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# 18<sup>th</sup> Working Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS)

21-23 March 2023  
Fao Headquarters  
Rome, Italy

# AGENDA

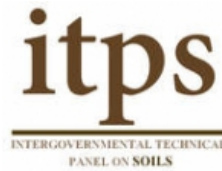
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## Agenda

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FAO headquarters, German Room (C-229), Rome, Italy

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
3. Election of Rapporteur
4. Report of the work performed since the 17<sup>th</sup> working session
  - Progress on soil organic carbon related activities (RECSOIL and GSOC-MRV)
  - Progress on black soils related activities (INBS updates)
  - Progress on soil pollution related activities (Technical Manual, INSOP updates)
  - Progress on soil salinity related activities (INSAS updates, Global assessment of salt-affected soils)
  - Progress on soil analysis and laboratories related activities (GLOSOLAN updates)
  - Progress on mapping related activities (progress on GSERmap, GSNmap, GloSIS)
  - Progress on sustainable soil management related activities (SSM Protocol, Soil Doctors)
  - Progress on soil fertility related activities (launch of the International Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Network (SOILFER))
  - Progress on soil biodiversity related activities (NETSOB updates, launch of GLOSOB)
5. Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil and Water (GSOWA23)
6. Brainstorming for topics to be addressed at the Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information
7. Preparation of ITPS Letters
8. Review and endorsement of the Protocol for Assessing Sustainable Soil Management
9. Discussion and proposal of soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework
10. Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report
11. Development of ITPS work plan 2023-2024 and document to the GSP Plenary Assembly
12. Any other business
13. Date and venue of the next meeting
14. Closure of the meeting



| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 08:30 - 09:00                  | Registration   |  |
| 09:00 - 09:10                  | Item 1: Opening of the meeting   | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair<br>Mr Lifeng Li, NSL Director |
| 09:10 - 09:20                  | Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable   | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair                               |
| 09:20 - 09:30                  | Item 3: Election of Rapporteur   | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair                               |
| 09:30 - 10:30                  | Item 4: Report of the work performed since the 17 <sup>th</sup> working session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress on soil organic carbon related activities (RECSOIL and GSOC-MRV)</li> <li>- Progress on black soils related activities (INBS updates)</li> </ul>   | ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat        |
| 10:30 - 11:00                  | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |  |
| 11:00 - 13:00                  | Item 4: continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress on soil pollution related activities (Technical Manual, INSOP updates)</li> <li>- Progress on soil salinity related activities (INSAS updates, Global assessment of salt-affected soils)</li> <li>- Progress on mapping related activities (progress on GSERmap, GSNmap, GloSIS)</li> <li>- Progress on soil analysis and laboratories related activities (GLOSOLAN updates)</li> </ul> | ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat        |
| 13:00 - 14:10                  | <b>Lunch break and group photo</b>   |  |
| 14:10 - 15:40                  | Item 4: continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress on sustainable soil management related activities (SSM Protocol, Soil Doctors)</li> <li>- Progress on soil fertility related activities (launch of the International Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Network (SOILFER))</li> <li>- Progress on soil biodiversity related activities (NETSOB updates, launch of GLOSOB)</li> </ul>   | ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat        |
| 15:40 - 16:00                  | <b>Coffee break</b>  |  |
| 16:00 - 17:00                  | Item 5: Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil and Water (GSOWA23)   | Ms Janet Nabwami, GSP Secretariat                      |



| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> |  |   |
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| <b>09:00 - 10:00</b>                   | Item 6: Brainstorming for topics to be addressed at the Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information  | Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat                             |
| <b>10:00 - 10:30</b>                   | Item 7: Preparation of ITPS Letters on soil pollution, soil biodiversity, soil awareness. Other proposals.   | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair<br>GSP Secretariat                   |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b>                   | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |   |
| <b>11:00 - 13:00</b>                   | Item 8: Final review and endorsement of the Protocol for assessing Sustainable Soil Management   | Ms Carolina Olivera, GSP Secretariat                          |
| <b>13:00 - 14:10</b>                   | <b>Lunch break</b>   |   |
| <b>14:10 - 15:30</b>                   | Item 9: Discussion and proposal of soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework   | Mr Yusuf Yigini, GSP Secretariat                              |
| <b>15:30 - 16:00</b>                   | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |   |
| <b>16:00 – 17:00</b>                   | Item 9: Continuation   | GSP Secretariat   |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>  |  |   |
| <b>09:00 – 10:30</b>                   | Item 10: Preparation of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report (Attachment: SWSR 2025 WG Update) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of 2025 SWSR report and timetable of Activities</li> <li>• Update on Activities of SWSR Editorial Working Group</li> <li>• Overview of sub-regionalization</li> </ul>     | Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor                                  |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b>                   | <b>Coffee break</b>  |   |
| <b>11:00 - 13:00</b>                   | Item 10: Discussion on the regional chapters of the SWSR2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the regional assessment chapters</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of lead authors of regional chapters</li> <li>• Regional break-out groups to discuss possible lead authors and reviewers</li> <li>• Report from break-out groups</li> </ul> | Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor                                  |
| <b>13:00 - 14:00</b>                   | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |
| <b>14:00 - 15:00</b>                   | Item 10: Continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of concept note of thresholds for threats to soil functions (Attachment: Thresholds Concept Note 24_02_2023)</li> </ul>  | Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor                                  |
| <b>15:00 - 15:30</b>                   | Item 11: Development of ITPS work plan 2023-2024 and document to the GSP Plenary Assembly  | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair                                      |
| <b>15:30 - 16:00</b>                   | Item 12: Any other business<br>Item 13: Date and venue of the next meeting<br>Item 14: Closure of the meeting  | Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair<br>Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat |



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# Logistical information

## GETTING TO ROME FROM FIUMICINO AIRPORT

### Direct train LEONARDO EXPRESS

|          |                      |                    |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Ticket € | Fiumicino Airport -> | Termini Station -> |
| 14.00    | Termini Station      | Fiumicino Airport  |
| Every    | Every 30 minutes:    | Every 30 minutes:  |
| day      | from 6:36 to 23:36   | from 5:52 to 22:52 |

This train takes you from Fiumicino airport to Termini station (the main train and subway station). From Termini station you will take Metro Line B (direction to Laurentina) three stops to Circo Massimo. The entrance to FAO is in front of you as you go up the steps from the subway station. Subway/bus/metro tickets can be purchased at any "Tabaccheria" (tobacconist's shop) at the Airport and Termini Station and from the automatic machines at the subway station (which is signposted and directly under Termini Station).

### Local train to ORTE/FARA SABINA

There is another train connecting Fiumicino airport to central Rome - when you are at the airport train station look for the train with the destination "Orte" or "Fara Sabina". Every day from 5.57am until 11.27pm. It is slower (and cheaper) because it stops at some smaller local stations along the way and does not stop at Termini. Tickets cost € 8,00.

Trains take about 30 minutes to reach Ostiense, from there you can walk underground to Piramide metro station for the Metro Line B (direction to Rebibbia) one stop to Circo Massimo. The entrance to FAO is on the right as you

come up the steps from the subway station.

### Taxi

A taxi from Fiumicino airport to FAO and central Rome (anywhere within the Aurelian walls, the central tourist area) has a flat rate of €50 (this includes baggage and up to four passengers). This also applies in the opposite direction.

## GETTING TO ROME FROM CIAMPINO AIRPORT

**Terravision Shuttle:** Roma Ciampino Airport<-> Roma Termini Railway Station

Service is in connection with flights Ryanair, Easy-Jet, Hapag Lloyd Express, Wizz Air, Voli Regionali, My Air, Blue Air, Central Wings and Flyme.

Tickets one way: € 4,00 - Tickets round trip: € 8,00 - More at Terravision Ciampino page.

This shuttle takes you from Ciampino Airport to Termini station (the main train and subway station). From Termini station you will take Metro Line B (direction to Laurentina) three stops to Circo Massimo. The entrance to FAO is in front of you as you go up the steps from the subway station.

### Taxi

A taxi from Ciampino airport to FAO or central Rome (anywhere within the Aurelian walls, the central tourist area) has a flat rate of €31 (this includes baggage and up to four passengers). This also applies in the opposite direction.

## TRANSPORTATION WITHIN ROME

### Local trains, subways and buses

Subway/bus/metro tickets can be purchased at a "Tabaccheria" (tobacconist's shop) at the airport, at



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Termini and from the automatic machines at the subway stations. Tickets cost 1.50 Euro (these tickets are also valid on buses and for a total duration of 100 minutes). For maps of local train and subway lines see [Metro di Roma](#). For additional information about the Rome public transport system, visit [www.atac.roma.it](http://www.atac.roma.it) (in Italian and English).

#### **Useful Web sites for transportation:**

- [Grandi Stazioni - Roma Termini](#) - The official Web site of the main train station in Rome.
- [Trenitalia](#) - A complete online list of trains running throughout Italy cities/towns.
- [ATAC](#) - The public transport company of the city of Rome. This site provides the official transport maps, timetables, information on tickets and fares.

#### **BUILDING PASS PICKUP**

Make your way to the FAO Security Access Pavilion near the Circo Massimo Metro station.

Present an ID to a FAO Security Officer.

#### **SECURITY**

The FAO Security Office operates from 07.30-17.30 hours from Room B062 (extension 55159).

Participants are requested to wear their Building Passes at all times.

Briefcases and valuables should not be left unattended.

#### **BANKING AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE FACILITIES AT FAO**

The building has two ATM's for cash withdrawal:

- Banca Intesa San Paolo: Ground floor, Building B. 08.35 to 16.35 hrs, Mon-Fri.
- Banca Popolare di Sondrio: Ground floor, Building D. 08.35 to 16.35 hrs, Mon-Fri.

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Medical Service provides emergency medical assistance in the FAO premises.

Dial 30 from any in-house telephone.

#### **WIFI COVERAGE**

FAO offers free WiFi coverage in the main Meeting Rooms. How to connect:

Network: "guest\_internet"

Password: wifi2internet

#### **CATERING FACILITIES**

Coffee breaks are provided by the GSP. For lunch there are several options inside FAO:

#### **Coffee and snacks:**

Uzbekistan Lounge (8th floor)

Eden Bar (ground floor building D)

Polish Bar (ground floor building A)

#### **Lunch:**

Food court (8th floor)

Buffet Restaurant (8th floor, next to the Uzbekistan Lounge)

Eden Bar (ground floor building D)

Polish Bar (ground floor building A)

#### **Dinner:**

There are plenty of restaurants in Rome for dinner, enjoy the Italian cuisine!

#### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN ROME**

The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:



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- Medical Emergencies 118
- General Emergencies 112
- Fire 115
- Ambulance (Red Cross) 06-5510
- City Physician on Call 06-58201030

### TIME ZONES

Rome is GMT + 1 for details on time zones see: [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/)

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Italy has a 230 volts electricity supply, there are three associated plug types, types C, F and L.

### SHOPPING

Shops in Italy are usually open from 9:00 to 13:00 hours and from 15:30 to 19:30 hours. However, many of the shops in the downtown area also remain open during the lunch break.

Pickpockets - Participants are advised to carry their valuables in a safe place, especially on public transport. Although Rome is a safe city, there might be pickpockets on the street, the underground and on buses and trams, in particular in touristic areas. Once participants have checked into their hotels, it is advisable to leave valuables in the hotel safe.

### BOOKSHOP

The Food for Thought Bookshop, located on the Ground Floor of Building B next to the Newsstand, offers a selection of English, French and Spanish language books, gift stationery, writing paper, gift wrapping paper, greeting cards and guide books. The Bookshop is open from 08.00 hours to 17.30 hours. For more

information, dial extension 53127 (Tel. 06-5705-3127).

### THE FAO BUILDING

There are six buildings in FAO Headquarters, all interconnected. The large conference rooms (Plenary Hall, Red Room, Green Room) are all in Building A. The ITPS meeting will be held in the GERMAN room (C229). Don't hesitate to ask FAO staff if you get lost, colleagues are always happy to help.

Several smaller meeting rooms are in Buildings A, B, C and D. The two-story glass-enclosed Atrium interconnects Buildings A and B and will be next to the Flag Hall and Iran Lobby, the center of some of the activities scheduled during meetings and coffee breaks. Access to FAO Headquarters is restricted to persons in possession of a valid building pass (see section on Registration).

Pass-holding visitors may use the following entrances to FAO Headquarters:

- Building A Main Entrance (gate on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla).
- Building B Entrance (side entrance past the petrol station in FAO parking area).



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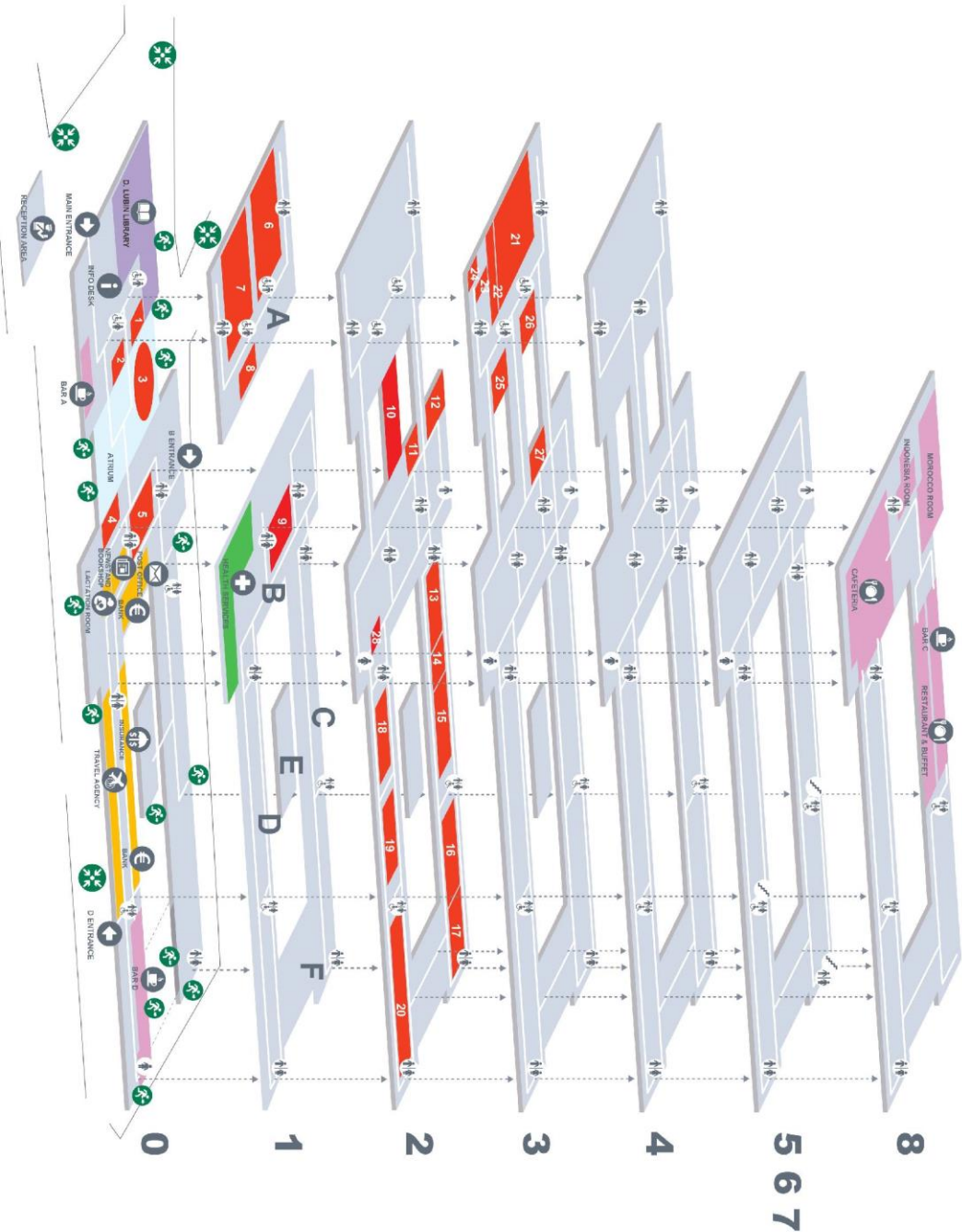


**FAO SERVICES**

- ➔ ENTRANCE / EXIT
- ➔ RECEPTION AREA
- ➔ INFORMATION DESK
- ➔ D. LUBIN LIBRARY
- ➔ BANK
- ➔ POST OFFICE
- ➔ NEWSTAND / BOOKSHOP
- ➔ LACTATION ROOM
- ➔ INSURANCE
- ➔ TRAVEL AGENCY
- ➔ BAR
- ➔ CAFETERIA / RESTAURANT AND BUFFET
- ➔ MEETING ROOMS
- ➔ ATRIUM
- ➔ LIBRARY
- ➔ BAR / CAFETERIA
- ➔ FACILITIES
- ➔ HEALTH SERVICES
- ➔ EMERGENCY EXIT
- ➔ ASSEMBLY POINT
- ➔ TOILETS
- ➔ LIFTS

**FAO MEETING ROOMS**

| FLOOR   | ROOM    | ROOM CODE |        |
|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 3 FLOOR | 21      | A335 Int  |        |
|         | 22      | A335 bis  |        |
|         | 23      | A382 bis  |        |
|         | 24      | A381      |        |
|         | 25      | A357      |        |
|         | 26      | A327      |        |
|         | 27      | B324      |        |
|         | 2 FLOOR | 10        | A235   |
|         |         | 11        | B227   |
| 12      |         | B224      |        |
| 13      |         | C285      |        |
| 14      |         | C215      |        |
| 15      |         | C277      |        |
| 16      |         | C289      |        |
| 17      |         | C237      |        |
| 18      |         | D209      |        |
| 1 FLOOR | 6       | A121 Int  |        |
|         | 7       | A121 ter  |        |
|         | 8       | B116 bis  |        |
|         | 9       | B116 bis  |        |
|         | 0 FLOOR | 1         | A018   |
|         |         | 2         | A025   |
|         |         | 3         | Atrium |
|         |         | 4         | B013   |
|         |         | 5         | B018   |



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The Global Soil Partnership (GSP) is a globally recognized mechanism established in 2012. Our mission is to position soils in the Global Agenda through collective action. Our key objectives are to promote Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) and improve soil governance to guarantee healthy and productive soils, and support the provision of essential ecosystem services towards food security and improved nutrition, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable development.



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