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# AGENDA

## LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON SOIL POLLUTION (INSOP)

22 APRIL 2022

12:00 – 15:00 CET

VIRTUAL FORMAT (ZOOM)





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### Agenda

Time	Opening remarks
12:00 – 12:10	<b>Mr Lifeng Li</b> , FAO Land and Water Director
	<b>Setting the scene</b>
12:10 – 12:30	The European Zero Pollution Action Plan <b>Mr Joachim D'Eugenio</b> , European Commission  Why an International Network on Soil Pollution (INSOP)? <b>Mr Ronald Vargas</b> , FAO Global Soil Partnership Secretary
12:30 – 12:40	INSOP vision, mission and goals <b>Mr Sergejus Ustinov</b> , FAO-GSP Secretariat, INSOP coordinator
	<b>Main soil pollution initiatives and potential cooperation</b>
12:40 – 13:20	Global Contamination Initiative (GCI) <b>Mr Ravi Naidu</b> International HCH & Pesticides Association (IHPA) <b>Mr John Vijgen</b> International Union of Soil Sciences— working group on Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining and Military Areas (SUITMA) <b>Ms Laura Berta Reyes</b> REMTECH Europe <b>Mr Marco Falconi</b> European Soil Observatory (EUSO) <b>Mr Piotr Wodja (TBC)</b> COMMON FORUM <b>Mr Dietmar Müller-Grabherr</b> NICOLE Europe <b>Mr Johan De Fraye</b> NICOLE Latin America <b>Ms Ana Cristina Moeri</b>  <b>Moderated by Ms Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio, FAO-GSP Secretariat</b>



Time	INSOP working session & technical discussion
13:20 – 13:50	<p><b>Governance of INSOP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Endorsement of the mission, objectives and goals</li> <li>◇ Endorsement of the TORs for Chair and Vice-chair</li> <li>◇ Presentations from the candidates (2 minutes each)</li> <li>◇ Election of Chair and Vice-chair</li> <li>◇ Open discussion</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderated by Mr Sergejus Ustinov, FAO-GSP Secretariat</i></p>
13:50 – 14:20	<p><b>Discussion of the objectives and priorities of the working areas</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Assessment of soil contaminants</li> <li>2) Mapping of soil pollution for informed decision making</li> <li>3) Monitoring and regulation of polluted soils</li> <li>4) Sustainable management and remediation of polluted soil</li> </ol> <p><i>Moderated by Ms Natalia Rodríguez, FAO-GSP Secretariat</i></p>
14:20 – 14:30	<p>Cooperation between INSOP and the Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Experience from GLOSOLAN and articulation with INSOP</li> <li>◇ Standard Operating Proceedings (SOPs) for soil contaminants</li> <li>◇ Next soil contaminants SOPs to harmonize in the framework of GLOSOLAN</li> </ul> <p><i>Ms Miriam Ostinelli, GLOSOLAN Chair</i></p>
14:30 – 14:40	<p>Cooperation between INSOP and the International Network of Soil Information Institutions (INSII)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Bottom-up approach of global data products</li> <li>◇ Gaps and opportunities to map soil pollution</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr Luca Montanarella, INSII Chair</i></p>
14:40 – 14:50	<p>Cooperation between INSOP and the International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ NETSOB priority areas of work</li> <li>◇ Cooperation on nature-based solutions</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr Peter de Ruiter, NETSOB Chair</i></p>
	<b>Conclusions and closure of the event</b>
14:50 – 15:00	<p>Final remarks INSOP Chair</p>



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.

