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plan 2023-2024 and document to
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4.1 Report by the Chairperson on main activities and outcomes of the work programme 2022-23

- Publication of **two ITPS letters**: issues #6 and #7 (*foreseen*)
- Support the organization of the **Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition (GSOIL4N22)** held on 26-29 July 2022.
- Development, review, and implementation of the **GSOIL4N22 outcome document**, including the support to the launch of the **International Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Network (INSOILFER)** and the organisation of its workplan, and the preparation of the **Global Soil Nutrient and Nutrient Budget Maps (GSNmap)**.
- Support the launch of the **Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB)** in the framework of the **International Network of Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)**.
- Support the development and implementation of the **RECSOIL initiative** as a contribution to decision 16/COP14 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
- Contribute to the preparation of the report on the **Global Assessment of Salt-affected Soils**.
- Review of the **Sixth Assessment Report (AR6 WGIII)** of the IPCC.
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- Support the organization of the **Global Symposium on Soils and Water (GSOWA)** in October 2023.
- Support the preparation and dissemination of the **SoiLEX platform** .
- Lead the preparation of the **2nd edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report** to be issued in 2025.
- Contribute to the celebration of **World Soil Day (WSD) 2022**: dissemination and campaign materials, selection of the WSD award, the Glinka Prize and poster, booklet and soil cakes contests.
- Lead the work of the Working Group to develop the **Indicator System of the GSP Action Framework (ISAF)** .
- Presentation of several abstracts related to the ITPS/GSP's activities as posters and oral presentations at the **22nd World Congress of Soil Science**, held in Glasgow, Scotland from 31 July to 5 August 2022.

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- Follow-up actions to the **Global Symposium on Soil Erosion (GSER19)**: advise on the preparation of the methodology to evaluate the costs of erosion and value of erosion control practices as public benefits and for the conservation of ecosystem services.
- Assist on the organization of the **Global Symposium on Soils and Water** in October 2023.
- Assist on the organization of the **Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information** to be held in 2024.
- Continue to support and guide the different International Networks of the GSP.
- Contribute to the preparation of the **Technical Manual for the Sustainable Management of Mountain Soils (FAO)**.
- Support the finalization of the **Technical Manual on assessing, mapping, monitoring, and reporting on Soil Pollution**.
- Preparation and publication of future scientific/technical notes (**ITPS letters**) on Soil Pollution, Soil Biodiversity and Soil Governance; and evaluation of production of a compilation of the published letters in a joint ITPS scientific publication.
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- Support the preparation of the 2nd edition of the **Status of the World's Soil Resources Report scheduled for 2025**. The elaboration of the Report will involve the Regional Soil Partnerships through the compilation and analysis of the vast number of materials generated since the publication of the 1st Report in 2015.
- Help and assist with the celebration of **WSD 2023** devoted to *Soil and water, the origin of life*: dissemination and campaign materials, selection of the WSD Award, Glinka Prize and poster and booklet contests.
- Continued collaboration with international organizations and panels, as:
 - International Union on Soil Science (IUSS)
 - Science-Policy Interface of the UNCCD
 - 4/1000 initiative
 - ORCaSa project and the International Research Consortium (IRC) on Soil Carbon
 - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
 - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 - Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (GSBI)

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Thank you!

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