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Launch of the **International Network on Soil Biodiversity**

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Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory

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Launch of the **INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON SOIL BIODIVERSITY** in the framework of the **GLOBAL SOIL BIODIVERSITY OBSERVATORY**

Moderator: Sarah Barden, FAO/GSP

Opening remarks

14.00 -14:20	Mr Lifeng LI , FAO's Director Office of Land and Water Division (NSL)
	Ms Elizabeth Maruma Mrema , Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Biodiversity (video message).
	Ms Kerstin Rosenow , Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development
	Mr François Pythoud , Special Envoy for International Sustainable Agriculture, Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture.

International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)

14.20 -14:30	Introduction to the meeting: setting the scene
	Mr Ronald Vargas , FAO-GSP Secretariat
14.30 -14:45	NETSOB's objectives, governance, technical working groups and work plan
	Ms Rosa Cuevas Corona , FAO-GSP Secretariat

Main global soil biodiversity initiatives/stakeholders

14.45 -15:55	Action Plan of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity
	Ms Sakhile Koketso , CBD
	FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources: microorganisms and invertebrates
	Ms Irene Hoffmann , Secretary of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO
	Global Initiative of Crop Microbiome and Sustainable Agriculture
	Mr Brajesh Singh , President and Scientific Chair
	Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative
	Ms Diana Wall , Scientific Chair of the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative
	EUSO Soil Biodiversity Technical Working Group
	Mr Alberto Orgiazzi , European Commission Joint Research Centre
	Soil Biodiversity Observation Network
	Mr Carlos Guerra , Co-Lead of the global Soil Biodiversity Observation Network
	The Global Fungal Red List
	Mr Gregory Mueller , Chicago Botanic Garden
Digital availability of soil biodiversity data	
Mr Dmitry Schigel , Global Biodiversity Information Facility, Secretariat	
IUCN Global Species Programme Red List	
Mr James Westrip , International Union for Conservation of Nature	
15:55-16:00	<i>Artistic video: Photographing soil animals (Andy Murray)</i>

Launch of the NETSOB “International Network on Soil Biodiversity”

16:00 - 16:30	<p>Governance of NETSOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Endorsement of the mission, objectives and goals* Endorsement of the TOR's Chair and Vice-chairs* Presentations from the candidates (2 minutes each)* Election of Chair and Vice-chairs* Open discussion <p>Ms Natalia Rodríguez, FAO-GSP Secretariat</p>
16:30 - 16:35	<p><i>An artistic perspective of soil biodiversity (Fossick Project)</i></p>
16:35- 17:00	<p>Discussion of the objectives and priorities by the technical working groups (WGs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Technical WG 1: measurement, assessment and monitoring of soil biodiversity* Technical WG 2: sustainable use and management, and conservation of soil biodiversity* Technical WG 3: economics of soil biodiversity* Technical WG 4: policies and legal instruments related to soil biodiversity <p>Ms Rosa Cuevas Corona, FAO-GSP Secretariat</p>
17:00- 17:10	<p>GLOSOLAN and NETSOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Experience from GLOSOLAN and collaboration with NETSOB* Existing Standard Operating Proceedings (SOPs) on soil biodiversity* Upcoming SOPs on soil biodiversity <p>Mr Filippo Benedetti, FAO-GSP Secretariat</p>
17:10- 17:20	<p>GLOSI and NETSOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Collaboration between GLOSI and NETSOB* Mapping and monitoring soil biodiversity <p>Mr Yusuf Yigini, FAO-GSP Secretariat</p>
17:20 - 17:35	<p>Towards the Global soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB)</p> <p>Mr George Brown, Embrapa</p> <p>Ms Rosa Cuevas Corona, FAO-GSP Secretariat</p>
Conclusions and closure of the event	
17:35 – 17:45	<p>Final remarks</p> <p>NETSOB 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.

