



SPS CAPACITY BUILDING IN AFRICA TO MITIGATE THE HARMFUL EFFECT OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN COCOA AND TO MAINTAIN MARKET ACCESS

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE IN-COUNTRY EVALUATION MISSION

From 13 to 29 May 2012

April 2012.

BACKGROUND

The Project for the SPS capacity building in Africa to mitigate the harmful effect of pesticide residues in cocoa and to maintain market access (Africa Cocoa SPS Project) includes the five major cocoa producing countries in Africa (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo). The main objective of the project is to maintain the access of African cocoa to the international market, by strengthening the capacities of stakeholders on sanitary and phytosanitary measures. This capacity building aims at producing good quality cocoa, complying with international standards on pesticide residues and other harmful substances. The project is under the overall supervision of the International Cocoa Organization (ICCO) and started in 2011, after the activity and funding review workshop held in Accra, Ghana (19 to 21 January 2011).

A Regional Workshop was held at Hotel Mont Febé in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 7 to 10 June 2011. The workshop was jointly organized by ICCO, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce of Cameroon, with financial support from the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), EDES/COLEACP, CropLife Africa Middle East and UNIDO.

The Yaoundé workshop was organized to formally launch the Africa Cocoa SPS project and to sensitize the authorities of the participating countries on SPS standards and regulations in major cocoa importing countries such as the European Union (EU), the United States of America (USA) and Japan. The workshop reviewed the constraints faced by stakeholders in cocoa value chain in cocoa producing countries in Africa, with regard to compliance with international SPS standards.

During the regional workshop, a detailed timeframe for the implementation of project activities was developed.

However, it as been noted that several activities are lagging behind schedule and that difficulties have been encountered during implementation. A mission for monitoring and evaluating the activities carried out in each country is thus necessary to assess the overall level of project implementation.

These terms of reference state the objectives, expected outcomes and methodology for ca mission which will be carried out in participating countries, from 13 to 29 May 2012.

I. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

1.1. Main objective of the mission

The mission is in compliance with the mandate of project steering committee which is responsible for the overall coordination, monitoring and supervision of the project. The mission aims to assess project progress and to provide strategic guidance, technical advice to National Coordinators to ensure good implementation of project activities.

1.2. Specific objective

The specific objective of the mission is to evaluate the strategy and the level of implementation of project activities, to identify constraints and, when necessary, provide advice for taking corrective actions in each country.

1.3. Expected Results

All appropriate data should be made available to the mission to evaluate project progress and to advice on actions to correct any discrepancies with project objective/activities/planning. The following results are expected:

- the situation of project implementation bodies and their operational capability are established;
- the level of implementation of project activities is known;
- the strategy of implementation is properly defined;
- strengths, weaknesses and constraints of project implementation are identified,
- corrective actions are proposed for a smooth implementation of the project.

II. METHODOLOGY FOR THE MISSION

2.1. Topics to be discussed

During the mission, the focus will be on project activities in the country, as specified in the project document. Several meetings will be organized. The mission will have working sessions with stakeholders in the cocoa value chain. The working sessions may include:

- briefing with the National Coordinator and the project team on project implementation and structure, project account and finance and major constraints to project implementation;
- meeting with relevant government authorities in the country on support to the project and review of national policies on SPS standards;
- meeting with key stakeholders (farmers' groups, pesticide wholesalers/retailers, cocoa exporters, border agencies, etc) as possible to assess and review SPS situation in the country;
- review of each project activity to establish alternatives and timeframe for implementation;

2.2. Role of the National Coordinator

The mission relies on the National Coordinator for the practical organization and details of meetings in country, including:

- making necessary hotel bookings and reservations;
- organizing meetings, appointments, etc.;
- making logistic arrangements;
- being the secretariat of the meetings.

2.3. Composition of the mission

- Mr. Yunusa Abubakar, ICCO Project Manager;
- Mr. Roy Bateman, Project International Consultant;
- Mr. Lucien Konan Kouame, Project Regional Coordinator.

2.4. Programme

The programme of the mission is as follows:

Country	Date of Arrival	Date of Departure
COTE D'IVOIRE	Sunday, May 13, 2012	Wednesday, May 16, 2012
GHANA	Wednesday, May 16, 2012	Saturday, May 19, 2012
NIGERIA	Saturday, May 19, 2012	Thursday, May 24, 2012
TOGO	Thursday, May 24, 2012	Saturday, May 26, 2012
CAMEROON	Saturday, May 26, 2012	Tuesday, May 29, 2012