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# INSOILFER Working Group Meetings

**WG3 Governance  
Vice-Chair leading WG1  
Technical Committees  
Reference Institutions**

**27-29  
November  
2023**



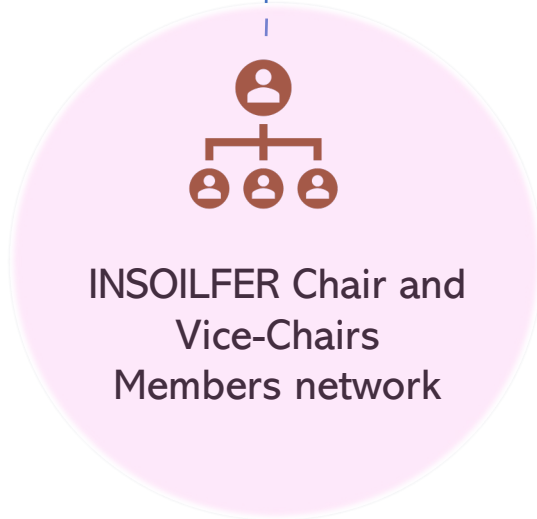
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# Chair and Vice-Chair



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Reference Institutions



Working groups



Technical Committee



INSOILFER Coordinators  
GSP Secretariat:  
Yuxin Tong, Vinisa Saynes

# Roles of the Vice-Chair leading WG3

1. Chair the corresponding technical WG meetings, ensure its work objectives and deliverables are met on time, and update the WG work plan when necessary.
2. Maintain active communication between each technical WG and the INSOILFER's Chair and the GSP Secretariat concerning the execution of the technical WG activities as documented in the work plan agreed upon at the launch of the technical WG.
3. Oversee progress and link between the INSOILFER technical WG and other Networks (including maintaining active communication).
4. Report regularly about each technical WG progress to the INSOILFER Chair.
5. Report the progress and changes in the work plan at the yearly INSOILFER meetings.
6. Support the INSOILFER Chair in attending other relevant network meetings and events of interest when the chairperson cannot participate.
7. WGs can meet regularly to advance the different activities as needed.

# Some additional remarks



- The mandate of the INSOILFER governing team (Chair and Vice-chairs) shall be valid for a period of two years.
- Open election by the INSOILFER governing team will be performed at the INSOILFER meeting on the second year.
- Chair and Vice-Chairs can be re-elected for a second term of two years but shall not serve more than two terms.
- As the case may be, the Chair may be supported/represented by any of the Vice-chairs in his/her activities and tasks.

# Presentation of the candidates Vice-Chair to lead WG3



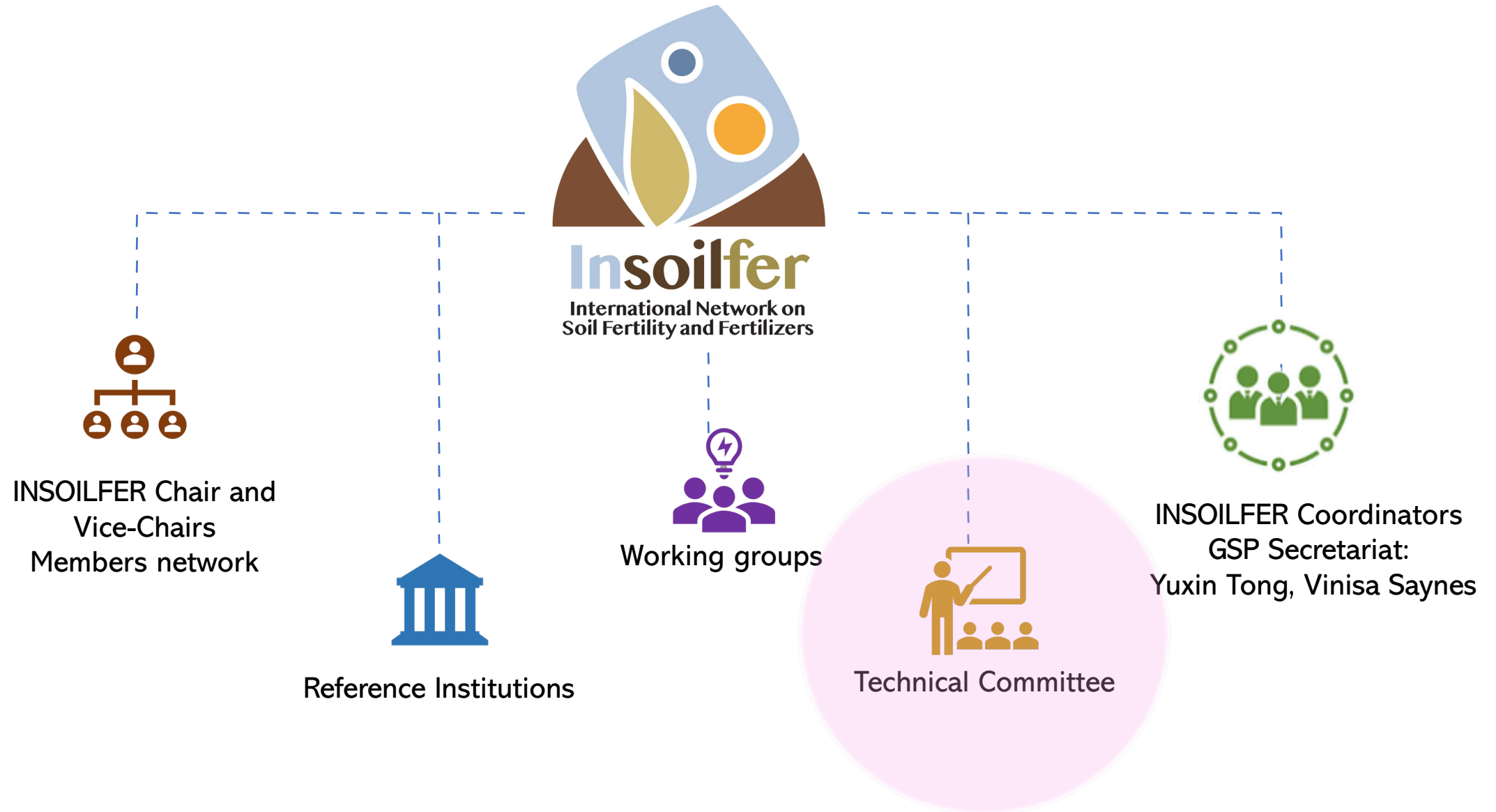
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**WG3**

Dr. Wesley Feldmann, South  
Africa

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# Technical Committee



# Roles of the Technical Committee- WG3

- Reviewing the proposals made by the network, writing of technical documents, and communication materials.
- Approving or rejecting the proposals. The decisions will be reported to all the members by the INSOILFER coordinators.
- Advising the working groups on how to write the technical documents.



# Some additional remarks



- A Technical Committee will be established for each working group and shall be composed considering regional, gender, and age balance. The term of the members of the Technical Committee is two years, renewable to a second term.
- Candidates will be proposed and selected by the members of INSOILFER on the basis of their knowledge, experience and technical competence (on INSOILFER areas of work) as well as their commitment to INSOILFER and the time they can devote to the work.
- Members of the Technical Committee who would not be able to carry out their mandate for any reason, will be replaced by another person, maintaining the regional and expertise balance. A member of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) will be invited to be part of the INSOILFER Technical Committee.

# Candidates of the Technical Committee



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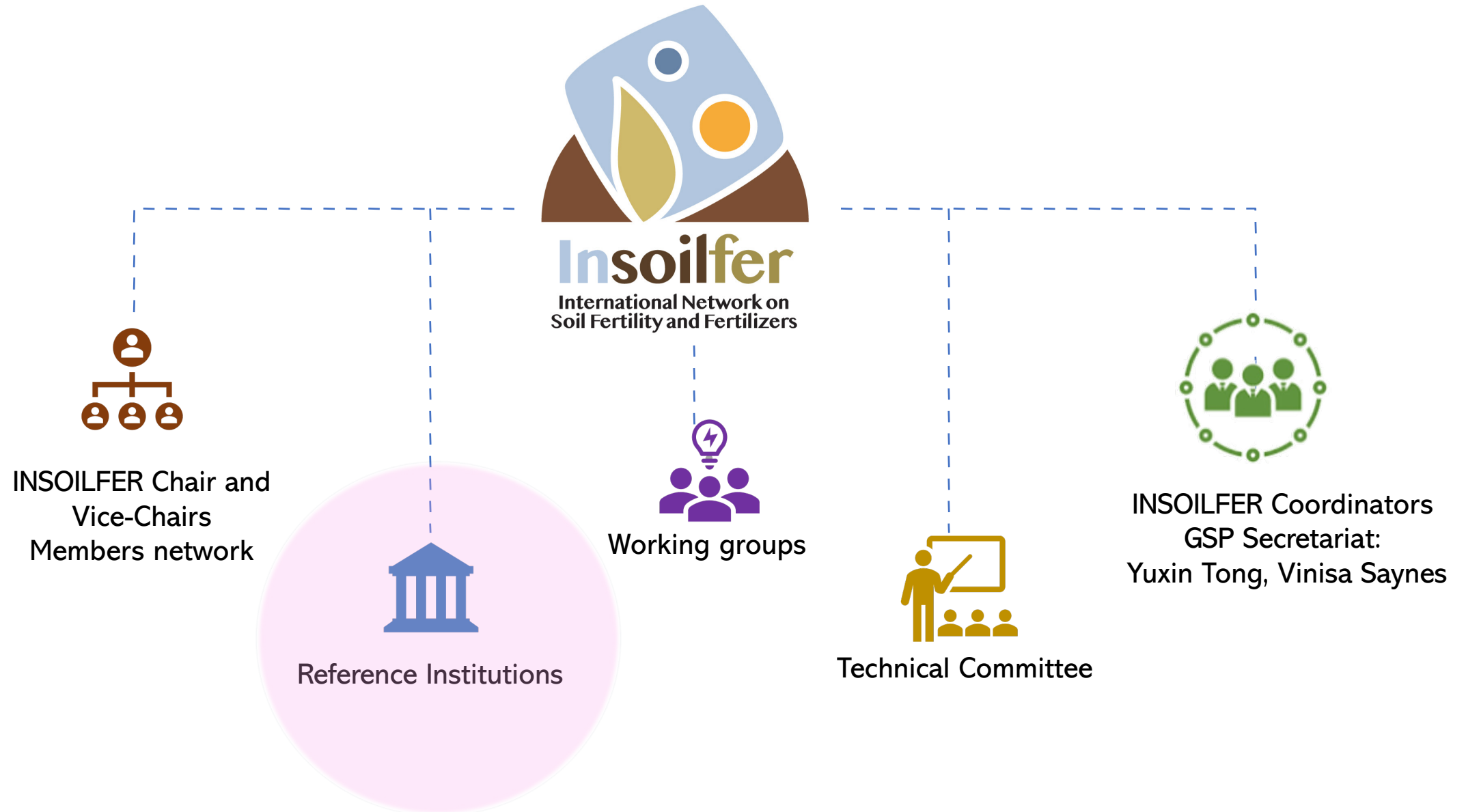
Adele Muscolo, Italy

Gerardo Ojeda, Colombia

Kobusinge Aloys Nyabwiso,  
Tanzania

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# Reference institutions



# Roles of the Reference Institutions- WG3

- Attend the meetings of INSOILFER in order to contribute to regional and global decision-making.
- Representatives of National Reference Institutions can count on the financial support of the GSP/FAO to attend INSOILFER meetings. Beneficiaries will be selected based on their contribution to INSOILFER activities, working groups, gender and geographic balance.
- Attend regional and global trainings and webinars.
- Implement INSOILFER standards and decisions.
- Timely reply to INSOILFER emails, providing information including regulation procedures, laws, and public policies.
- Promote INSOILFER, motivating other institutions/laboratories in their country and region to join the network.
- Lead the organization of national trainings and meetings to transfer the knowledge and skills acquired in INSOILFER to other institutions/laboratories.

# Roles of the Reference Institutions- WG3

- Report the activities related with INSOILFER to the Coordinators as needed. Please note that National Reference Institutions/Laboratories are asked to report on the activities they implement at the country level annually. In case National Reference Institutions/Laboratories do not demonstrate willingness or try to down-scale the INSOILFER activities, the INSOILFER Coordinator can nominate another institution/laboratory to serve as National Reference Institution/Laboratory.
- The Reference Institutions will benefit from priorities to be invited to the meetings, to be funding the equipment, to be invited to develop field projects, to be the lead authors of publications and standards.
- Activities by National Reference Institutions will be evaluated against criteria such as the number new members and laboratories registering in INSOILFER and the proven organization of national trainings, meetings or forums for discussion.

# Some additional remarks



- All public and private institutions are welcome to join INSOILFER. National Reference Institutions will support the down/upscaling of the implementation of activities at the national level.

Suggested criteria for the National Reference Institutions are:

- Perform outstanding activities related to the topics addressed by the INSOILFER working groups.
- Contain qualified, trained, and experienced staff relevant for the topics addressed by the three INSOILFER working groups.

**Nominate the reference institutions!**



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# Thank you

