



The OECD Working Group on Pesticides  
Risk Reduction Steering Group

**Seminar on Risk Reduction  
through Better Application Technology**



INTRODUCTION

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# OECD Pesticides Programme Working Group on Pesticides

- Addresses chemical and biological pesticides used in agriculture
- Created in 1992 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of pesticide regulation within OECD
- Directed by the Working Group on Pesticides (WGP)

# OECD Pesticides Programme Working Group on Pesticides

- 30 OECD governments
- The European Commission
- International organisations (e.g. WHO, FAO, UNEP)
- Non-governmental Organisations  
(e.g. CropLife International, IBMA,  
environmental NGOs like PAN)

# Working Group on Pesticides

- Helps OECD governments to share the work of agricultural pesticide registration / authorisation
- Works towards harmonised data and methods used to test and assess pesticide risks, so as to help governments work together and improve the quality of the data and assessments
- Helps OECD governments to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use, through a variety of actions to supplement pesticide registration

# Working Group on Pesticides

- **Registration Steering Group (RSG)**
- **Risk Reduction Steering Group (RRSG)**
- **Biopesticides Steering Group (BPSG)**

# Risk Reduction Steering Group (RRSG)

To address the objectives of the OECD Working Group on Pesticides, the objectives of the RRSG are :

- to create strategic opportunities that facilitate risk reduction,
- to give international credibility to risk reduction tools and measures,
- to reach out to other groups,
- to promote communication on risk reduction (e.g. through seminars and workshops).

## The RRS&G Seminar Series

- The seminars focus on key issues in pesticide risk reduction of concern to OECD governments.
- The seminars are designed to provide an opportunity for informal discussion, learning and information sharing.

## The RRSG Seminar Series

- The seminars follow the format of presentations by governments and stakeholders in the morning, and roundtable discussions in the afternoon.
- Presentations are intended to be thought starters for the afternoon discussion.



# RRSG Seminar

## on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

### Purpose of the seminar

- Identify key possibilities to achieve pesticide risk reduction through better application technology
- Review technical requirements for application equipment and technologies
- Review certification programmes for workers and applicators



# RRSG Seminar

## on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

### Purpose of the seminar (continued)

- Review existing regulatory (e.g. equipment inspections) and voluntary (e.g. spray drift management guidelines) approaches
- Consider how to stimulate the development and use of better technologies for reducing risks that are practical and economic
- Identify options available to OECD and key stakeholders in OECD and non-OECD for further steps

## Seminar on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

### The seminar should discuss

- Necessity of minimum technical requirements/standards,
- Roles of certification, maintenance and control of application equipment and technologies,
- Existing regulatory requirements/guidance, and voluntary measures in different countries,

## Seminar on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

### The seminar should discuss

- Government's and others' role to promote lower risk technologies,
- Key elements of good practices and innovative approaches,
- Barriers to and solutions for meeting technical and regulatory requirements,
- Possible opportunities for stakeholders for further development.

## Seminar on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

The seminar should identify

- Government's or organisation's experience with application technologies for pesticide risk reduction
- Regulatory/mandatory requirements and standards, and/or voluntary guidelines/codes concerning application technologies and risk reduction
- Technical requirements, as well as maintenance and control of application technologies
- Economic aspects related to innovation and adoption of lower risk application technologies



# RRSG Seminar

## on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology

- The seminar may make recommendations or identify next steps for OECD and stakeholders.
- The results of the seminar will be discussed in the OECD Risk Reduction Steering Group and reported to the OECD Working Group on Pesticides.

# RRSG Seminar on Risk Reduction through Better Application Technology



Let's start!