

IPM CRSP Trip Reports

Country Visited: Tanzania

Dates of Travel: July 19-24, 2015

Travelers Names and Affiliations: Eston Shadrack Njeru

Purpose of Trip: To attend IPM IL sponsored training workshop on *Trichoderma*

Sites Visited: AVDRC, Arusha

Description of Activities/Observations:

The course involved lectures and practical sessions on collecting, isolating, multiplying, harvesting and packaging of biocontrol agents (BCAs) for commercialization. The course has enabled me to determine sites for use of BCAs in different crops in Kenya. It also opened up my mind on the potential of promoting the use of available BCAs for crop health management among our smallholder farmers and development and commercialization of indigenous BCAs.

Training Activities Conducted

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
Workshop	July 20-23, 2015	23 Plant pathologists from Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia	11	12	Prof. Gandhi and Prof. Nakkeeran from Tamil Nadu	Training on use of biocontrol agents

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

- 1) I suggest that the Kenyan participants form a consortium to validate, develop and promote BCAs for the crops under our respective mandates.
- 2) IPM IL can provide support to validate and promote the production of BCAs by commercial concerns under smallholder cropping systems.
- 3) Research proposals on the development and/or promotion of BCAs should be given serious consideration during the coming phase of the project.

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