



“Contribution of CropLife for the Implementation of GHS”

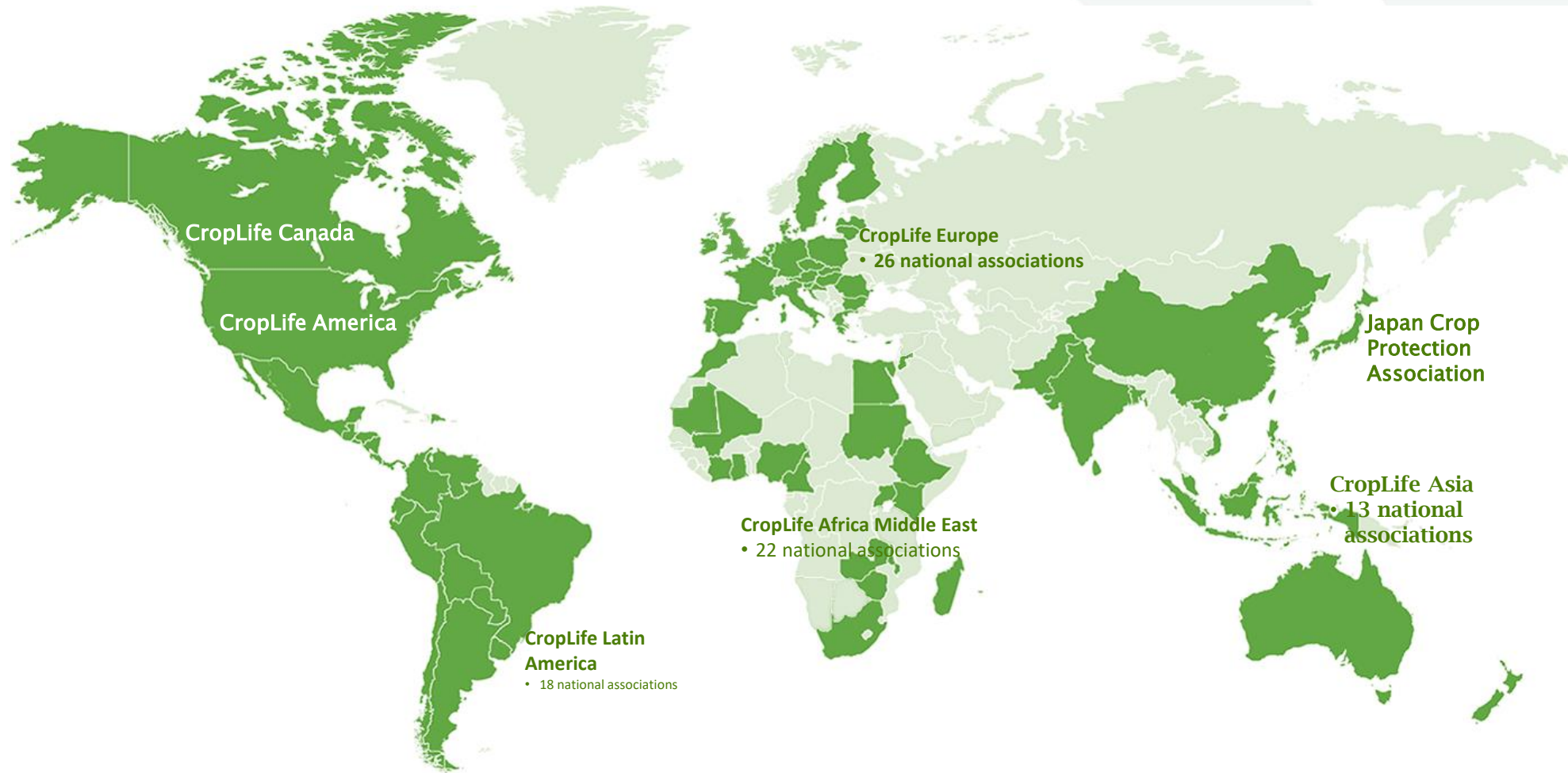
Presentation to the Inception Workshop on:

**“Increasing the global implementation of
GHS through a pilot focusing on Africa”**

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CROPLIFE INTERNATIONAL: A GLOBAL FEDERATION OF THE PLANT PROTECTION



CROPLIFE AFRICA MIDDLE EAST: A REGIONAL ASSOC. OF THE PLANT PROTECTION

22 Nat. Assoc.



9 Member Companies



PARTNERS IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



CROPLIFE NETWORK AND GHS

CropLife International and CropLife Africa Middle have been active in promoting and implementing the GHS for over 15 years.

This is recognized, for example, by the UNITAR “Overview of GHS activities from organizations outside the UNITAR/ILO/OECD Partnership” ¹

Six focus areas:

1. **Collaboration and Cooperation** with national and international allies.
2. **Awareness Raising and Building Understanding** of the benefits of the GHS.
3. **Capacity Building** for industry and government bodies.
4. **Industry Compliance:** labelling, safety data sheets, classification.
5. **Consistent and Expert Approach to the use of robust data and information** on products for classification purposes, considering weight of evidence.
6. **Countering Illicit Trade of (Counterfeit and other illegal) pesticides.**



CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS IN AFRICA

Countries Engaged in Capacity Building Efforts since 2015

<p>KENYA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2016 developed a manual (Purple Book) to guide implementation on PPPs; Included in draft regulations 2020; • Accepting GHS labels 	<p>ZAMBIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHS under application • Currently reviewing the law to provide more clarity on GHS application 	<p>SOUTH AFRICA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regulation of Hazardous Chemical Agents was published on 1st April 2021.; GHS classification adopted according to the 8th Edition of GHS UN Purple book from 2019. • SDS should be GHS classified and can be updated every 5 year from the date of development
<p>ALGERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; • Accepting GHS labels, not yet in the law 	<p>MALAWI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops, Accepting GHS labels 	<p>MOROCCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted GHS since April 2018 ; Applied to all new registrations and renewals
<p>ZIMBABWE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; • Accepting GHS labels 	<p>TUNISIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; Working on a legislation 	<p>GHANA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; • Accepting GHS labels
<p>CILSS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focusing on harmonization ECOWAS region, Accepting GHS labels 	<p>COTE D'IVOIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops • Accepting GHS labels 	<p>NIGERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; • Accepting GHS labels
<p>MAURITIUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; • Accepting GHS labels 	<p>UGANDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; Accepting GHS labels 	<p>TANZANIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in various workshops; Accepting GHS labels



COLLABORATION AND ALLIANCES: COTTON SECTOR IN W & C AFRICA

- **Cotton production in W.C Africa and PR-PICA: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Togo.**
- **Pest management: PR-PICA to help ensure yield and quality.**
- **PR-PICA initiative to implement MoA labelling of pesticides for resistance management.**
- **CropLife AME and CropLife Internat. provide support to PR-PICA: Update on GHS implementation was presented at a capacity building workshop (April 2021) to the regulatory authorities, officers of the cotton companies, representatives of producers' organizations and pesticide suppliers (CropLife members and non-members) from the PR-PICA member states.**
- **GHS and MoA labelling to be implemented together in the cotton sector, for later extension to other crop sectors.**



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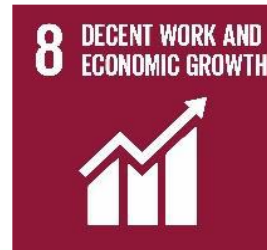
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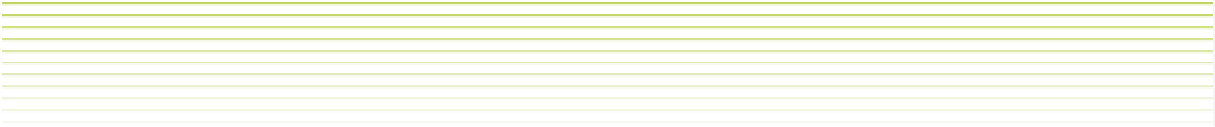
- Countries often not receptive when industry makes efforts to support the implementation of GHS for the pesticides.
- implement the basics of the GHS which drives the greatest health and safety benefits: further complexity applied too quickly delays adoption and implementation.
- Collaboration is essential across sectors and among allies. CropLife International participates in the “*Global Partnership to Implement the GHS*”¹ and the “*Friends of the GHS coalition*”².

Awareness Raising/Building Understanding on the Benefits of GHS.

- Focus on the capacity building through national/sub-regional regulatory meetings.
- Embedding GHS in legislation is often required, takes a long time and resources.
- Harmonization across countries and within sub regions – timelines.

Industry compliance: Long haul for the commitment to fully implement GHS, hence the efforts to enhance uptake in the regions.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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