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AGENDA



10th Plenary Assembly of the
**Latin America
and the Caribbean Soil
Partnership (ASLAC)**

and presentation of results
of the regional project
"Support to regional cooperation for climate
management of agricultural ecosystems
with emphasis on water and soil"

June 19 to 22, Mexico City





Sustainable soil management agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean

Presentation of results of the regional project "Support to regional cooperation for climate management of agricultural ecosystems with emphasis on water and soil" and 10th Plenary Assembly of the Latin America and the Caribbean Soil Partnership

Objective:

The meeting will be held from June 19 to 22, 2023 in Mexico City, (Mexico) and will focus on sustainable soil management in Latin America and the Caribbean and the adoption of tools to promote resilient agrifood systems.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- review the results of the regional project "Support to regional cooperation for climate management of agricultural ecosystems with emphasis on water and soil";
- strengthen cooperation between strategic partners and ASLAC; and
- to hold the 10th Plenary Assembly of the Latin America and the Caribbean Soil Partnership (ASLAC) to prepare the region's action plan and participation in the Global Assembly.

Preliminary agenda

DAY 1	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
DAY 1 Monday: OPENING OF THE MEETING		
14: 00 - 14:30	Registration	All
14:30 - 15:00	Welcome to the meeting attendees from the authorities	Victor Manuel Villalobos —Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico Lina Pohl – FAO Representative in Mexico
15:00 - 15:15	Perspectives on the new Global Soil Partnership action plan.	Ronald Vargas – Secretary General of the Global Soil Partnership, FAO
15:15 - 15:30	Agenda for soil management in Latin America and the Caribbean	Sol Ortiz – Chair of ASLAC (Mexico)
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee break	
15:45 - 16:00	Political positioning of the soil restoration and management agenda in LAC	Ana Posas – Agriculture Officer, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, FAO
16:00 - 16:15	Presentation of the Platform for Climate Action in Agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA)	Karla Mena – Chair of PLACA (Costa Rica)
16:15 - 16:30	SoilFER project - Soil mapping for resilient agri-food systems	Ronald Vargas – Secretary General of the Global Soil Partnership, FAO
16:30 - 16:45	Sub-regional SOILCARE project: progress and prospects. Partnership initiative for sustainable land management (PISLM)	PISLM (tbc)
16:45 - 17:00	Objectives and agenda of the meeting Group picture	Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (tbc)

DAY 2	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
DAY 2 Tuesday: PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES and PERSPECTIVES		
09:00 - 09:20	Perspectives on the Use of the Protocol for Sustainable Soil Management	Juan Carlos Rey – FAO Consultant
09:20 - 10:30	Presentation of the results of the Regional Project: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela	Pilots from the 8 countries
10:30 - 10:40	Presentation of the publications proposed as a result of the regional project. Collaboration with the Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)	Mario Guevara – Regional manager of soil data and information at ASLAC (Mexico)
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 11:10	Development and advances of soil carbon, salinity and nutrient maps. Establishment of soil information systems	Rafael Balta – Alternate Focal Point (Peru)
11:10 - 11:20	Strengthening of soil laboratories: progress of the Latin American and Caribbean Soil Laboratory Network, LATSOLAN	Cristina Suarez – Chair of LATSOLAN (Dominican Republic)
11:20 - 11:30	Pilot implementation of the Global Soil Doctors programme in Chile.	Rodrigo Osorio – Vice-president ASLAC (Chile)
11:30 - 11:40	Measurement of soil recarbonisation: pilot study in Mexico.	Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (tbc)
11:40 - 12:00	Soils in Global Environment Fund (GEF) projects,	Nadia Mujica – Monitoring of GEF projects in FAO
<i>Lunch Break</i>		
WORK AND DISCUSSION TABLES		
14:00 - 17:00	Joint construction of a roadmap for scaling up good agricultural practices, land degradation neutrality (LDN) and climate change mitigation/adaptation.	ASLAC, PLACA, GEF
17:00 - 17:30	Approach and guidelines for the soil management agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean to promote resilient agrifood systems.	Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (tbc)

DAY 3	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
DAY 3 Wednesday: 10th ASSEMBLY OF ASLAC		
08:30 - 08:40	Installation of the ASLAC Assembly Approval of the agenda for the 10th Regional Assembly.	Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (tbc)
08:40 - 10:35	<p>Presentation of challenges and opportunities for the countries of the region. 5 minutes per country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belize*, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic*, El Salvador*, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, . Bahamas*, Grenada*, Guyana*, Haiti, Jamaica*, St. Lucia*, Suriname*. Argentina, Bolivia*, Brazil*, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela. <p><i>*to be confirmed</i></p>	<p>Mesoamerica</p> <p>Caribbean</p> <p>South America</p>
10:35 - 10:50	Coffee break	
10:50 - 11:05	Focal points actions at the XXXVIII FAO General Conference to be held in Guyana in 2024 and in the Committee on Agriculture (COAG)	Ana Posas – Agriculture Officer, FAO
11:05 - 11:50	LAC Community of Soil Practices	FAO regional office (tbc)
	Challenges and opportunities for the participation of National Soil Science Societies in the framework of GSP-FAO, to contribute to the sustainability of soil resources.	Laura Bertha Reyes – President of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS).
	Academia and government working together to promote a change in soil attention in Mexico. University Programme for Interdisciplinary Soil Studies (PUEIS) of UNAM	Blanca Prado Pano – PUEIS
	(proposals to be received)	GSP Partners (tbc)
11:50 - 12:00	ASLAC governance proposal and regional work plan	Sol Ortiz – Chair of ASLAC (Mexico)
<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00 a 15:00	Election of the ASLAC Steering Committee	ASLAC
WORK AND DISCUSSION TABLES		
15:00 – 17:00	Participatory construction of the ASLAC action plan. Commitments and timeline (2023-2024)	ASLAC
17:00 – 17:30	Conclusions and closure of the event	Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (tbc)



DAY 3	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
<i>DAY 4 Thursday: Demonstration of the Soil Doctors Initiative in Mexico / Field Trip</i>		
Morning	Demonstration of the implementation of the Soil Doctors Programme in Mexico — Urban Agriculture in Xochimilco	University Program for Interdisciplinary Soil Studies (PUEIS) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)



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.

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