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## 7<sup>th</sup> ASSS Conference Side Event

# The African Soil Partnership (AfSP)

### *Increasing and supporting sustainable soil management in Africa*

*The session will introduce the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) and African Soil Partnership (AfSP), their aims and projected activities for Africa over the next five years. Discussions will focus on strategies for implementation and the role of partners in the development of proposals, soliciting funding and general collaboration under the Partnership.*

**Venue:** To be confirmed

**Date:** Wednesday 1 June, 10:30 – 13:00

**Organizers:** Global Soil Partnership, African Soil Partnership, Africa Soil Science Society

**Language:** English

Draft Agenda		
Time	Presentation	Presenter
<b>Session Chair: Eugene Rurangwa</b> (FAORAF, Accra)		
10:30	Opening and introduction to the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of the GSP</li> <li>• Pillars of Action</li> <li>• Healthy Soils Facility</li> </ul>	Martin Yemefack Member of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS), President of the Africa Soil Science Society
10:50	Introduction to the African Soil Partnership (AfSP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of the AfSP: members, national focal points, steering committee, working groups</li> <li>• How can the AfSP be supported: funding, role of partners, project development</li> </ul>	Liesl Wiese GSP Secretariat
11:05	Soil resources in Africa: the vision of the Africa Soil Science Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of African soils</li> <li>• Importance of soil in the region</li> <li>• Main challenges</li> <li>• The role of the ASSS in the region</li> </ul>	Mamadou Traore Vice President of the Africa Soil Science Society
11:30	The AfSP Implementation Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basis for action in the region with a 5-year work plan</li> <li>• Key activities for 2016               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Capacity building: Soil Doctors Programme</li> <li>○ The need for national soil information for monitoring purposes</li> <li>○ Follow up on the 2006 Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers for an African Green Revolution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Victor Chude Chair of the African Soil Partnership Steering Committee
12:05	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation strategy under the 5 GSP Pillars, funding, and roles of partners</li> <li>• The way forward for the AfSP</li> </ul>	Facilitator: Victor Chude Chair of the African Soil Partnership Steering Committee
12:55	Conclusion	
13:00	Closure	