

## IPM CRSP Trip Report

**Country Visited:** Senegal

**Dates of Travel:** May 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> / 2014

**Traveler's Name and Affiliation:**

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**Purpose of Trip:**

Participant/Speaker "Workshop on invasive species identification and management in the tropics, focus *Ralstonia solanacearum* in solanaceous vegetable crops and Papaya Mealybug".

**Sites Visited:**

Trip to collect samples of Bacterial wilt and Papaya Mealybug for the workshop, visited ISRA (Institut Senagalais de Recherches Agricoles) Central quarters and crop fields small growers including Pepper, eggplant, okra, mango, papaya, beans in the Dakar area.

**Description of Activities/Observations:**

Workshop from May 12-15/2014 held at NDiambour Hotel, Dakar. Presentations related To bacterial wilt management as one of the most important plant pathogens affecting tomato World wide, countries represented at the meeting: Senegal, Guatemala, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenia, Burundi, USA.

Other topics of importance as invasive pests were: The Papaya Mealybug and *Tuta absoluta*, a new lepidoptera pest affecting tomato worldwide.

Excellent interaction and exchange of information mainly focus on bacterial wilt management including training in grafting tomato varieties into resistant rootstocks as an important IPM strategy for small growers.

**Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:**

Continue training small growers on grafting techniques for bacterial wilt management applied to different countries.