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Opening of the session and launch of the Soil Atlas of Asia

The eleventh session of the Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) was conducted as a hybrid event. It was held from 12 to 14 July 2023 (the list of participants is attached in Annex I).

The three-day event was chaired by Mr Rachid Moussadek, Joint Senior Scientist from the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) - the National Agricultural Research Institute (Morocco) and Chair of the Near East and North Africa (NENA) Soil Partnership. No nomination for Vice-Chairpersons was received from the African Regional Group in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Dr Charles Kome, from the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) of the United States Department of Agriculture, acted as the Rapporteur.

The FAO Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu, welcomed the participants to the Plenary Assembly and acknowledged the commitment of the GSP and its partners in advocating for soil health improvement, combating climate change, raising awareness, safeguarding the food system, and meeting the objectives of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr Qu Dongyu welcomed the new members of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) and welcomed the launch of the Soil Atlas of Asia, which illustrates the diversity and richness of soils in the region and is the result of great efforts in capacity development and generation of soil information by participating countries.

Honourable Senator Robert Black, Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of Canada, offered welcoming remarks and highlighted the importance of the GSP as a tireless advocate for soil health and for placing soil firmly on the world agenda. He discussed the importance of collecting and sharing soil data.

His Excellency Mario Arvelo, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to FAO, retraced the most important milestones for FAO from its foundation, congratulated and thanked Ronald Vargas for his tireless work on the establishment and consolidation of the GSP, emphasizing that a soil conservation and protection body was indispensable if hunger and malnutrition were to be eradicated from the world. His Excellency also drew attention to the fundamental role that farming families play in protecting soil fertility and to the crisis Haiti's soils are experiencing.

His Excellency Lee Seong-Ho, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to FAO, during his opening remarks, expressed deep gratitude to FAO for advancing soil knowledge and information around the world and particularly in Asia. Thereafter, His Excellency renewed his wish for members' support for GSP in general and the Global Soil Information System (GloSIS) project in particular.

Her Excellency Renate Hahlen, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Representation to FAO Delegation of the European Union to the Holy See, Order of Malta, UN Agencies in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino, provided opening remarks on behalf of the European Union Delegation in Rome. Her Excellency emphasized the importance of ecosystem services provided by soil, in particular its ability to absorb carbon and filter water. Her Excellency addressed the European soil protection and monitoring legislation, stressing how soil protection legislation is crucial if the goal of healthy European soils by 2050 is to be achieved. She also stressed that healthy soils are crucial for a circular economy, climate neutrality goals, halting desertification, and avoiding biodiversity loss. Her Excellency emphasized the importance of having reliable data to know the soil health status and in this sense applauded the launch of the Soil Atlas of Asia, thanking the Republic of Korea, FAO and the GSP for this important milestone. She concluded by thanking Mr Luca Montanarella for his outstanding contribution to raising awareness

of the importance of soil around the world.

A video presentation of the Soil Atlas of Asia was aired.

The Chairman of the Assembly then gave the floor to Mr Rapibhat Chandarasrivongs, Director-General of the Department of Agriculture (DoA) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand and President of the Soil and Fertilizer Society of Thailand. Mr Chandarasrivongs stressed that soil is the basis for both food security and food safety and reiterated the importance of healthy soils for healthy food production. His Excellency elaborated on how important it is to act immediately to restore soil health and how Thailand has been working on this issue since 2010 and has made the celebration of World Soil Day an event of national significance in honour of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who dedicated his life to sustainable soil management and food security.

To close the opening session, a special guest, Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu, CEO and Managing Director of the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment in Australia, delivered a keynote presentation on the importance of soil health for a sustainable agrifood system within the framework of one health. Prof. Naidu highlighted how soil degradation processes caused by pollution affect soil physical, biological, and chemical soil properties with an economic impact of over USD 50 billion per year. Prof. Naidu showed the negative effects on human health derived from poor soil management and expressed the need for a collaborative, multisectoral and interdisciplinary approach considering both local and global issues, and ultimately called for an accord like the Paris Agreement for halting environmental pollution.

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda (GSPPA: XI/2023/1)

Mr Lifeng Li, Director of the Land and Water Division (NSL), FAO, opened the GSP Plenary Assembly and presented the main topics to be discussed during the eleventh session. Mr Li guided the audience through the agenda. He drew attention to the work done by regional partnerships and emphasized their importance, thanked all those involved in organizing and celebrating World Soil Day 2022, and concluded his speech with a call to join forces to improve sustainable soil management for better production, better nutrition, better environment, and a better life leaving no one behind. He appreciated the presence of such a large audience, both in person and online, thanked previous speakers for their words, and enthusiastically welcomed the launch of the Soil Atlas of Asia.

The agenda was adopted as outlined.

Item 2: Status on the implementation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Action Framework (including monitoring and soil health index) (GSPPA: XI/2023/2)

Mr Yusuf Yigini (GSP Secretariat), presented progress on the design of the GSP Action Framework indicator system and the global soil health index by the GSP Action Framework (ISAF) working group for indicator system. The ISAF working group is developing a system that follows the following principles: 1. A structured approach, 2. A measurable assessment, 3. Tracking progress with Key Performing Indicators, 4. Outcome monitoring, and 5. Being strategic and sustainable. A Global Soil Health Index is to be developed with soil ecosystem services as a centre and an initial focus on agricultural lands. A global soil health dashboard was proposed.

He discussed the future steps of a new SoilSTAT working group to be established within INSII.

Mr Yigini then invited members to formally acknowledge the progress made in the preparation of the indicator system.

Mr Ronald Vargas, Secretary of the Global Soil Partnership, highlighted the importance of monitoring soil health trends and action as a mechanism for coordinating the UN Rio Conventions and other global target, such as the SDGs. He emphasized the need for strong coordination with the science-policy interface (SPI) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the ITPS, and the joint efforts to produce and review documents and methodologies. However, this kind of coordination is not in place for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). For the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Mr Vargas mentioned that the coordination gap will be filled by the Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB) of the GSP.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the progress made in the preparation of the GSP Action Framework 2022-2030 indicator system and requested the GSP Secretariat to continue to support the ISAF working group to enable it to submit the proposal of the soil health index and key performance indicator system to the next Plenary Assembly.

The Assembly requested the GSP Secretariat to organize an inclusive process for reviewing and finalizing the implementation plan of the Action Framework and mandated the Secretariat to develop a capacity-building programme to support Members in the reporting of the key performance indicators.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed Thailand's proposal to establish the International Decade on Soil Health and requested the Secretariat to prepare a document for consideration at the next Plenary Assembly and further submission to the Committee on Agriculture (COAG).

Item 3: Implications of the establishment of a Sub-committee on soils under FAO's Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and maintaining the GSP in its current structure (GSPPA: XI/2023/3)

Mr Vargas laid out the proposal as a procedure to reinforce the Partnership with a move from a voluntary partnership into a stronger institutional setting and exposed the options. The last COAG requested a document detailing the financial implications and participation of non-state actors.

Concerns were raised about the proposal by some Members along with requests for clarification on the role of the regional soil partnerships and non-state actors in the Sub-committee.

Mr Vargas clarified that the function of the Plenary Assembly for this agenda item was to provide a recommendation to the twenty-ninth session of COAG whether the GSP shall be maintained at its current status or a Sub-Committee on soils shall be established.

The Plenary Assembly did not reach a consensus on the establishment of a COAG Sub-Committee on soils, however, it was clear that all members wanted the GSP to be maintained and strengthened. **It was agreed that the Plenary Assembly will recommend the COAG to maintain the GSP in its current status and discuss further the possible creation of the Sub-Committee on soils during the next GSP Plenary Assembly**, with a document prepared by the Secretariat outlining, albeit hypothetically, the financial and governance implications of the Sub-committee.

Item 4: Work of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) (GSPPA: XI/2023/4)

Prof. Rosa Poch, Chair of the ITPS, presented the members of the fourth panel of the ITPS and summarized the achievements of the ITPS in 2022–2023, particularly the publication of six ITPS letters, and the progress done in the preparation of the 2025 Status of the World’s Soil Resources report. Ms Poch also explained the work plan for 2023–2024, underlining two future publications: the *Technical manual for the sustainable management of mountain soils* (FAO) and the *Technical manual on assessing, mapping, monitoring, and reporting on soil pollution*.

The Plenary Assembly appreciated the work done by the ITPS and recognized the commitment and dedication of the outgoing members as well as the rapid engagement of the new members.

The Assembly also welcomed the progress made in the preparation of the second edition of the Status of the World’s Soil Resources report, renewed appreciation for the first edition of the document, and encouraged ITPS members to actively contribute to its preparation by involving a wide range of experts from all the regions. The Plenary Assembly urged Members and partners to encourage national experts to participate in the various activities led by the ITPS, on the preparation of the second edition of the Report on the State of the World's Soil Resources.

The Plenary Assembly endorsed the ITPS work plan for the next year and invited donors and partners to support this work by providing financial and income resources and support.

The efficient cooperation of the ITPS with other intergovernmental and scientific panels was also noted with appreciation.

Item 5: Report on the financial status of the GSP (GSPPA: XI/2023/5)

Ms Vanja Maslovarik (FAO) presented the financial situation of the GSP and explained that over the eleven years that the GSP had been running, funds had increased year by year. The source of funds was discussed in terms of the internal accounting system, the donor, and grant amounts, with the donors from the government sector (including UN agencies) being the largest donors. Numerous new grants have been or are currently being negotiated with diverse donors for ongoing and new projects. Ms Maslovarik highlighted that several donors have renewed their support for the GSP while new donors have approached the GSP Secretariat for funding ongoing activities, showing confidence in the work being done by the GSP.

Special mention was made of the funding provided by the U.S. State Department to develop an informed decision support system (DSS) based on soil fertility mapping for governments and farmers in three countries in Central America and Africa in response to the global fertilizer crisis. **The Plenary Assembly recognized the timeliness of this action and encouraged Members to support it through financial and in-kind contributions, joining efforts with similar existing initiatives.**

Item 6: Report on normative tools and actions on sustainable soil management (GSPPA: XI/2023/6)

Ms Carolina Olivera (GSP Secretariat) presented the normative tools and global action on sustainable

soil management (SSM). She discussed the scope of the SSM Protocol and that the protocol allows the assessment of whether interventions in the field are compliant with the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM). Ms Olivera explained how SoiLEX is regularly updated and informed the Plenary about the different webinars and publications supporting better soil governance worldwide.

Ms Olivera called for the active participation of focal points to keep SoiLEX up to date but also for the collection of SSM practices. She explained that the GSP Secretariat is collecting information on SSM practices to feed the WOCAT database for soil management purposes, as it uses quantitative and qualitative data, and is a widely used and recognized database that can be very useful to GSP members and partners.

Finally, she presented the activities related to the Global Soil Doctors Programme and the implementation of the pilot projects of the RECSOIL initiative.

6.1 Compliance to the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM) including the Protocol for the assessment of Sustainable Soil Management (SSM Protocol)

The Assembly thanked Ms Olivera for the clear presentation and stressed the SoiLEX database's potential to inspire other countries to adopt or discuss adopting soil protection legislation. The Plenary Assembly reiterated the importance of continue working on strengthening legal frameworks and soil governance.

The Plenary Assembly expressed appreciation for the efforts made in the development of the SSM Protocol and its user manual to assess if a given soil management practice complies with the definition and principles of the VGSSM and encouraged members and partners to use it in every project.

6.2 Response to the fertilizer crisis via the International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers

The Assembly recognized the role of the International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers (Fertilizer Code) in raising awareness on the sustainable use of fertilizers among different stakeholders. It also acknowledged the efforts of the GSP Secretariat in preparing tools for the dissemination of the Fertilizer Code.

The Plenary Assembly acknowledged the progress made in the implementation of the Fertilizer Code through several projects and through the Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition and invited Members and partners to adopt the Fertilizer Code and to support its implementation at the national level to address the fertilizer crisis.

6.3 RECSOIL: Recarbonization of global soils

The Plenary Assembly acknowledged the progress made in scaling up and implementing RECSOIL activities and pilot projects in selected countries. The Plenary Assembly expressed its appreciation for the efforts made for the publication of the document *Addressing gender equality in sustainable soil management* and acknowledged the positive impact of RECSOIL on the awareness of farmers and extension technicians on sustainable soil management.

The Assembly reinforced its support to the RECSOIL initiative and invited donors to provide financing to advance this implementation on the ground.

6.4 Global Soil Doctors Programme

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the example of Mexico which has used many normative tools, documents and concepts defined by the Partnership to develop the National Soil Strategy, and highlighted the great benefits of the Global Soil Doctors Programme in raising awareness among farmers and how this benefits the government in achieving its objectives.

The Assembly invited members and partners to promote this programme and contribute financially or in kind to its implementation.

Item 7: Status on the organization of global symposia (GSPPA: XI/2023/7)

Ms Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio (GSP Secretariat) presented an overview of the global symposia organized to date as well as the proposal for the upcoming symposia and the progress in implementing the recommendations derived from each one to address each of the ten soil health threats.

7.1 Report on the Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition 2022

The Plenary Assembly expressed appreciation and gratitude for the efforts made in organizing the Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition (GSOIL4N) and encouraged the implementation of the GSOIL4N Outcome Document. Resource partners who had financially supported the organization of the GSOIL4N were acknowledged and new resource partners encouraged to subsidize upcoming symposia. The Plenary Assembly, given the great success of attendance at GSOIL4N, and which reached almost 9 500 people from 180 countries thanks to the virtual mode, decided to maintain the hybrid mode also for future events.

The Assembly encouraged members and other partners to join the efforts of the ITPS, GSP Secretariat and co-organizers to implement the recommendations and related actions outlined at the previous symposia's outcome documents.

7.2 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soils and Water 2023

The Plenary Assembly recognized the efforts made in organizing the Global Symposium on Soils and Water (GSOWA) to be held from 2 to 5 October 2023 in a hybrid format.

The Plenary Assembly called upon Members and partners for strong participation in the GSOWA and encouraged members and partners to join the efforts of the ITPS and GSP Secretariat in implementing an integrated soil and water management.

7.3 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information 2024

The Plenary Assembly confirmed the decision for the 2024 Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information (GSID24) to be held in 2024 and all the partners were invited to actively contribute to its organization.

The Plenary Assembly reaffirmed the decision on the main themes to be addressed, namely: advances in soil data collection, analysis, and data quality; data ownership, sharing, and collaboration in soil science; challenges and opportunities in soil data standardization and interoperability, and soil data for sustainable policy and decision making.

The Plenary Assembly took note of suggestions from some members to include a clear reference to data quality in the title of the Symposium but given the need to keep the title short and easy to translate into all languages, it was decided to keep the current title but to include data quality and harmonization as a priority topic in the symposium concept note and agenda.

7.4 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soil Sealing and Urban Soils 2025

The Plenary Assembly endorsed the ITPS suggestion to hold the Global Symposium on Soil Sealing and Urban Soils in 2025, on Soil Compaction and Physical Degradation in 2026, and on Soil Acidification in 2027.

Item 8: Report on Regional Soil Partnerships (GSPPA: XI/2023/8)

8.1 Survey on the status and future of Regional Soil Partnerships

Mr Yuxin Tong (GSP Secretariat) presented to the Plenary Assembly the result of the survey on the Status and Future of Regional Soil Partnerships (RSPs) and concluded that RSPs play a crucial role in promoting SSM practices.

Ms Anne Muriuki, Chair of the African Soil Partnership, Ms Gina Nilo, Chair of the Asian Soil Partnership Chair, Ms Isabelle Luotto (GSP Secretariat) and Mr Rachid Moussadek, Chair of the NENA Soil Partnership, Mr Rainer Baritz, Chair of the European Soil Partnership (ESP), Ms Sol Ortiz, Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Soil Partnership, Mr Bob Turnock, Chair of the North America Soil Partnership, and Mr Peter Wilson, Chair of the Pacific Soil Partnership presented the activities and initiatives done by the RSPs.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the results of the survey organized with focal points to better understand experiences and challenges and make better representation.

The Plenary Assembly recognized and welcomed all the achievements made by the RSPs, reiterating the need to lend strong support to the RSPs by mobilizing resources and facilitating prominent regional activities, including advocacy for SSM and soil information systems.

It exhorted all GSP partners (both FAO members and non-state stakeholders), to become fully involved in RSPs activities and to establish strong and supportive networks of experts in each region.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the proposal to set up meetings between the RSPs and the GSP to better realize and understand the transition from pillars to actions.

Item 9: Progress of the GSP Technical Networks (GSPPA: XI/2023/9)

9.1 International Network of Soil Information Institutions (INSII)

Mr Marcos Angelini (GSP Secretariat), presented the main activities carried out by the network on behalf of the Chair of International Network of Soil Information Institutions (INSII), Mr Luca Montanarella. The Plenary Assembly was updated regarding the network's activities on global data products, global and national soil information system development, capacity development, and publications.

The Plenary Assembly invited the INSII to lead the working group for the development of a key

performance indicator system for the GSP Action Framework 2022-2030 and the global soil health index in line with SoilSTAT reporting objectives and would consider the approval of the document prepared by the working group at the ninth session of the INSII in November 2023.

The Assembly invited FAO Members to establish national soil information systems in accordance with INSII guidelines and with the support of the GSP Secretariat.

The Plenary Assembly invited INSII members to nominate national experts from the GSNmap initiative and welcomed and acknowledged the progress of the capacity development programme aimed at empowering countries in digital soil mapping and soil data management.

9.2 Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) and its initiative on soil spectroscopy

Ms Miriam Ostinelli, Chair of the Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN), presented the main activities of the network. These activities can be divided mainly into six groups: 1. Harmonization of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs); 2. Provision of training and preparation of awareness-raising material on several topics; 3. Organization of interlaboratory proficiency tests (PTs); 4. Collaboration with other networks (INFA, NETSOB, INSAS, INSOP INBS); 5. Collection of soil import regulations worldwide into the SIMPLE database; and 6. Sharing laboratory capacities and needs with the different scientific communities.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the progress made in several activities as well as the continued work of the Regional Soil Laboratory Networks (RESOLANs) and the GLOSOLAN Spectroscopy initiative.

The Plenary Assembly called upon Members to contribute to information on national legislation on the import and export of soil samples to further develop the SIMPLE database.

9.3 International Network of Black Soils (INBS)

Prof. Miguel Angel Taboada, Chair of the International Network of Black Soils (INBS), updated the Assembly with the activities carried out by the network and with the work plan for 2023.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the efforts made by the INBS members to advance in the implementation of its work plan and encouraged all Members to continue contributing to the best of their ability to the development of key documents, products, and projects for sustainable soil management and conservation of black soils.

9.4 International Network of Salt-affected Soils (INSAS)

Prof. Jorge Batlle-Sales, Chair of the International Network of Salt Affected Soils (INSAS), presented the activities and the main achievements of the network which is composed of 743 members from 120 countries. The Plenary Assembly was updated on the *Global report on the status of salt-affected soils*, and the SOP for salt-affected soils.

The Plenary Assembly encouraged FAO Members facing soil salinity and sodification problems to contribute to the preparation of the *Global assessment of salt-affected soils* report and to participate in other network activities aimed at the sustainable management and restoration of these soils where necessary.

The Assembly encouraged FAO Members facing soil salinity and sodicity problems and using brackish

or sodic water for irrigation to join the Global Campaign on Salinization.

9.5 International Network on Fertilizer Analysis (INFA)

Dr Wesley Feldmann, Chair of the International Network on Fertilizer Analysis (INFA), updated the Plenary Assembly on INFA's ongoing activities. The network was established in 2020 as a subnetwork of GLOSOLAN and supports the implementation of the Fertilizer Code. It consists of 185 laboratories from 88 countries.

Dr Feldman also introduced the International Network on Soil Fertility and Fertilizers (INSOILFER) which aims to address nutrient imbalances and promote the adoption of the soils for nutrition concept for making soils healthy and fertile by 2030 as a contribution to the transformation of agrifood systems. INFA has become the fourth working group of INSOILFER.

The Plenary Assembly encouraged FAO Members and partners to join INSOILFER and continue advancing the activities initiated by INFA and invited resource partners to support the activities of the network.

9.6 International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)

Prof. Peter de Ruiter, Chair of the International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB), presented the activities of NETSOB carried out by nearly 1 000 members from over 100 countries. The NETSOB Chair remarked on the importance of including the topic of biodiversity protection within the Global Soil Doctors Programme.

The Plenary Assembly welcomed the establishment of the Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB) and encouraged member countries and resource partners to support it.

The Assembly encouraged countries and stakeholders to join NETSOB and participate in its different activities to strengthen knowledge on the measurement, assessment, monitoring and sustainable use of biodiversity.

9.7 International Network on Soil Pollution (INSOP)

Prof. Ravi Naidu, Chair of the International Network on Soil Pollution (INSOP), presented to the Assembly the activities and achievements of INSOP. The Assembly was updated on the six working areas of the network, its governance and the 2023-2025 action plan.

The Plenary Assembly encouraged INSOP members to focus on enhancing the capacity of Members and partners to assess, monitor and remediate environmental contamination. **The Plenary Assembly invited resource partners to support the activities of the network and to fund INSOP activities.**

Item 10: World Soil Day report 2022, preparations for 2023 and theme for 2024, awareness raising on soils and prizes: (GSPPA: XI/2023/10)

Ms Isabelle Verbeke (GSP Secretariat) presented the work and successes of World Soil Day (WSD) 2022 to the Assembly. The Assembly appreciated the successful World Soil Day celebrations organized worldwide by a wide range of stakeholders held in December 2022, as well as the successful organization of the King Bhumibol Award and the Glinka World Soil Prize in 2022 and thanked the sponsors of these two prestigious awards.

The Plenary Assembly endorsed the program intended for WSD 2023 under the theme *Soil and water: a source of life* and encouraged Members, partners, and other stakeholders to organize WSD celebrations under the 2023 theme.

The Plenary Assembly invited partners to disseminate the call for nominations for the King Bhumibol WSD Award 2023 Award and the call for nominations for the Glinka World Soil Prize 2023, ensuring a fully inclusive process through submissions from different regions of the world. It called on other funding sources to contribute financially to the implementation of the prizes beyond 2023.

Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretary, thanked all Members for the proposals and the participation in the discussion. Mr Vargas explained that the WSD also serves as a promotional event for the future symposium and therefore the theme should be consistent with that of the symposium.

The assembly voted to choose the title for WSD 2024 and the choice that received the most support was *Caring for soils: measure, manage, monitor*.

Item 11: Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair, and appointment of the rapporteur for the next period

The twelfth GSP Plenary Assembly would be chaired by a representative from Africa, with the Vice-Chair coming from North America. The rapporteur would come from the Pacific Region.

Item 12: Date and venue of the next Plenary session

The Plenary Assembly noted that the dates and venue for the twelfth Plenary Assembly in 2024 would be communicated as soon as FAO and the Rome-based UN agencies had structured the calendar of events.

Annex I: List of participants

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Country	Participants
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Australia	Peter Wilson
Australia	Ravjit Khangura
Australia	Ruth Mallett
Australia	Sue Bestow
Austria	Ika Djukic
Azerbaijan	Firidun Tagiyev
Azerbaijan	Samira Gurbanli
Azerbaijan	Sima Mammadova
Bangladesh	Zainal Abedin
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Cameroon	Edouard Nya
Cameroon	Moungui Medi
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Canada	Bob Turnock
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