

**BIOPESTICIDE EVALUATION AND REGISTRATION WORKSHOP HELD FROM 11th
TO 15th AUGUST 2008, AT KEPHIS HEADQUARTERS NAIROBI.**

RECOMMENDATIONS AND WAY FORWARD

1. WHAT NEEDS DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING

- Registration and data requirements for Biopesticides:
 - Definition/categories of Biopesticides
 - Harmonization of toxicity classification of Biopesticides (colour coding).
- National Food Consumption data within countries.
- Biopesticide Production facilities approval procedures / Good Manufacturing Practice.
- Review and expansion of Codex Crop groupings.
- PHIs.

2. WHAT HAS POTENTIAL FOR REGULATORY HARMONISATION

- Data requirements:
- Develop common protocols for efficacy trials, evaluating health and environmental impact
- MRL setting
- Scientific risk evaluation capacity
- Registration procedure, Efficacy trials and labeling requirements:
 - EAC Protocols being developed, require review
- Residue trials
 - GLP data
- Laboratory and field data correlation
 - GLP and/or Accreditation
- Definition of minor uses / specialty crops
- Legal infrastructure.

3. COLLECTION OF COUNTRY STATUS ON BIOPESTICIDES

Prof. Salah Soliman of Egypt was selected to assist in consolidating country situation analysis for the region with the timelines as described below:

1. Development of a Draft Questionnaire - 2 weeks from today (Date: 1st September 2008). The questionnaire would have at least the following background and importance of the questionnaire, quantity in use, Crop treated, applied per year, set MRLs (Codex process), Legislation (specify the laws), crops being exported to other countries. Other issues to consider for the questionnaire:

- Too much detail may hinder return of questionnaires.
- Questionnaire should be check/tick (√) type where possible.
- Follow-up workshop to discuss questionnaire.

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- Incentive – top areas of concerns – crops that do not have plant protection products registered on them (may not be different from conventional pesticides).
- 2. Evaluation of questionnaire by Lucy Namu, Michael Braverman and Jason Sandahl and dispatch to focal points – 1 week (8th September 2008).
- 3. Reply to questionnaire by focal points – One month (8th October 2008).
- 4. Prepare analytical report from questionnaire – 8th November 2008 (one month from receiving the data).
- 5. Feedback – circulation of report to respondents – 22nd November 2008. This can be formed as an Electronic working group.
- 6. Next meeting to discuss outcome of questionnaires – Feb/Mar 2009. Possibly use one day of a bigger workshop to discuss the issues identified in the questionnaires.
- 7. Other countries to consider are (16) – EAC and SADC i.e. Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, Djibouti, Eritrea, Mauritius, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Lesotho, Swaziland, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique.
- 8. The contact Emails for pesticides registrars will be sent to Lucy by Michael Odong of Uganda by Tuesday (19th August 2008).

4. OTHER ISSUES TO CONSIDER FROM THE WORKSHOP

1. West Africa have harmonized Biopesticide regime = website: efficacy data in one country can be used in another. The harmonization was agreed after a series of meetings. These have been agreed under CILLS countries of W Africa. Contact Dr. Ranajit Bandyopadhyay.
2. Scope for defining pesticides will include the bigger picture = Many countries have adopted different MRLs and particularly for specialty crops, beneficial to the whole world when harmonized. Support regional capacity and regulations for MRLs.
3. The outcomes of the questionnaires would form the basis for further discussion during the next workshop and can provide a strategy to continue the process. There may be a need to identify additional funding sources.
4. There is need to build capacity on the calculation of MRLs. Micheal Braverman to follow up with the US-EPA on possible facilitation. A training could be conducted from the residue trial data sets.

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5. Also there was need to conduct efficacy trials for pesticides on specialty crops because there are few registrations of pesticides on specialty crops and minor uses so that the proper use rate can be determined for each crop.

6. The meeting concurred on the need to conduct total diet studies to develop capacity on procedures for collecting of data - Michael Braverman to follow-up with the US-EPA and Jason Sandahl to contact the WHO.