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**Draft Agenda of the Ninth Working Session of the Intergovernmental  
Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS), 10 - 12 October 2018, FAO HQ, Malaysia room  
(B-227), Rome, Italy**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October		
<b>08:30 - 09:00</b>	Registration	
<b>09:00 - 09:10</b>	Item 1: Opening of the meeting	Mr. Eduardo Mansur, Director Land and Water Division, FAO
<b>09:10 - 09:20</b>	Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable and Tour the table	Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
<b>09:20 - 09:30</b>	Item 3: Election of the Chair, Vice-chair of the ITPS and Rapporteur	Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
<b>09:30 - 10:30</b>	Item 4: Introduction to the GSP and its activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to the GSP (Mr Yuji Niino)</li> <li>- Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (Ms Lucrezia Caon)</li> <li>- Soil organic carbon (Ms Rosa Cuevas)</li> <li>- International Network of Black Soils (Mr Yuxin Tong)</li> <li>- Global Soil Information System and International Network of Soil Information Institutions (Mr Yusuf Yigini)</li> <li>- Soil pollution (Ms Natalia Rodriguez)</li> <li>- Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) and Global Soil Doctors programme (Ms Lucrezia Caon)</li> <li>- Awareness raising, international awards and World Soil Day (Ms Isabelle Verbeke)</li> </ul>	GSP Secretariat

<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11:00 - 13:00</b>	Continuation item 4	All
<b>13:00 - 14:10</b>	<b>Lunch break and group photo</b>	
<b>14:10 - 15:00</b>	Item 5: Report of the work performed since the 8 <sup>th</sup> working session (ITPS) and workplan 2018-2019	Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
<b>15:00 - 15:30</b>	Item 6: Establishment of working groups per pillar and electing a chair of the working group	ITPS Chair
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	Item 7: Implementation of the International Code of Conduct for the use and management of Fertilizers	Ms Debra Turner, GSP Secretariat
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>09:00 - 10:30</b>	<p>Item 8: Implementation of the GSOC17 recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Progress of the Global Soil Organic Carbon Map (GSOCMap)</li> <li>b. Develop the interpretation of GSOC map</li> <li>c. Preparation of guidelines for the measurement, mapping, reporting, verification, monitoring SOC</li> <li>d. Preparation of a technical manual on SOC management at the national and local scale</li> <li>e. Preparation of the potential of Global SOC sequestration</li> <li>f. Global assessment of black soils</li> </ul>	Ms Rosa Cuevas/Mr Yusuf Yigini/Mr Yuxin Tong (GSP Secretariat)
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	Item 9: Development of the study (by 2020) on the economic benefits of sustainable soil management (SSM) for farmers and other land users, including the identification of best practices that prevent soil degradation	Ms. Zineb Bazza, GSP Secretariat
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<p>Item 10: Implementation of the GSOP18 recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Global assessment of soil pollution</li> <li>b. Guidelines for measuring, mapping, monitoring and reporting of soil pollution</li> <li>c. Database of polluted soil remediation techniques</li> </ul>	Ms Natalia Rodriguez, GSP Secretariat
<b>13:00 - 14:10</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	

<b>14:10 - 15:30</b>	Item 11: Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil Erosion (2019) and soil biodiversity (2020) including the global assessment of soil biodiversity	Ms Lucrezia Caon/Mr Edmundo Barrios, GSP Secretariat
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16:00 - 17:00</b>	Item 12: Preparation of global maps of soil salinity, soil erosion, and GLOSIS.	Mr Yusuf Yigini, GSP Secretariat
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>08:30 - 09:30</b>	Continuation item 12	
<b>09:30 - 10:30</b>	Item 13: Implementation of GLOSOLAN actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Write a planning document for proficiency tests under GLOSOLAN;</li> <li>b. Develop a “Best practice manual” for laboratory analysis</li> <li>c. Establishment of Regional Soil Laboratory Networks (RESOLANs)</li> </ul>	Ms Lucrezia Caon, GSP Secretariat
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11:00 - 13:00</b>	Item 14: Develop a protocol to assess if a given soil management practice is in line with the definition of sustainable soil management as given by the ITPS in 2015 in coordination with pillar 1 and 5 to develop relevant indicators	Ms. Zineb Bazza, GSP Secretariat
<b>13:00 - 14:10</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>14:10 - 15:00</b>	Item 15: Fostering collaboration between ITPS and the SPI of UNCCD, IPBES and IPCC	Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
<b>15:00 - 15:45</b>	Item 16: Towards the Status of the World’s Soil Resources report by 2025	All
<b>15:45 - 16:00</b>	Date and venue of the next meeting  Any Other Business  Closure of the meeting	All