

Regional workshop on the pesticide registration toolkit (1-5 June 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam)

The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit is a decision support system for pesticide registrars in developing countries. It was created to assist registrars in the evaluation and authorization of pesticides. The toolkit will give guidance on which evaluations need to be done, how they can be done in the most straightforward way and still produce meaningful results, and where relevant information can be found that can be used to carry out the evaluation. The tools that can help regulators to do their work more effectively. In order to test and collect feedback on improvement, a pilot workshop on the pesticide toolkit was convened from 1-5 June, 2015 in Hanoi, Vietnam with support from AGP pesticide team in collaboration with Vietnam Plant Protection Department. Participants from Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the workshop. The pilot workshop not only enable participating countries to exercise on the toolkit but also let participants provide their inputs based on practice and experience in pesticide registration in own countries to the toolkit developers for further improvement and development of the kit.

Exercises on analogy registration and comprehensive evaluation help participants have hand on practices on stepwise procedures of the assessment, evaluation and registration. It let participants learn what reference required, how to find, where to find- how to review, analysis and use it for decision making process of the registration. It is certain that the toolkit offers feasible and practical handbook as a decision supportsystem for pesticide registrars in evaluation and authorization of pesticides in developing countries.

Several comments and suggestions were provided for further improvements of the toolkit.

