Country Visited: Dakar, Senegal.

Dates of Travel: 5th to 10th May 2013

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Purpose of Trip: Information sharing workshop on the spread and control of Tomato Leafminer, *Tuta absoluta* (Meyrick, 1971) in West and Central Africa

Sites Visited: Tomato growing areas in the Niayes, Senegal

Description of Activities/Observations: First day-Experts from Virginia Tech, USAID and CORAF/WECARD gave presentations followed by general discussions on the following topic: Leafminer, *Tuta absoluta* -Insect Profile, monitoring and control methods

Second day- Participants together with workshop facilitators visited Tomato growing areas in the Niayes, where we had the opportunity to see infested tomato and *Datura* plants with the Leafminer, *Tuta absoluta*. This field trip offered some of us the first observation and encounter with live larvae of *T. absoluta*. Later in the day there was a presentation and discussion on USD regulatory process and rules for importation of tomatoes from the ECOWAS.

Third day- Participants broke into two groups to produce working documents on regional strategy for monitoring and control of *Tuta absoluta* as follows:

Group 1
Identification of priority measures to address *Tuta absoluta* monitoring and control in West and Central Africa

Group 2
Identification of priority themes that will form the basis for preparation of a call for express of interest to develop and implement a commissioned project to combat against *Tuta absoluta*
**Training Activities Conducted:**

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| Workshop and field visit                                      | 7 to 9 May 2013 | National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIs) and the national plant protection services of the ECOWAS countries | -                     | Virginia Tech, USAID, IPM CRSP, USDA/APHIS and CORAF/WECARD       | 1) Raise awareness on the urgency of the problem in countries it has not yet spread  
2) Familiarize stakeholders in the procedures for monitoring the spread of *T. absoluta*  
3) Review methods of limiting the spread of *T. absoluta* in West and Central Africa  
and 4) Provide information leading to rational management options for tomato growers                                                                 |

**Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:** IPM CRSP should allocate more funds for logistics and monitoring activities of *T. absoluta* which was not originally catered for in the initial budget.