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Virtual, Zoom platform

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
3. Election of Rapporteur
4. Report of the work performed since the 20th working session
 - Progress on soil organic carbon related activities - RECSOIL SSM Practice Monitoring Protocols
 - Progress on black soils related activities – Black Soil management practices
 - Progress on salt-affected soils related activities: release of the GSAS report, UN Year on Saline Agriculture, INSAS webinars
 - Progress on soil biodiversity related activities - Paper on soil biodiversity and One Health
 - Progress on soil fertility related activities - Policy brief on organic amendments
 - Progress on sustainable soil management related activities - List of SSM paper, new Soil Doctors educational materials
 - Progress on GLOSOLAN related activities (GLOSOLAN updates) - proposal on a certification system for soil laboratories
 - Progress on soil legislation related activities – Legal guide on soil protection and sustainable soil management
5. Preparation of the 2nd edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report – approval of revised chapters
6. Outcome of the Global Symposium on Soil Information and Data 2024
7. Updates of the soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework
8. Review of ITPS Letters on groundwater pollution, soil governance, war-affected soils. Other ITPS Letter proposals
9. World Soil Day 2024
10. Any other business
11. Date and venue of the next meeting
12. Closure of the meeting



Monday 18 th November 2024		
12:00 – 12:10	Item 1: Opening of the meeting	Lifeng Li, NSL Director Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
12:10 – 12:15	Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
12:15 – 12:20	Item 3: Election of Rapporteur	Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
12:20 – 14:30	Item 4: Report of the work performed since the 20 th working session	ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat (15' per item – ppt and discussion)
	- Progress on soil organic carbon related activities - RECSOIL SSM Practice Monitoring Protocols (<i>documents for review and discussion</i>)	Michaela Brown, GSP Secretariat
	- Progress on black soils related activities – Black Soil management practices	Lucia Anjos, ITPS
	- Progress on salt-affected soils related activities: release of the GSAS report, UN Year on Saline Agriculture, INSAS webinars	Maria Konyushkova, GSP Secretariat
	- Progress on soil biodiversity related activities - Paper on soil biodiversity and One Health (<i>document for review and discussion</i>)	Jacob Parnell and Carlos Barreto, GSP Secretariat
	- Progress on soil fertility related activities - Policy brief on organic amendments (<i>document for review and discussion</i>)	Imane Slimani, GSP Secretariat Georges Ndzana, ITPS
	- Progress on sustainable soil management related activities - List of SSM paper, new Soil Doctors educational materials (<i>document for review and discussion</i>)	Carolina Olivera and Cruz Ferro, GSP Secretariat
	- Progress on GLOSOLAN related activities (GLOSOLAN updates) - proposal on a certification system for soil laboratories	Nopmanee Suvannang, ITPS Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat
	- Progress on soil legislation related activities – Legal guide on soil protection and sustainable soil management (<i>document for review and discussion</i>)	Giacomo Rocchegiani, GSP Secretariat



Tuesday 19 th November 2024		
12:00 – 12:30	Item 4: continuation (pending discussion from previous day)	ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat (15' per item – ppt and discussion)
12:30 – 14:30	Item 5: Preparation of the 2nd edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report – approval of revised chapters (<i>documents for review and discussion</i>)	Dan Pennock, Chief Editor
Wednesday 20 th November 2024		
12:00 – 12:30	Item 5: continuation (pending discussion from previous day)	Dan Pennock, Chief Editor
12:30 – 12:45	Item 6: Outcome of the Global Symposium on Soil Information and Data 2024	Isabelle Luotto, GSP Secretariat
12:45 – 13:00	Item 7: Updates of the soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework (<i>document for review and discussion</i>)	Yusuf Yigini, GSP Secretariat
13:00 – 13:45	Item 8: Review of ITPS Letters on groundwater pollution, soil governance, war-affected soils. Other ITPS Letter proposals (<i>documents for review and discussion</i>)	Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair GSP Secretariat
13:45 – 14:00	Item 9: World Soil Day 2024	Isabelle Verbeke, GSP Secretariat
14:00 – 14:30	Item 11: Any other business Item 12: Date and venue of the next meeting Item 13: Closure of the meeting	Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair Natalia Rodriguez Eugenio, GSP Secretariat



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.

The Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) was established at the first Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership held at FAO Headquarters in 2013. The ITPS is composed of 27 top soil experts representing all the regions of the world. The main function of the ITPS is to provide scientific and technical advice and guidance on global soil issues to the Global Soil Partnership primarily and to specific requests submitted by global or regional institutions. The ITPS advocates for addressing sustainable soil management in the different sustainable development agendas.

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