

REPORT ON VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA
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24-November-2003 to 01-December-2003

PURPOSE

- **Training:** assist in facilitation of FAO Obstocks Inventory training course (25-November-2003 to 28-November-2003).
- **Training materials:** discuss and hand over latest training materials to many personnel; receive FAO Obstocks training materials.
- **Personnel:** meet and co-operate with FAO Obstocks staff, South African Agriculture and Environment ministry people, participants from South Africa.

ACTIVITIES

Monday, 24-November-2003

08h00: **Preparation**

14h50: Depart Harare (BA6268)

16h30: Arrive Johannesburg (BA6268)

18h00: Arrive hotel

Overnight: Johannesburg - Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre

Tuesday, 25-November-2003

08h30: Day 1: **FAO Obstocks training** (classroom)

17h00: end of training & facilitators meeting on training

Overnight: Johannesburg - Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre

Wednesday, 26-November-2003

08h30: Day 2: **FAO Obstocks training** (classroom)

17h00: end of training & facilitators meeting on training

Overnight: Johannesburg - Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre

Thursday, 27-November-2003

08h30: Day 3: **FAO Obstocks training** (classroom)

17h00: end of training & facilitators meeting on training

Overnight: Johannesburg - Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre

Friday, 28-November-2003

08h30: Day 4: **FAO Obstocks training** (site visit)

13h00: Lunch

14h00: Training summary & examination

17h00: End of training & Depart hotel

19h10: Depart Johannesburg (SA024)

21h00: Arrive Harare (SA024)

Overnight: Harare - home

Monday, 01-December-2003

08h00: **Administration:** Marking of examination papers

17h00: Finished

Overnight: Harare - home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Dr. Kevin Helps, FAO-ASP Obstocks Project Manager, FAO
- Thembisile Khumalo, DEAT; Course co-ordinator
- Prof. Gerhard Verdoorn, Poison Working Group, South Africa; course facilitator
- Nic du Preez, Enviroserv; course facilitator
- Tom Mabesa, CropLife South Africa; course facilitator
- Jan Kleynhans, CropLife South Africa
- Les Hillowitz, CropLife Africa Middle East
- 28 participants on Obstocks course

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Assist in facilitation of 4 day FAO Obstocks Inventory training course.
- Meeting and discussions on training with MoA, NEMC staff.
- Hand over of latest training modules (on CD) for many consultants and participants.
- Receipt of all training materials for Obstocks Inventory.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Follow up on visit to Ethiopia in January to assist in Obstocks Inventory & Safeguarding course (PM)
- Follow up with discussions on training co-operation between FAO and CropLife (PM)

CONCLUSION

A very compact and useful training course. Good feedback from all participants. Providing a good platform for future work.

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01-December-2003



Dr Kevin Helps of FAO discusses the action plan for South African Obsolete Stocks Program.



Participants attend field training in Inventory at a pesticide store near Johannesburg