Updates from NENALAB

7th Meeting of the Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN)
Near East and North African Soil Laboratory Network (NENALAB)

• 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