

**Report of the Regional Workshop on Application of
the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit
29 May-3 June 2017, Beijing, China**

Summary

The Regional Workshop on the Application of the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit was convened from 29 May - 3 June 2017 in Beijing, China in collaboration with the Institute for the Control of Agrochemicals of the Ministry of Agriculture (ICAMA). More than forty participants (40) from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, and Philippines, as well as Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, participated in the workshop.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) developed a Pesticide Registration Toolkit to support pesticide regulators in countries with limited resources to go through the process of evaluating pesticide registration dossiers. It can be used as a training and reference tool for pesticide registration authorities in order to provide assistance for decision making. The Toolkit can also be considered as a decision support system for registration authorities in developing countries. This workshop aimed at enhancing pesticide regulatory management capacity in Asian countries, sharing data and experience and expanding knowledge on pesticide registration.

During the workshop, the three facilitators introduced the structure and contents of the Pesticide Registration Toolkit and helped the participants get familiar with the Toolkit. The presentations, given by the facilitators, demonstrated to the participants how to use the Toolkit to find data, establish links to registration procedures, share national experiences on risk assessment, etc. The participants exercised with several examples by using the Toolkit at each section of the workshop. Finally, the participants provided their feedback based on their experiences. It was hoped that the training would enable registration authority of participating countries to improve the capacity of regulatory management through registration enhancement. Participants considered that the toolkit will enable countries especially for least capacity countries in regulatory management of pesticides to apply the analogy strategy by bridging assessment methods in pesticide registration process and make appropriate decision by consideration of feasibility of the local situation.

In addition, the Chinese experts shared with the other participating countries their knowledge and experience in regulating highly hazardous pesticides, and demonstrated Chinese methods and procedures for human health risk assessment and environmental risk assessment. China's operator risk assessment model (COP-Risk) and fate model for paddy field (TOP-RICE model) were also introduced to the participants.

At the end of the workshop, the participants provided their overall comments to the workshop. Most of the participants found that the Toolkit was very useful for them and were willing to share the Toolkit to their colleagues in the future. The participants from different countries also hoped that FAO could provide more training in the future.