



INVITATION

PROVISSIONAL PROGRAM OF THE TRAINING “SOIL LEGACY DATABASES AND WRB SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM”

13-17 January 2013, Amman, Jordan

THE MIDDLE EAST-NORTH AFRICA SOIL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Background

FAO through the Global Soil Partnership and in agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture of Jordan is supporting and facilitating the development of the Middle East Soil Information System Phase I. The aim is to first establish a MENA Soil Partnership and then to develop a regional soil legacy database and a regional soil map, based on existing soil data and information.

Dates and venue of the training

The workshop will take place in Amman, Jordan from 16 to 21 December 2012.

Agenda of the training

This is the tentative agenda of the training:

Sunday 13th January

Introduction to Soil Legacy Data

Introduction to Soil Databases: Harmonized World Soil Database

Common standard template for compiling varied soil data

Practice

Monday 14th January

Steps and consideration in soil data compilation

Practice in inserting soil legacy data as per HWSD standards

Tuesday 15th January

Quality control and harmonization of soil legacy data

Practice

Wednesday 16th January

Introduction to World Reference Base soil classification system

Practice for classifying soil profiles

Reclassification of soil profiles using WRB 2010

Thursday 17th January

Harmonization of soil maps and soil profiles using WRB 2010

Practice

Participants

The participants of the workshop and the project in general include representatives from the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Tunisia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

As this is a practical training, participants should have practical experience in soil mapping, soil classification and GIS skills.

Accommodation

Invited participants will be provided with air-ticket (economy class). DSA will be paid and the participants will make the hotel reservation by themselves (we can offer some hotel address). No registration fee will be collected. Each representative has to be working with soil mapping and soil legacy data information and should produce soil map of his/her country according to WRB system plus the soil report on the status and challenges of national soil information in their country.

The Registration Form is enclosed. Please fill and send it back before 07/12/2012 to Dr. Mahmoud Alferihat (Mahmoudalferihat@gmail.com).

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