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7th African Soil Partnership plenary meeting

21-22 June 2023
VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA



Seventh meeting of the African Soil Partnership

21-22 June 2023

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM Rome Time (GMT+2)

Virtual modality

Day 1 - 21 June 2023

11:00 - 11:05 AM CEST | Opening, welcome remarks

Ms Anne Muriuki, African Soil Partnership Chair

Ms Natalia Rodriguez Eugenio, Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Secretariat

11:05 - 11:10 AM CEST | Endorsement of the agenda and group picture

Mr Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat

11:10 AM - 12:00 PM CEST | Item 1

Updates from the GSP Technical Networks

African Soil Laboratory Network (AFRILAB) - *Ms. Lesego Selepe, AFRILAB Chair*

International Network on Black Soils (INBS) - *Mr. Yuxin Tong, GSP Secretariat*

International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB) - *Mr. John Parnell, GSP Secretariat*

International Network on Soils Pollution (INSOP) - *Mr. Sergejus Ustinov, GSP Secretariat*

International Network on Fertilizer Analysis (INFA) - *Mr. Wesly Feldmann, INFA Chair*

International Network on Soil Information Institutions (INSII) - *Ms. Isabel Luotto, GSP Secretariat*

12:00 - 12:20 PM CEST | Item 2

**The Global Soil Doctors Programme: examples from the region
(Burkina Faso, Togo)**

Ms Janet Nabwami, GSP Secretariat

12:20 - 12:30 PM CEST | Item 3

GSP Plenary Assembly – Eleventh session

Ms Isabelle Verbeke, GSP Secretariat

12:30 - 12:40 PM CEST | Item 4

Capacity building: next activities

Mr Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat

12:40 - 1:00 PM CEST | Item 5

Sustainable soil management: successful stories from the region

1:00 - 1:25 PM CEST | Item 6

The Soil initiative for Africa

Ms Liesl Wiese-Rozanov, Agricultural Science and Policy

1:25 - 1:30 PM CEST | Wrap up and closure of the day

Mr Klaas Mampholo, African Soil Partnership vice-Chair

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Day 2 - 22 June 2023

11:00 - 11:05 AM CEST | Opening

Mr Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat

11:05 - 11:25 AM CEST | Item 7

African Union Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit

Mr Eugene Rurangwa, FAO Subregional Office for West Africa

11:25 - 11:45 AM CEST | Item 8

Status of the World's Soil Resources 2025: African contribution

Mr Georges Martial Ndzana, Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils

11:45 AM - 12:10 PM CEST | Item 9

Policy briefs: agreement on the topics and establishment of the working groups

Mr Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat

12:10 - 12:30 PM CEST | Item 10

Model law on Sustainable Soil Management in Africa

Mr Harald Ginzky, German Environment Agency

Mr Oliver C. Ruppel, University of Graz

12:30 - 1:10 PM CEST | Item 11

The new GSP Action Areas and identification of priorities for the region

Election of Chairs for each Action Areas

Ms Isabel Luotto, GSP Secretariat

Mr Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat

1:10 - 1:25 PM CEST | Item 12

Sustainable soil management: successful stories from the region

1:25 - 1:30 PM CEST | Wrap up and closure of the day

Mr Traore Mamoudou, African Soil Partnership vice-Chair

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The Global Soil Partnership (GSP) is a globally recognized mechanism established in 2012. Our mission is to position soils in the Global Agenda through collective action. Our key objectives are to promote Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) and improve soil governance to guarantee healthy and productive soils, and support the provision of essential ecosystem services towards food security and improved nutrition, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable development.

Land and Water division - Natural Resources and Sustainable Production

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The **African Soil Partnership** (AfSP) was established in May 2015. It is composed of the Sub-Saharan countries. African soils are very diverse and have great potential and value for food security and overall sustainable development. However, soil degradation is a serious process that is threatening the region's soil resources through its various forms and thus is affecting economic development, particularly agricultural production and associated food and nutrition security, provision of ecosystem services and increasing poverty. In this framework, national needs and priorities are translated into regional actions through the AfSP implementation plan, which is revised at the yearly AfSP plenary meetings.

