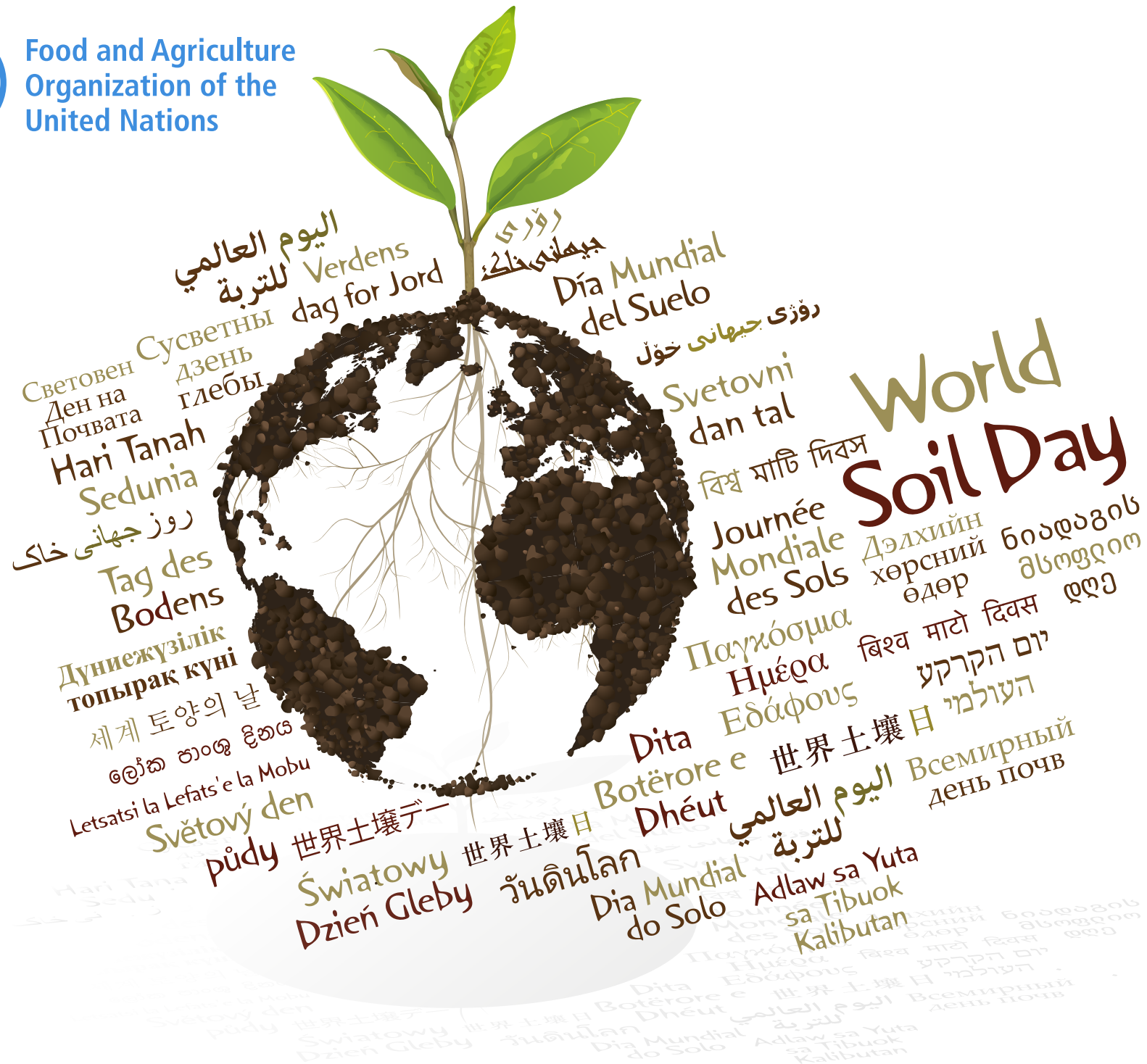




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About World Soil Day

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources. An international day to celebrate Soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.

Under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand and within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, FAO has supported the formal establishment of WSD as a global awareness raising platform. The FAO Conference unanimously endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013 and requested its official adoption at the 68th UN General Assembly. In December 2013 the UN General Assembly responded by designating 5 December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day.

The Global Soil Partnership is dedicating World Soil Day 2017 to the theme *Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground*.

Soil, like air and water, is critical to life on earth. Soils are incredibly resilient, but they are also fragile and can easily be damaged or lost. Improved management of our planet's limited soil resource is essential to ensure a sustainable future and guarantee healthy and productive soils for food security, as well as to support many essential ecosystem services that enable life on earth.

Caring for the planet and its environment means caring for its soils.

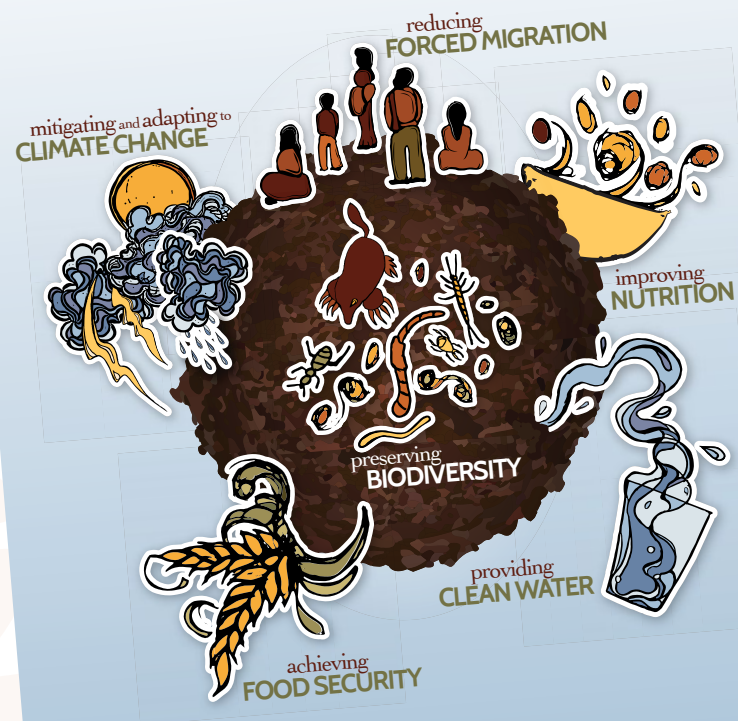
With 201 registered events and celebrations organized in 72 FAO member countries World Soil Day 2017 was a huge success. More people than ever took part in the celebrations, conveying the FAO message on the importance of soil quality for food security, healthy ecosystems and human well-being. Observances worldwide reach record high (35% increase) and registered great echo in the media and amazing results on social media. Conferences, seminars and workshops were among the most typical events. The opening of soil laboratories, soil painting competitions, soil experiments dedicated to children, spectacles, soil science fairs, quizzes and soil judging contests among the most innovative. Enthusiasm, involvement and soil awareness are indeed the keywords of this yearly appointment and show how the interest in soils is moving forward in the global and local agendas.

FAO maintains high its commitment to the Global Soil Partnership and co-organized 4 official World Soil Day events in New York (UN Secretariat), Rome (FAO headquarters), Nairobi (UN Environment) and Santiago de Chile (FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean).

The GSP Secretariat wishes to thank all its partners and the fast-growing soil community across the globe, especially WSD event organizers and participants from the oldest to the youngest, who constitute our fertile ground.

Caring for the planet starts from the ground

Healthy soils are key to:



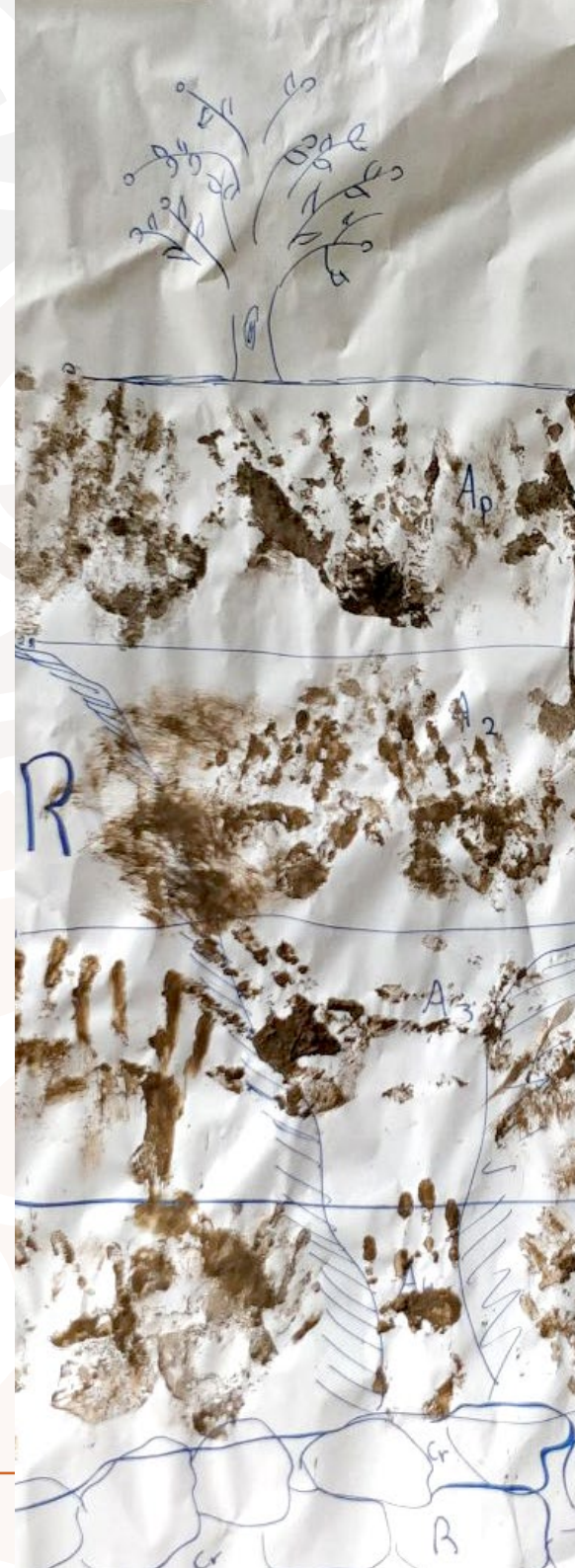
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event
Proyecto educativo 'Así son los suelos de mi país'

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Argentina

city

Santiago del Estero

organization

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event

The Care of the Planet Begins with the Soil

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Australia

city
Bentley WA

organization
Department of Primary
Industries and Regional
Development, SoilsWest, Soil
Science Australia

event
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Celebrating WA Development
& Innovation

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city
Vienna

organization
International Forestry
Students' Association (IFSA),
Local Committee Boku

event
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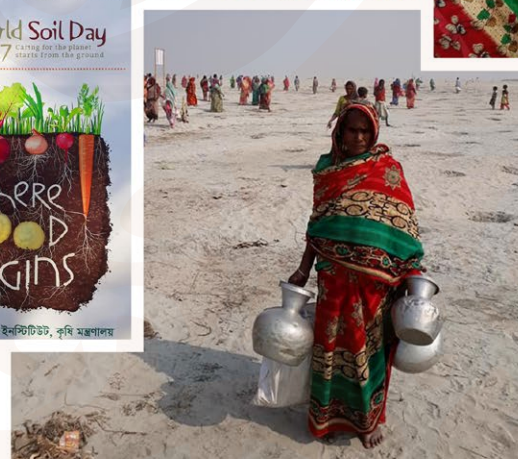
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city
Dhaka, Rangpur, Kurigram

organization
Jointly by Practical Action
Bangladesh and Soil Resource
Development Institute (SRDI)
of Bangladesh

event
Seminar on Present Status
and Future Prospects of Soil,
Soil Care Award Ceremony,
Rally, Farmers Dialogue and
Radio Broadcast Ceremony

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Bangladesh

city
Dhaka

organization
Soil Resource Development
Institute (SRDI), Ministry of
Agriculture

event
World Soil Day 2017 Rally

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Benin

city
Parakou

organization
University de Parakou, Project
"Protection et Réhabilitation
des Sols" - ProSOL / GIZ

event
Célébration de la Journée
Mondiale des Sols en Parakou
avec les Etudiants

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Bhutan

city
Thimphu

organization
National Soil Services Centre,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Forests

event
Exhibition on Various
Technologies of Soil
Management

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Brazil

city
Lavras

organization
Programa de Educação em
Solos (PEDS), Universidade
Federal de Lavras

event
Publicação oficial da coletânea
de cartilhas "Conhecendo a
Vida do Solo"

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PEDS

Brazil

city
Curitiba, Paraná

organization
Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Engineering, Soil Science Postgraduate Programme of the Federal University of Paraná (UFPR)

event
First Soil Science Seminar at Universidade Federal do Paraná (UFPR)

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Brazil

city
Ariquemes, Rondônia

organization
Faculdade de Educação e
Meio Ambiente (FAEMA)

event
I ExpoSolos

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FAEMA



Brazil

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Santo Antônio, Goiás

organization
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Corporation (Embrapa)

event
Semana Nacional de Ciência e
Tecnologia

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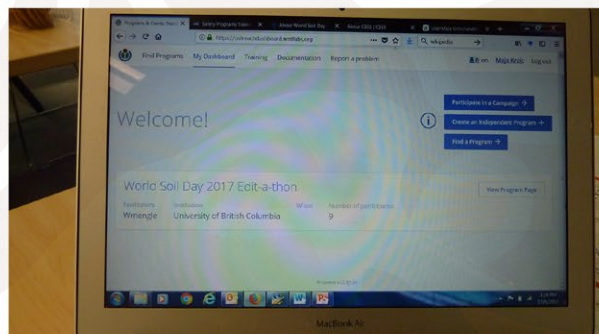
Canada

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Vancouver

organization
The Pacific Regional Society of
Soil Science

event
Wikipedia Edit-a-thon for
World Soil Day

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Chile

city
Copiapó

organization
Universidad de Atacama
(UDA)

event
Conversatorio "El Cuidado
de Atacama Comienza en el
Suelo"

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city
Santiago del Chile

organization
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Seminario "El Cuidado del Planeta Comienza en el Suelo"

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Costa Rica

city
Santa Ana

organization
Grupo Aliado por los Suelos
Costarricenses

event
Celebración para el 5 de
Diciembre, trabajo de campo

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organismos de la ONU-Roma



Cuba

city
Cienfuegos

organization
Departamento Provincial
de Suelos, Ministerio de
Agricultura (MINAG)

event
Jornada Científico - Técnica
por el Día Mundial del Suelo
"El Cuidado del Planeta
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Ecuador

city
Quito

organization
Unidad Educativa Educar
2000

event
Concurso Mundial de Pintura
Sobre el Suelo

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Ecuador

city
Palenque, Los Ríos

organization
Organizaciones Productoras
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Palenque

event
Celebración del Día Mundial
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Agropecuarias



France

city
Paris

organization
Comédie Nation, Sophie
Accaoui

event
Spectacle Scientifique et
Poétique sur le Ver de Terre

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VER DE TERRE**

Georgia

city
Tbilisi

organization
Georgian Society of Soil
Science, Michail Sabashvili
Institute of Soil Science,
Agrochemistry and
Melioration

event
World Soil Day at Soil
Museum

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Georgia

city
Tsilkani, Mtskheta-Mtianeti
Region

organization
Scientific Research Center of
Agriculture

event
Official Opening of the new
Laboratory for Soil Research

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Germany

city
Dessau-Roßlau

organization
Commission for Soil
Protection at the German
Environment Agency

event
500 Years of Reformation - a
Topic regarding Soil?

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Ghana

city
Cape Coast

organization
Soil Science Society of Ghana

event
World Soil Day Celebrations

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Guatemala

city
Guatemala

organization
Facultad de Agronomía de la Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (FAUSAC),
Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación (MAGA) y Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (MARN)

event
Seminario Conmemorativo del Día Mundial del Suelo

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India

city
Attari, Punjab

organization
Rass - Krishi Vigyan Kendra

event
Workshop on Soil, Conference
and Inauguration Ceremony

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India

city
Shivamogga, Karnataka

organization
Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences (UAHS), Shivamogga

event
Guest lecture for World Soil Day 2017

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UAHS



India

city
Sarsara, Bargarh, Odisha

organization
Department of Agriculture,
Farmers Empowerment

event
Farmers World Soil Day 2017

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Department of Agriculture



India

city
Tarn Taran, Punjab

organization
Krishi Vigyan Kendra

event
Conference for World Soil Day
for the Youth

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India

city

Chanegaon village of Barshi
Taluka of Solapur district,
Maharashtra

organization

Krishi Vigyan Kendra

event

Workshop for World Soil Day
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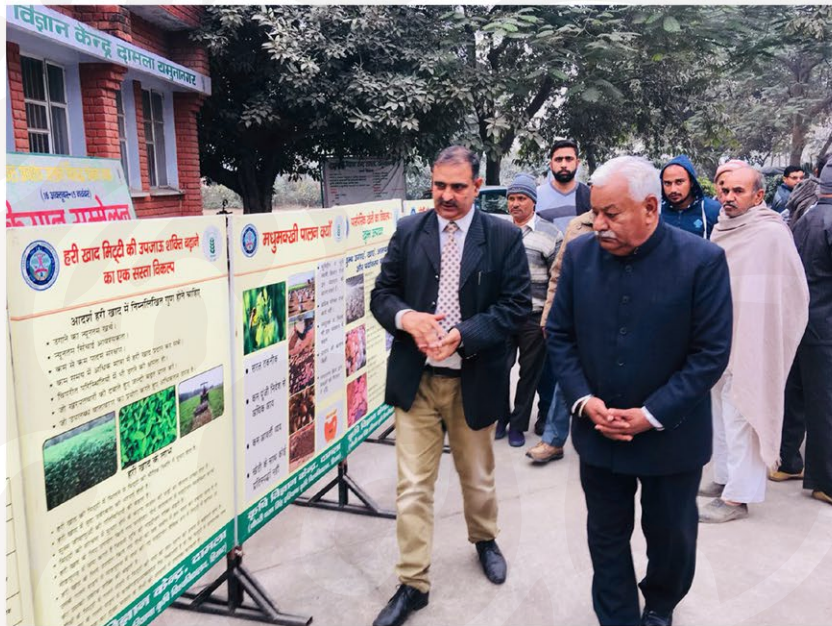
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city
Yamunanagar, Haryana

organization
Krishi Vigyan Kendra Damla

event
World Soil Health Day,
Exhibition

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India

city
Tal- Shirol,
Kolhapur, Maharashtra

organization
Archana Analytical Services,
Jaysingpur College Jaysing

event
Distribution of Soil Health
Card to Farmers

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India

city
Tirupati, Andra-Pradesh

organization
Farmers Group
"Chenchulakshmi Green
Group"

event
Observation of World Soil
Day on 05 December 2017,
Celebration in the Field

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India

city
Kozhikode, Kerala

organization
Department of Soil Survey
and Soil Conservation

event
"Come Apologize for Polluting
Earth and Soil" Hashtag
Campaign

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India

city
Bhopal

organization
Indian Institute of Soil Science
(ICAR)

event
Celebration of World Soil Day
on 5th December, 2017

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India

city
Kalyan, Maharashtra

organization
Sacred Heart School - Kalyan

event
Soil Fest: Exhibition and Workshop

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India

city
Mohol, Solapur district,
Maharashtra

organization
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event
Field Celebration of World Soil
Day 2017

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Indonesia

city
Bogor, West Java

organization
Indonesian Center for
Agricultural Land Resources
Research and Development
(ICALRD), Space Science
Society (ISSS)

event
Soil Judging Contest

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ICALRD



Iran

city
Kermanshah Province

organization
Soil Science Department, Razi
University in cooperation with
Soil Science Society of Iran

event
Soil Drawings and Conference
for World Soil Day 2017

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Iran

city
Tehran

organization
Joint event in Tehran with the collaboration of the Ministry of Agriculture Jihad of the Islamic Republic of Iran

event
Celebration of World Soil Day 2017 in Iran

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Iran

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Agriculture-jahad
organization Ilam, Ilam
University

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Ilam University



Iraq

city
Baghdad

organization
Department to Combat
Desertification in
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Soil Department, College
of Agriculture, Baghdad
University

event
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Rome

organization

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event

HeART and Soil: Lab for Children

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city
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organization
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Scientific and Cultural
Organization (UNESCO),
Research Centre for
Agriculture and Environment
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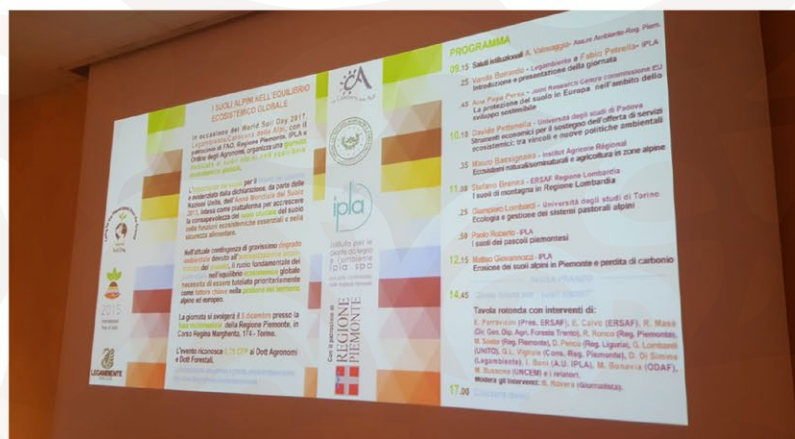
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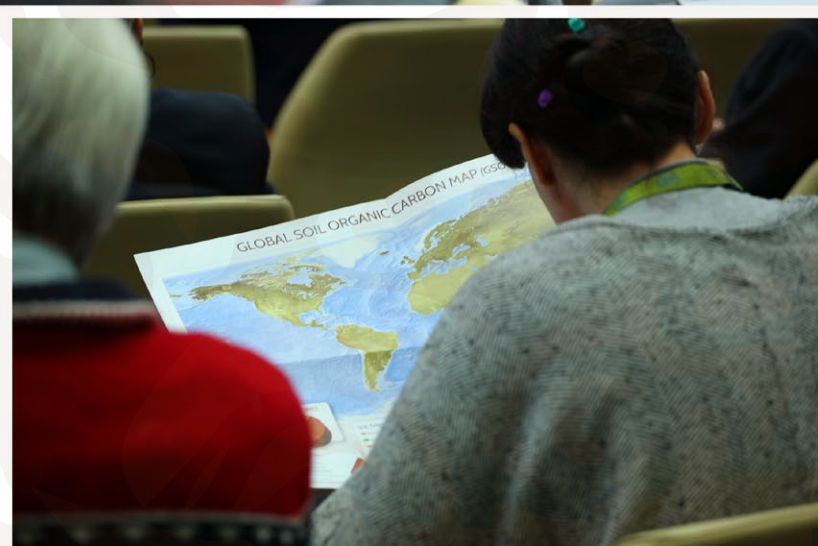
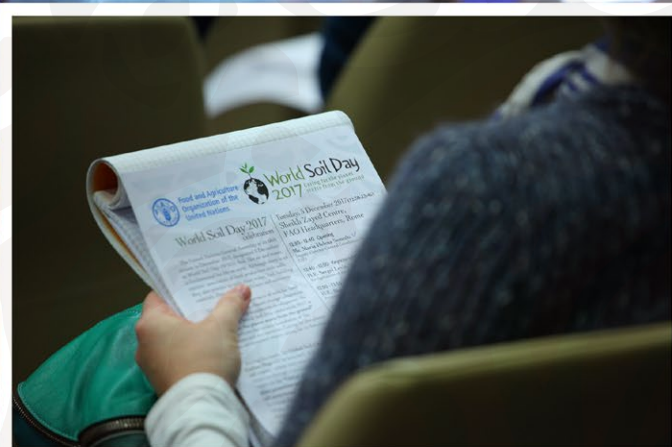
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Italy

city
Brindisi

organization
Global Service Centre and
Supply Chain Service (UNGSC)
Environmental Technical
Support Unit (ETSU)

event
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concentration in soils; Hands-
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technique for field missions

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city
Rome

organization
Research Centre for
Agriculture and Environment
(CREA)

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Launch of the Italian
Translation of the Voluntary
Guidelines on Sustainable
Soil Management (VGSSM)
- Il Suolo al Servizio degli
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Società Italiana Scienza del
Suolo

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Italy

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Rome, FAO Headquarter

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Kenya

city
Nairobi

organization
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment (UN Environment) at the third meeting of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 3)

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Kiribati

city
Kiribati

organization
Pacific Community (SPC),
Agriculture and Livestock
Division

event
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Kiribati Atolls: Soil Workshops,
Quizzes and Games

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SPC



Lao PDR

city
Laos

organization
Department of Agricultural
Land Management, United
Nations Food and Agriculture
Organization (FAO)

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Land Management: Mini-
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Competition

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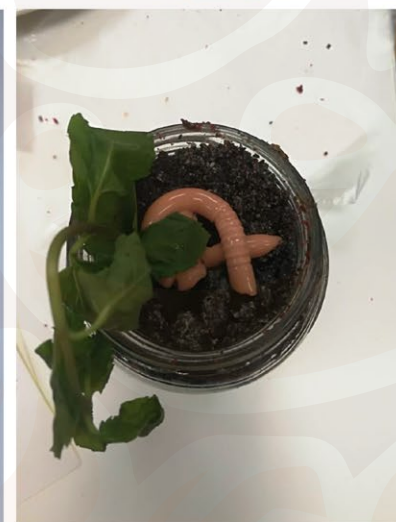
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Semenyih, Selangor

organization
University of Nottingham
Malaysia Campus (UNMC)
Nature Club

event
Nature Club Soil Cake
Workshop

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Micronesia

city
Yap

organization
Cooperative Research
and Extension, College of
Micronesia FSM, Yap Campus

event
How to dig a Soil Profile

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Mongolia

city
Darkham-Uul

organization
Agroecology and Business
School of the Mongolian
University of Life Science

event
Soil Competition for Students

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Mongolia

city
Ulaanbaatar

organization
Ministry of Food and
Agriculture

event
Agricultural Soil Proper Use
and Conservation Meeting

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Nepal

city
Kathmandu

organization
Nepalese society of soil science, Soil science division, Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC) and Soil Management Directorate

event
Soil Excursion and Soil Judging Competition

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New Zealand

city
Hamilton

organization
New Zealand Society of Soil
Science

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Bay of Plenty Regional Soils
Conference for 5 December
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Nigeria

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Ibadan

organization
Institute of Agricultural
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event
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of Nigeria



Nigeria

city
Nsukka

organization
Department of soil science,
University of Nigeria

event
Caring for the Planet starts
from the Ground

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Pakistan

city
Bihar

organization
Soil Conservation Society
of India, Bihar Chapter, the
Department of Soil Science
and Agricultural Chemistry,
Bihar Agricultural University

event
Professional Soils and
Environment Quiz 2017

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Peru

city
Tingo María

organization
Universidad Nacional Agraria
de la Selva - Ingeniería en
Conservación de Suelos y
Agua

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Exposición y Concurso de
Dibujo y Pintura "El Cuidado
del Planeta Comienza en el
Suelo"

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Peru

city
Lima

organization
Alumno de la Maestría de
Suelos - UNALM La Molina

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Philippines

city
Quezon City

organization
Agricultural Land
Management & Evaluation
Division (ALMED) Bureau of
Soils and Water Management
(BSWM) Soils Research and
Development Center (SRDC)

event
Parade, Pledge of
Commitment, Advocacy for
Soils

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Poland

city
Krakow

organization
Soil Education Centre - Soil Museum, the Faculty of Forestry, the Faculty of Agriculture and Economics University of Agriculture in Krakow and Institute of Geography and Spatial Management Jagiellonian of the University in Krakow, Soil Science Society of Poland

event
SoilLAB and Museum Visit on World Soil Day 2017

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Seoul

organization
Korea Environmental Industry
and Technology Institute
(KEITI)

event
Seminar and Social Initiatives
on World Soil Day 2017

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Russia

city
Moscow

organization
Lomonosov Moscow State University, World Bank, Global Soil Partnership (GSP) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

event
World Soil Day 2017 celebrations

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GSP



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Saudi Arabia

city
Riyadh

organization
Prince Sultan University

event
Conference and Soil Fair for
World Soil Day 2017

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Serbia

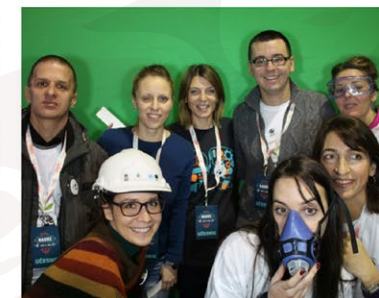
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UN Environment and Forestry
and Environmental Action
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Protection Agency (SEPA)
and Food and Agriculture
Organization (FAO) - Project
office in Serbia

event
Serbian Science Festival

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Slovenia

city
Dunajska

organization
Ministry of the Environment
and Spatial Planning

event
Slovenian Soil Partnership:
World Soil Day 2017

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Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor



South Africa

city
Arcadia, Pretoria

organization
Agricultural Research Council
(ARC soil)

event
Soil Survey, Mapping and
Interpretation over the Past
30, Global Soil Partnership
Initiative: South African
Contributions and Future
Cooperation and Challenges
of Wind Erosion in the Free
State Province from an
Agricultural Perspective

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ARC soil



Spain

city
Santiago de Compostela,
Galicia

organization
IES Pontepedriña Secondary
School

event
Soil Painting Competition for
World Soil Day 2017

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IES Pontepedriña



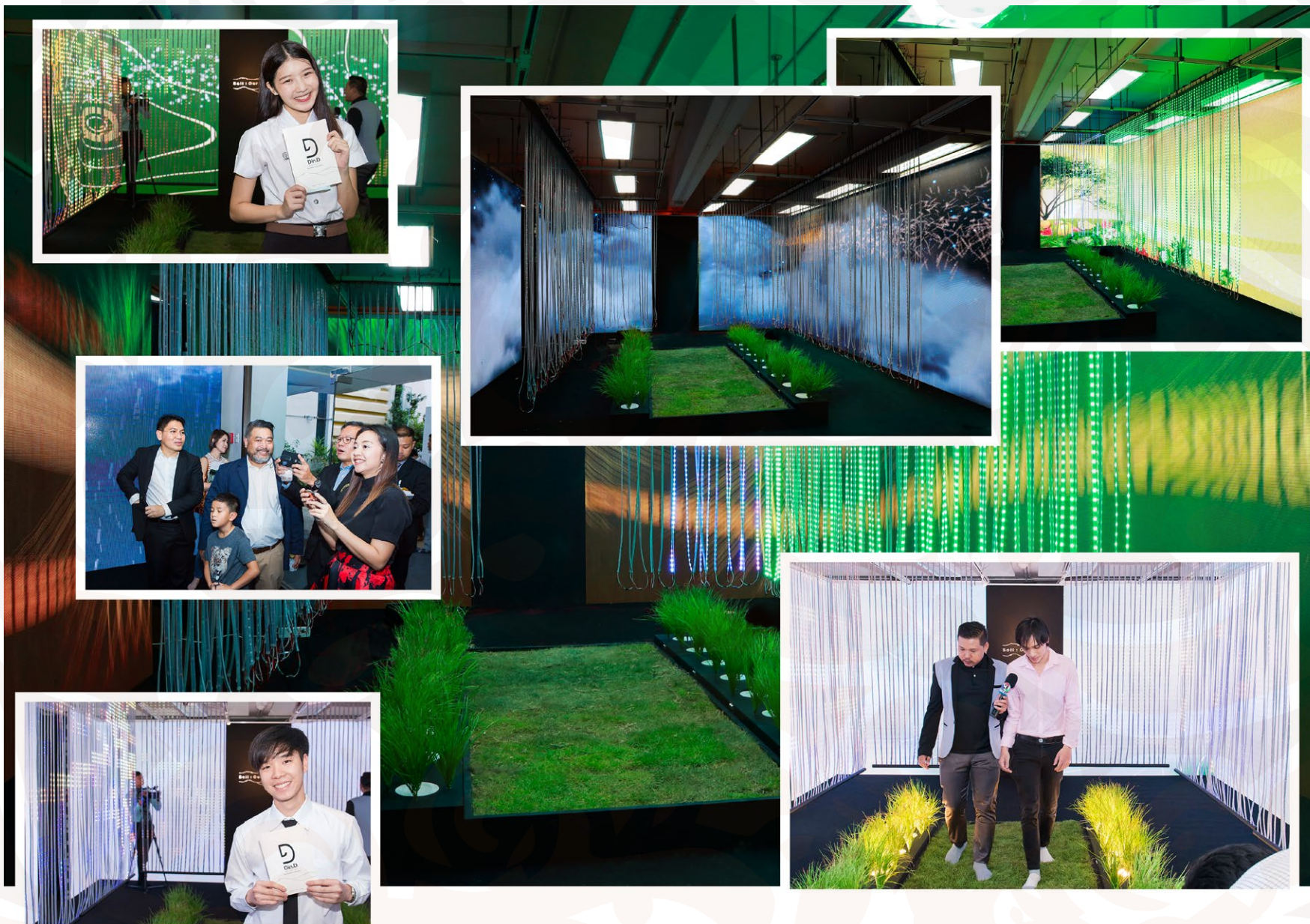
Thailand

city
Bangkok

organization
Southeast Asia University
(SAU) and CommDe
Chulalongkorn University

event
"Soil, Our Soul", Hi-Tech World
Soil Day 2017

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SAU



Thailand

city
Bangkok

organization
Land Development
Department (LDD), Soil and
Fertilizer Society of Thailand,
Soil and Water Society of
Thailand

event
World Soil Day 2017 Thailand,
Rak Lok Roem Chak Rak Din
Su Kwam Yang-Yuen

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LDD



Trinidad and Tobago

city
St. Augustine

organization
Faculty of Food and
Agriculture

event
Soil Solutions: a Celebration
of Soils, Art Performance and
Seminar

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Faculty of Food and Agriculture



Tunisia

city
Gammarth

organization
Ministère de l'Agriculture,
des Ressources Hydraulique
et de la Pêche, Direction
des Ressources en Sol
(DGACTA-MARHP), United
Nations Food and Agriculture
Organizations (FAO)

event
Colloque Journée mondiale
des Sols 2017

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United Arab Emirates

city
Dubai

organization
Dubai Municipality
Environment Department

event
World Soil Day 2017 on the
Beach

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city
Dubai

organization
International Center for
Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA),
Dubai

event
World Soil Day 2017, Museum
Visit and Soil Awareness Labs
for Students

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United Kingdom

city
East Sussex

organization
Crossfields Institute

event
Soil: Ground of Existence -
Encountering the Science, Art,
and Sacredness of Soil

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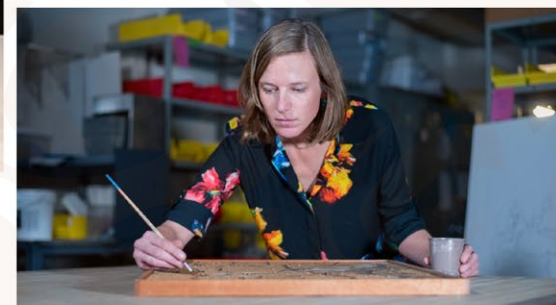
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city
New York

organization
Cornell Soil Health Team

event
Soil Health Painting

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city
Albion, Pennsylvania

organization
Northwestern Senior High School

event
Soil Painting Competition for
World Soil Day 2017

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Northwestern Senior High School





United States of America

city
Springfield, Illinois

organization
Springfield School

event
Soil Painting Competition for
World Soil Day 2017

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Springfield School

Uruguay

city
Montevideo

organization
United Nations Food and
Agriculture Organization
(FAO) Uruguay

event
Conmemoración del 5 de
Diciembre, Día Mundial del
Suelo

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Venezuela

city
Caracas

organization
Sociedad Venezolana de la
Ciencia del Suelo, Instituto
Nacional de Investigaciones
Agropecuarias (INIA),
Universidad Central de
Venezuela (UCV), Universidad
Nacional Rómulo Gallegos,
Agropecuaria Punta Larga

event
Conferencia: Día Mundial del
Suelo 2017

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Agrícolas



Vietnam

city
Mang Den, Kon tum

organization
Nguyen Duc Anh

event
Field Experience for World Soil
Day 2017: Field trip, digging
soil profiles and taking
measurements

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Why a Global Soil Partnership?

Soil is an essential resource and a vital part of the natural environment from which most of the global food is produced. At the same time, soil provides living space for humans, as well as essential ecosystem services which are important for water regulation and supply, climate regulation, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration and cultural services.

Although the importance of soils seems clear, in the past it has not received due attention in terms of its use and management, since soils were often considered an infinite resource that will always be able to provide us with its ecosystem services. However, this is not the case and there is an urgent need to raise awareness on the importance of soil, especially the need to protect and use them sustainably as they are under pressure from increases in population, higher demands for food and competing land uses.

The Global Soil Partnership was established in December 2012 as a mechanism to develop a strong interactive cooperation and enhanced collaboration and synergy of efforts between all stakeholders. From land users through to policy makers, one of the key objectives of the GSP is to improve the governance and promote sustainable management of soils.

Key outputs demonstrate that the partnership was needed to fill an existing gap in the promotion of sustainable soil management. In few years crucial publications were launched, ranging from the preparation of the revised World Soil Charter, to the production of the Status of the World's Soil Resources. Another key publication, the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM), which provide technical and policy recommendations on how sustainable soil management can be achieved, were endorsed by the 155th session of the FAO Council (Rome, 5 December 2016).

In 2016 - 2017 GSP succeeded with the establishment of the Global Soil Information System (GLOSIS) and its associated outcomes, such as the Global Soil Organic Carbon Map (GSOCmap) and the delivery of a Digital Soil Mapping capacity building programme. Developed through a completely innovative participatory process involving more than 110 countries, this breakthrough in soil mapping and digital collaboration estimates the soil carbon sequestration potentials through modelling and the vulnerability of soil functions under climate change using Soil Organic carbon (SOC) as an indicator.

Released for World Soil Day, 5 December 2017 the GSOC map was one of the main outcomes of the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon (GSOC17), held from 21 to 23 March 2017 in FAO headquarters. Attended by over 450 technical participants from 111 countries, it confirmed GSP proven track record of success in raising awareness and building capacities on best available science; facilitating the exchange of knowledge and technologies among stakeholders for the sustainable management and use of soil resources; and setting global standards and guidelines.



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