

REPORT ON VISIT TO MEDANI, SUDAN

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05-March-2005 to 11-March-2005

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with SAGA, Sudan executive and other agricultural personnel.
- **Personnel:** meet with training staff from Industry, MoA, Association staff.
- **Training:** conduct four day Training of Trainers course in Medani for trainers from various stakeholders, including Ministry of Agriculture, Gezira Board and Industry.
- **Meetings:** discuss training plans with various stakeholders.
- **Training Materials:** hand over training materials to all trainees and other interested staff.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 05-March-2005

05h30: Depart Pietermaritzburg
07h40: Depart Durban (SA530)
08h10: Arrive Johannesburg (SA530)
11h35: Depart Johannesburg (KQ461)
16h35: Arrive Nairobi (KQ461)
17h20: Depart Nairobi (KQ320)
20h10: Arrive Khartoum (KQ320)
21h30: **Planning meeting:** SAGA executive
Overnight: Khartoum - Hilton Hotel

Sunday, 06-March-2005

07h00: Depart hotel
10h00: Arrive Medani
11h00: **Training of Trainers Day 1**
18h00: End of Day 1
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Monday, 07-March-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 2: Postponed due to my illness**
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Tuesday, 08-March-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 2**
18h00: End of Day 2
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Wednesday, 09-March-2005

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

16h00: End of Day 3
16h30: **Meeting:** Agriculture Union Association
Overnight: Medani - Imperial Hotel

Thursday, 10-March-2005

08h00: **Training of Trainers Day 4**
15h00: End of Day 4
16h00: Depart Medani
18h30: Arrive Khartoum
19h00: **Meeting:** SAGA Sudan executive
Overnight: Khartoum - Hilton Hotel

Friday, 11-March-2005

01h00: Depart hotel
03h45: Depart Khartoum (KQ321)
06h40: Arrive Nairobi
07h35: Depart Nairobi (KQ460)
10h35: Arrive Johannesburg (KQ460)
12h10: Depart Johannesburg (SA551)
13h20: Arrive Durban (SA551)
13h50: Depart Durban
15h00: Arrive Pietermaritzburg
16h00: **Reports, data capture, correspondence & administration**
Overnight: Home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Abdalla Talab, *SAGA executive committee.*
- Faisal Mohamed Ali, *SAGA executive committee.*
- Eidella Mohamed Yousif, *SAGA executive committee.*
- Taha Ali Taha, *SAGA executive committee.*
- Massad Babikir Bakhit, *SAGA executive committee.*
- Abdalla Mohamed Osman, *Agriculture Union Association; Sudan Gezira Board.*
- Dr. Ahmed Elbashir Elhasan, *Agriculture Union Association; University of Gezira.*
- Amin Khidir Balla, *Agriculture Union Association; Syngenta.*
- Sioud Mohamed Saad Eldin, *General Manager, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Animal Resources.*
- Prof. Nabeel Bashir Hamid, *Head, Department of Pesticides, University of Gezira.*
- Abbas Hago Elnazir, *Manager Crop Protection, Sudan Gezira Board.*
- Babikir Gendil, *Manager, Crop Protection Department, Rahad Scheme.*
- Kamal M. Salih Eljak, *General Secretary Spraying Company Association.*
- Dr. Tag Elsir Elamin, *Agrocultural Research & Tachnology Centre.*
- 15 Master Trainer participants.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Meeting with SAGA executive and others to discuss future plans for Trainees, including discussions on further co-operation & training next year.
- Facilitated four day course on Training of Trainers for 15 Master Trainers from government and private sectors.
- Presented hard and electronic copies of Safe Use training materials to all participants and other parties.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Plan for completion of this course, which was not completed due to my illness (PM, SAGA, AMA).
- Each participant is to set out his/her plans for the coming 6 months, including submitting a training plan to SAGA by end of April, 2005 (SAGA, AMA, all participants).
- Provide training plans to SAGA, Peter Mills and Ali Mohamed Ali (SAGA, all participants).
- Provide training reports to SAGA, Peter Mills and Ali Mohamed Ali (SAGA, all participants).
- Plan for future ToT training for next year (SAGA, AMA, PM).
- Contact other potential stakeholders regarding possible co-operation in future training (SAGA, AMA, AT).
- Invite participants from NGO's and other potential partners to next ToT course (SAGA, AMA).
- Follow-up on securing the training duties from company tenders (SAGA, AMA).

CONCLUSION

Unfortunately, I became very ill on Day 2, so I was only able to do four days of training. As a result the course is incomplete. Only Part 1 (Training of Trainers Principles) was completed. All participants passed Part 1, and received certificates for this. This means either a return to Sudan to complete Part 2 (the lesson presentations and assessments), for them to be certified as Master Trainers in Responsible Use of Pesticides, or an alternative plan, to be decided in consultation with SAGA, Ali Mohamed Ali and Michel Chartouni.

Useful discussions with SAGA and Agriculture Union Association on training. They now have some ideas to pursue partnerships, and we trust that they will follow up. However, I am still concerned that the plan from 2002, which included ensuring that the training duty taken from tenders for training, still has not been secured by SAGA, despite assurances from the Federal Minister of Agriculture and the Head of the Sudan Gezira Board, during meetings with them in 2002.

Very important to complete Training Plans, submit them. Also to follow up on involving other stakeholders in future training. All trainings must be reported according to the supplied format.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

AMA = Ali Mohamed Ali

SAGA = Sudan Agrochemicals Association

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As part of the the assessment of participants, they are required to pass a written test.



Fifteen participants completed the Training of Trainers course held in Medani, Sudan. Seen here with them, are personnel from the main training stakeholders, including Industry, Gezira Board, Rahad Scheme, Ministry, University, Agricultural Unions.