Day 1
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Tuesday, 14-August-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course: Day 2**
17h30: End of Day 2
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Wednesday, 15-August-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course: Day 3**
17h30: End of Day 3
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Thursday, 16-August-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course: Day 4**
17h30: End of Day 4
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Friday, 17-August-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course: Day 5**
12h00: End of Day 5
13h00: **Certificate Ceremony**
14h00: Depart Medani
17h00: Arrive Khartoum
Overnight: Khartoum - Dandas Hotel

Saturday, 18-August-2007

08h00: **Reports, administration, data capture**
10h00: **Meeting: SAGASudan**
Overnight: Khartoum - Dandas Hotel

Sunday, 19-August-2007

03h45: Depart Khartoum (KQ321)
06h40: Arrive Nairobi (KQ321)
07h40: Depart Nairobi (KQ460)
10h40: Arrive Johannesburg (KQ460)
14h00: Depart Johannesburg (SA8737)
15h20: Arrive Pietermaritzburg (SA8737)
16h00: **Reports, administration, data capture**
Overnight: Home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Faisal Mohamed Ali, SAGASudan, Khartoum
- Eid Alla, SAGASudan, Medani
- Taha Ali Taha, SAGASudan.
- Prof. Hassan Kanan, Agricultural Research Corporation.
- Dr. Sami Osman Freigoun, SAGASudan.
- Dr. Awad, Sugar Research Centre, Gunied.
- Eng. Osman Ombaby, State Ministry of Agriculture.
- Mr. El Tayeb, Agricultural manager, Sudan Gezira Board.
- Kamal Mohamed Yassin, Bittar, Medani
- Prof Nabil Hamid Bashir, Head of the Toxicology and Pesticides Department, University of Gezira.
- Mustafa El Lazm, SAGASudan.
- El Tayeb Galal Eldin, Sugar Technology Sector.
- Sayd Mohamed Abu Bakr, Sugar Scientist, Agricultural Research.
- 15 ToT participants: sugarcane industry & government.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Meeting with Faisal & Ibrahim to discuss future plans for the Train the Trainer course.
- Meeting Faisal Mohamed Ali and Taha Ali Taha to discuss the course and plans for the future.
- Facilitated five day Training of Trainers course for 15 government and industry training personnel.
- Presented electronic copies of IPM & Responsible Use training materials to all participants and other parties.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Plan for future trainings in Sudan (AMA, SAGASudan, PM).
- Reporting on training from SAGASudan and participants (All).

CONCLUSION

Had to take an extra day for the course, as some participants arrived late. Day 1 was repeated for them, while the other participants rested.

A useful training for participants from the sugarcane industry.

Participants must report on training to SAGASudan, as discussed. Future courses should cover technical issues. SAGASudan are suggesting a regional ToT course. Nature of business is changing towards private sector in agriculture. For SAGA this means the type of ToT for private sector needs to be upgraded and modified. They are looking for larger groups, up to 50, plus having a local coordinator, to be a focal

point for training in the country.

Two participants received certificates of attendance and thirteen received certificates of competence.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

AMA = Ali Mohamed Ali

Peter Mills

19-August-2007



The training was opened with speeches from several stakeholders, lead by Prof. Nabil Hamid Bashir, Head, Toxicology and Pesticides Department, University of Gezira.



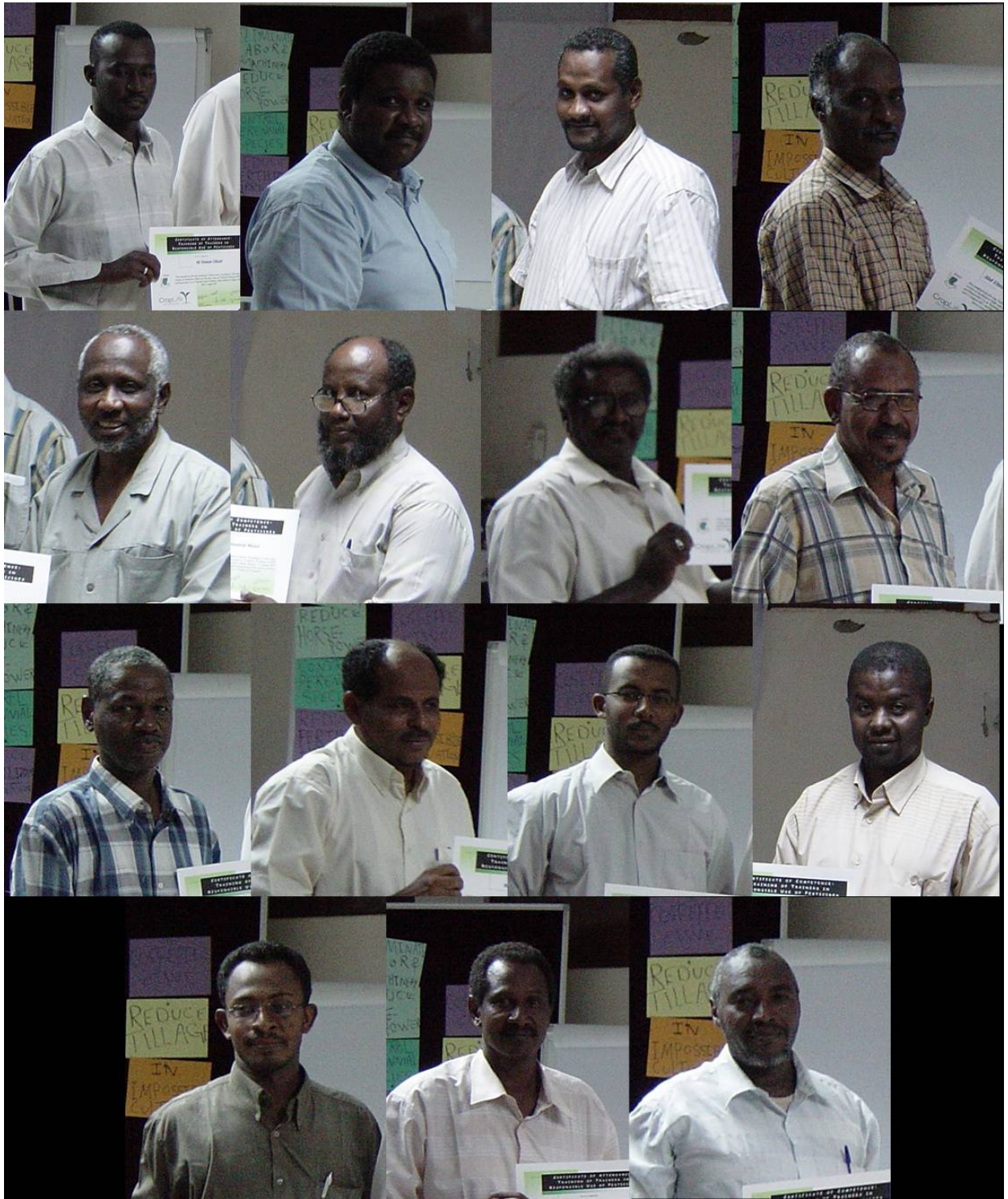
The questioning exercise always yields bags of laughter.



The facilitation rainbow is a challenging and appealing exercise for the participants.



The group of participants pose in the training room at the end of the course.



Participants pose with their certificates at the handing out ceremony.



Unusual and interesting gifts for the facilitator are always gladly received.