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# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the **International Network of Salt-Affected Soils** (INSAS)

## Introduction to INSAS



# About INSAS

INSAS is established under the aegis of the Global Soil Partnership with the aim to **facilitate the sustainable and productive use of salt-affected soils** for current and future generations

## MISSION OF INSAS

The mission of INSAS is to support and facilitate joint efforts towards the sustainable management of salt-affected soils for Food Security , Agricultural Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation



- The INSAS network was launched during the Global forum on innovations for marginal environments (GFIME) in Dubai, 21 November 2019

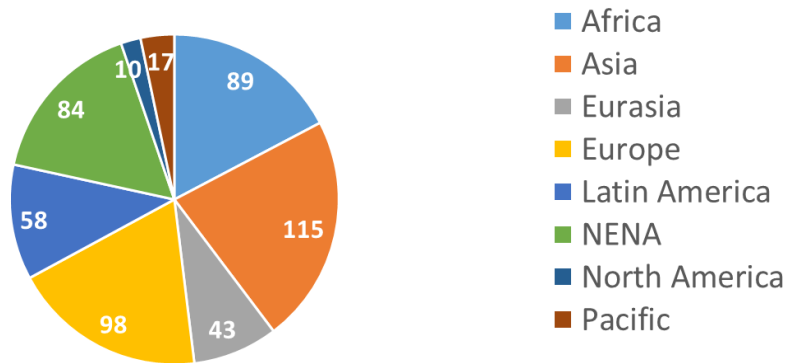


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## INSAS: regional participation




## Geographic coverage of INSAS





# INSAS webpage

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## International Network of Salt-affected Soils

The International Network of Salt-Affected Soils (INSAS), launched during the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture's (ICBA) first Global Forum on Innovations for Marginal Environments, aims to facilitate the sustainable and productive use of salt-affected soils for the current and future generations.

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INSAS functions and duties

Objectives of the INSAS

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How does the network work?

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# Membership

Any organization can become a member of INSAS. National institutions, academia, NGOs, civil society, farmer associations, and other stakeholders interested to participate in the joint action to achieve the sustainable and productive management of salt-affected soils are welcome to join this network.

To join the network, the registration form available on the website of INSAS must be filled in.

## **The google form:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdR9zhCOkjDIscM3F2t0IB4Dx-mLHVrQgjc-3STQfv9B9lifg/viewform>

**The link to the doc-form:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Eu8PyiPAYRL6\\_VF-gUkOOK92q\\_c6ecku/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Eu8PyiPAYRL6_VF-gUkOOK92q_c6ecku/view)

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## Annex 2

### TERMS OF REFERENCE OF INSAS

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The governance over the activity of INSAS is performed by its Chair, Vice-Chair and representatives of ITPS.

The **Chairperson** is responsible for:

- i. Supporting and ensuring the timely implementation of the INSAS work plan;
- ii. Reporting on INSAS activities at the annual INSAS meeting;
- iii. Representing INSAS at any other GSP meetings or international events;
- iv. Reporting (jointly with the GSP Secretariat and ITPS Chair) to the GSP Plenary Assembly about the INSAS progress;
- v. Supporting the INSAS Coordinator in capacity-building and financial-resources mobilization activities;
- vi. Ensuring that the activities of the working groups are implemented according to the principles of INSAS, including transparency, inclusivity, and respect; and
- vii. Coordinating cooperation with projects and initiatives that contribute to the aims of the INSAS, including research, service, and capacity development.

The term for the Chairperson is two years after election, extendable via INSAS decision to a second term. The appointment of the Chair of the INSAS takes place during the annual meeting of INSAS.

The Chair is, whenever possible, supported by a **vice-Chair** in all its activities and tasks.

At least one member of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) should be part of the INSAS. The duties of the representatives of ITPS to INSAS are:

- i. Supporting the development and implementation of the INSAS work plan;
- ii. Representing ITPS at the annual INSAS meetings;
- iii. Reporting to ITPS about the INSAS activity.

The documents produced by INSAS that may have political implications or need a consensus between countries shall go through the procedure of approval by ITPS before publication.

The INSAS governance (Chair, Vice-Chair, ITPS representatives) should ensure to the best of their ability that the INSAS as a whole and its working groups have an appropriate geographical balance and representation of members.

All INSAS members receive regular updates on the work of the network.

## The potential nominees for the position of Chair and Vice-chair as of April 14, 2021, 12 pm CEST

### For the position of Chair

- Prof. Ildefonso Pla Sentis, University of Lleida, **Spain**
- Dr. Pradip Dey, ICAR – Indian Institute of Soil Science, **India**
- Dr. Ahmad Majar, General Commission for Scientific Agricultural Research, **Syria**
- Prof. Dr. Jorge Batlle-Sales, University of Valencia, **Spain**
- Dr. Saroj Kumar Sanyal, **India**

### For the position of Vice-chair

- Prof. Dr. Jianfeng Zhang, Institute of Subtropical Forestry, **China**
- Ms. Primitiva Andrea Mboyerwa, Sokoine University of Agriculture, **Tanzania**
- Dr. Waqar Ahmad, **Pakistan**
- Dr. Meisam Rezaei, Soil and Water Research Institute, **Iran**

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