



## Near East and North Africa Soil Partnership Conference

### 1 – 3 June, Amman, Jordan

### Conference Agenda

Time	Topic	Chair/Moderator
<b>First Day: 1st June</b>		
08:30 – 09:00 Registration		
<b>Session 1</b> <b>Welcome, Opening remarks, Keynote address – Celebrating the International Year of Soils</b>		
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Nasredin Hag Elamin, FAO Representative, Jordan Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Deputy Representative, RNE, FAO H.E. Shahira Wahbi, Chief of Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, League of Arab States H.E Dr Akef AL Zoubi Minister of Agriculture	Talal Alfayez
9:30 – 10:30	International Year of Soils <i>Dr. Parviz Koohafkan, FAO Senior Consultant, Former Director of Land and Water Division, FAO</i>  Issues and priorities on Soil and land degradation in NENA region: A UNCCD perspective <i>Mr. Sergio Zelaya, Head of Policy and advocacy, UNCCD</i>  Soils: The Substance of Transformation. Report from the Global Soil Week 2015 <i>Mr. Alexander Muller, Secretary General ad Interim IASS Potsdam institute, Former ADG Natural Resources, FAO</i>	Talal Alfayez
10:30 – 11:00	Group photo and Coffee/Tea break	
<b>Session 2</b> <b>This session will provide the opportunity to learn more about the GSP and NENA Soil Partnership</b>		
11:00 – 11:15	Introduction to the Global Soil Partnership <i>Mr Feras Ziadat, GSP Secretariat, FAO</i>	Pasquale Steduto
11:15 – 11:30	NENA Soil Partnership – current status <i>Mr. Mahmoud Alferihat, RSP Secretariat, Ministry of Agriculture of Jordan</i>	Pasquale Steduto
11:30 – 12:00	Panel discussion on partnership, support to country, role of different sectors in sustainable soil management Representatives of invited guests and donors	Pasquale Steduto

<b>Session 3</b>		
<b>Country presentations on the priorities for sustainable soil management</b>		
12:00 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algeria</li> <li>• Bahrain</li> <li>• Egypt</li> <li>• Iran</li> </ul>	Mahmoud/Feras
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iraq</li> <li>• Jordan</li> <li>• Kuwait</li> <li>• Lebanon</li> <li>• Libya</li> <li>• Morocco</li> <li>• Oman</li> <li>• Qatar</li> </ul>	Mahmoud/Feras
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee/Tea break	
16:30 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• Sudan</li> <li>• Syria</li> <li>• Tunisia</li> <li>• United Arab Emirates</li> <li>• Yemen</li> </ul> <p>Guidelines to develop Regional Implementation Plan</p>	Mahmoud/Feras  Sa'eb Khresat
<b>Second Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		
<b>Session 4</b>		
<b>Working groups - NENA Implementation Plan and GEF Concept Note discussions</b>		
08:30 – 09:00	Land /soils degradation and the proposed GEF concept note to support activities in RNE – Parviz Koohafkan	Amal Aldababseh - FAORNE
09:00 – 10:30	Working groups per pillar, developing priorities for the NENA Implementation Plan - Chair and Rapporteur per WG	Mahmoud/Feras
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea break	
11:00 – 13:00	Continuation of working groups discussion	Chair and Rapporteur per WG
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch Break	
14:15 – 15:30	Continuation of working groups discussion	Chair and Rapporteur per WG
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea break	
16:00 – 17:30	Presentation by working groups and discussion of GEF program as part of the implementation plan	Pasquale Steduto

<b>Third Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>		
08:30 – 10:00	Review of the draft NENA Implementation Plan and institutional setting	Mahmoud/Feras
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea break	
10:30 – 13:00	Adoption of the NENA Implementation Plan	Mahmoud/Feras
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch break	
<b>Session 5: Establishment of Steering Committee and the way forward</b>		
14:15 – 15:00	Establishment of NENA Soil Partnership steering committee	Mahmoud/Feras
15:00 – 15:30	Prepare a communiqué	Mahmoud/Feras
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea break	
16:00 – 17:00	Prepare a communiqué	Mahmoud/Feras
17:00 – 17:30	Final conclusions and Adoption of the Communiqué: The Way forward of the NENA Regional Soil Partnership	Parviz Koohafkan