

Regional workshop on application of the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit

29 May – 3 June 2017

Beijing, China

Concept note

Participating countries

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines

Participants

Staff of pesticide registration authorities and/or pesticide registration boards/committees. Participants should be actively involved in the evaluation of dossiers for the registration of pesticides. Four (4) participants from each country.

Venue: Beijing, China

Dates: 29 May – 3 June 2017

Duration: 6 days

Background:

The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit is a decision support system for pesticide registrars in countries with limited resources. It will assist registrars in the evaluation and authorization of pesticides. The Toolkit can best be considered as a web-based registration handbook intended for day-to-day use by pesticide registrars.

Registration staff can use the Toolkit to support several of their regular tasks, including: finding data requirements, evaluating technical aspects of the registration dossier, choosing an appropriate pesticide registration strategy and procedures, reviewing risk mitigation measures and getting advice on decision making. The Toolkit also links to many pesticide-specific information sources such as registrations in other countries, scientific reviews, hazard classifications, labels, MRLs and pesticide properties.

The objective of the workshop is to familiarize participants with the structure and contents of the Toolkit and discuss how it can be used in the day-to-day work of pesticide registration staff. The workshop is built around short introductions of the different modules of the Toolkit and practical case studies to be developed and discussed by participants. The entire Toolkit is web-based and participants should bring laptop computers to be able to follow the case studies.

The Institute for the Control of Agrochemicals of the Ministry of Agriculture (ICAMA) of China has over the last decade developed procedures and tools for human health and environmental risk assessment, specifically geared towards the agronomic and environmental conditions in China. Some of these methods would be applicable in other Asian countries as well. Therefore, ICAMA will present a number of risk assessment methods/models as part of the Toolkit workshop.

The workshop will also discuss the FAO/WHO Guidelines on highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs). HHPs are pesticides that are acknowledged to present particularly high levels of acute or chronic hazards to health or environment according to internationally accepted classification systems such as WHO or GHS or their listing in relevant binding international agreements or conventions. In addition, pesticides that appear to cause severe or irreversible harm to health or the environment under conditions of use in a country may be considered to be and treated as highly hazardous.