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Online consultation for review and comments on the zero-draft International Code of Conduct for the Use and Management of Fertilizers.

Please respond to the questions leaving your comments below:

Question
<p>Is an International Code of Conduct for the Use and Management of Fertilizers beneficial and useful? To whom, and why?</p> <p>Yes. Useful as standard for all agencies (Govts., INGOs, etc.) doing agriculture-related activities involving crop production, as serves as standard for use of fertilizer inputs.</p>
<p>Does this Fertilizer Code of Conduct address all aspects necessary to ensure the responsible use of fertilizers, optimizing benefits while minimizing risks?</p> <p>Mostly. I do not have time to fully review the document in detail, but I noted there is no mention of correcting soil acidification through lime (or similar inputs); the only mention is that fertilizers shouldn't be used where soil conditions (such as acidity) limit its effectiveness</p> <p>3.6.4 <i>Promote the correction or management of soil conditions that prevent crop response to plant nutrient additions. Such conditions would include extreme acidity or alkalinity, excessive salts or sodium, or lack of organic matter limiting nutrient cycling.</i></p> <p>This seems a bit weak ('promote the correction'). I think if governments are promoting fertilizers at scale w/out consideration of these soil conditions, it's a colossal waste of time and money.</p>
<p>Are there any topics or subject matter missing from this Fertilizer Code of Conduct? If so, what are they?</p> <p>Liming. See above.</p>
<p>Are there redundancies or unnecessary items or subjects within this Code of Conduct? If so, what are they?</p> <p>n/a</p>
<p>Do you have any other suggestions or comments not covered in the above questions? If so, please elaborate.</p>

Produce a simplified code specific to iNGOs and have an option for organizations to formally sign up to these conventions.