

**GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE COALITION
AGAINST PARAQUAT ON THE OCCASION OF
A DINNER WITH CONCERNED CITIZENS ON
MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT HAWTHORN
SUITE, OFF AHMADU BELLO WAY, ABUJA**

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It is our pleasure as the flagship of the Agrochemical Industry in Nigeria and representatives of the global plant science industry to identify with you on the auspicious occasion of a dinner organised by your esteemed coalition and more importantly to rub minds on the theme: “Lets Unite to Save the Nigerian Farmer and the Environment from Paraquat Toxicity”.

We are proud as an industry to inform the coalition that we have since initiated and proposed to NAFDAC, the regulatory agency of our industry to ban Paraquat and initiate a gradual withdrawal of the product through a 4-5 year moratorium which will achieve 2 objectives:

- a) To lessen the shock of a sudden withdrawal on our farming system, so as to prevent an adverse effect on our farmers who have adopted Paraquat as an important input in the value chain.
- b) The moratorium will enable the industry come up with alternatives to Paraquat, including trial via research institutes and eventual registration by NAFDAC.

NAFDAC have accepted our proposal and already issued a statement on that effect confirming a moratorium of up to 31st December 2024 after which Paraquat will be out of the Nigerian Market.

Executive Committee:

Mahmood Tauhid (President) Abdullahi Ndarubu Ph.D., (Sec. Gen.)
David Achimugu, Martins Awofisayo, Leonard Anyanwu, Tunji Majekolagbe, Seun Ogunnaike (Ex-Officio)

THE NIGERIAN PESTICIDE BILL

As a responsible industry we have proposed a pesticide bill that will take care of all contentious and regulatory issues concerning the handling, use and application of plant production products including who should handle the products, where the bill will be domiciled etc.

The draft bill is already with the committee on agriculture of the Federal House of Representatives chaired by Honourable Muntari Mohammed Dandutse.

May I call on the esteemed members of the coalition to Join Croplife Nigeria to push for a speedy passage of this important bill in the National Assembly.

On behalf of our executive and members, please receive our best wishes now and always.

Enjoy your dinner!



MAHMOOD TAUHID

President

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