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Updates from NENALAB

7th Meeting of the
**Global Soil
Laboratory
Network**
(GLOSOLAN)



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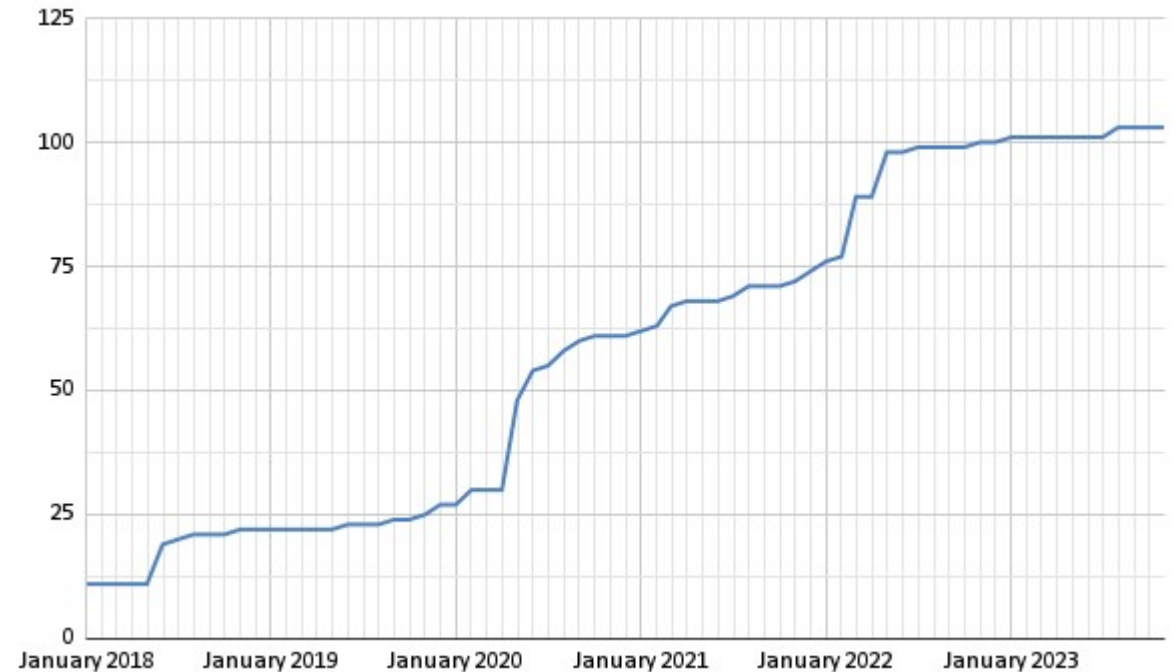


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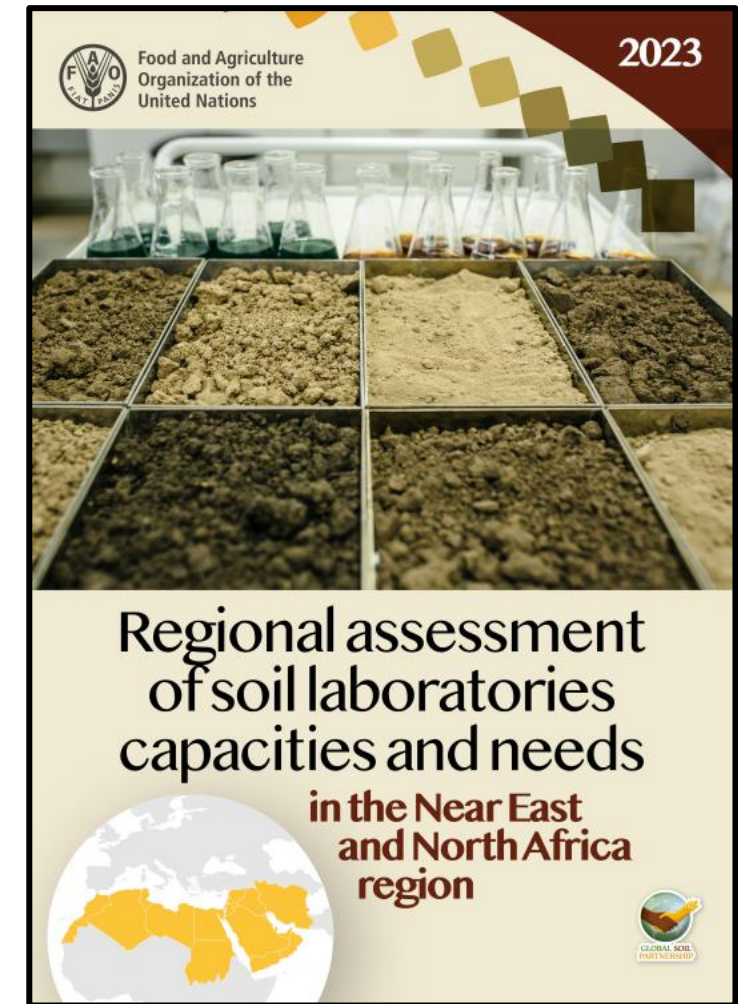
- Established in 2020
- Currently 103 laboratories from 19 countries

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

- Need to renew the governance
- 4th meeting to be organized in December 2024
- Regional PT to be launched soon (Together with AFRILAB)



- Main findings of a Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) implemented by the FAO Office for the Near East and North Africa (NENA) and the Global Soil Partnership (GSP)
- Survey launched a survey on capacities and needs of 34 soil laboratories belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture in 10 countries of the NENA region from October 2020 to April 2023
- Focusing on the political, financial and infrastructural constraints that are common to the soil laboratories surveyed
- Main issues:
 - The **availability of reliable and harmonized soil data** remains a challenge that affects decision-making at the national and field level, and the implementation of coordinated actions on the practice of sustainable soil management in the region.
 - The provision of **support to soil laboratories** indirectly supports farmers, extension services and policymakers, and strengthens national databases for country reporting on international agreements such as the Sustainable Development Goals





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