

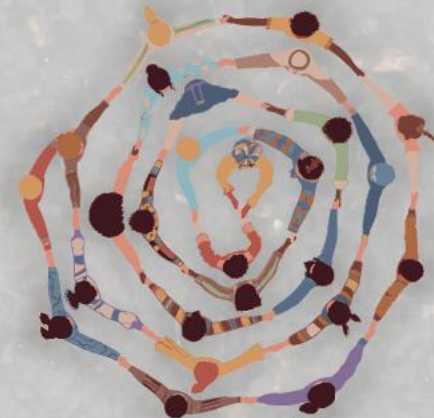


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6.4 Latin America and the Caribbean Soil Partnership (ASLAC)

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Progress Across GSP Action Areas



National soil laboratory networks: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala Honduras, Mexico.



GSN maps: Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama,



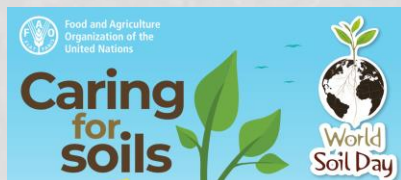
SOILFER project. Soil mapping for resilient agri-food systems in Central America and sub-Saharan Africa. Guatemala and Honduras.



SOILCARE project. Strengthening Caribbean SIDS capacity for Land Degradation Neutrality LDN and Climate Resilience. 8 countries in the Caribbean.



Soils4Nutrition phase II. Restoring soil health and productivity for safe, nutritious, and resilient agri-food systems. Colombia and Mexico



Around 166 **World Soil Day events** were reported in 2024 across the region

Global Soil Doctors Programme

	Total	LAC
Trainers	855	660
Soil Doctors	2067	1201



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ARGENTINA

PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA (THE)

COLOMBIA

CHILE

MEXICO

SAINT LUCIA

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA (THE)

COSTA RICA



Interaction with FAO Regional Office

- **TCP Projects** 1) Political positioning of the soil restoration and management agenda in LAC ([policy brief](#)) 2) Reduction of the cadmium content in Amazonian cocoa and 3) Pollution in Agriculture.
- **4 Workshops and webinars** on: RECSOIL, Soil Doctors, SSM Protocol, soil governance.
- **Collaboration** with the Platform of Climate Action in Agriculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA).
- **Community of practice:** More than 710 members from over 35 countries.



12th Regional Assembly planned in July 2025

Objectives:

- Progress of soil activities in the region
- Election of the new ASLAC steering committee
- Resource mobilization for ASLAC activities
- ASLAC Work Plan 2025 – 2027 to develop.



09 – 10 July 2025
virtual format

Subregional Preparatory meetings April 2025

Information compiled for 17 countries on:

➤ **Main soil activities developed**

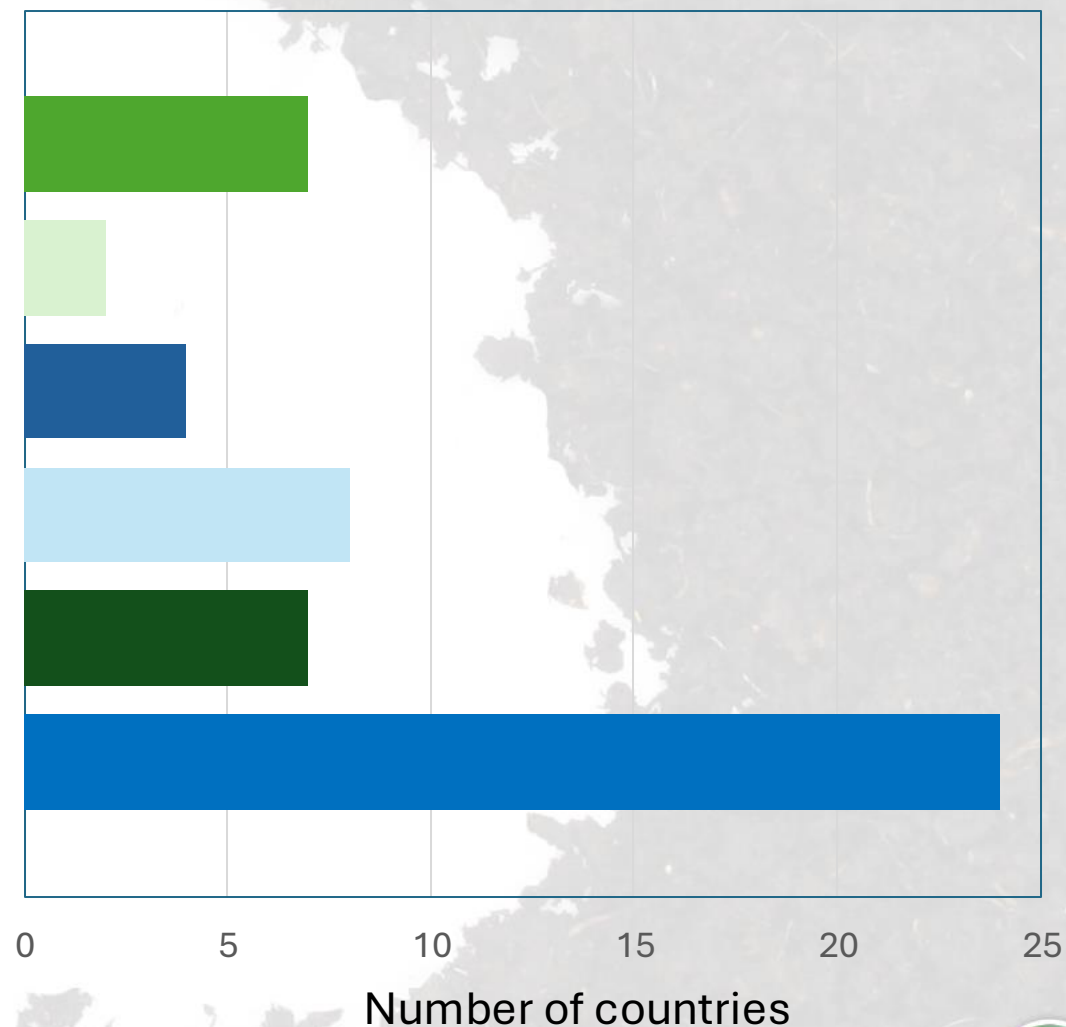
- Area covered
- Amounts invested
- Actors involved
- Topics included

➤ **GSP activities:**

- National soil laboratory network
- National soil partnership
- Soil information system
- Global Soil Doctors Programme

Why soil activities matter for the region?

- Land degradation mitigation
- Conservation of biodiversity
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Soil information and data
- Land use planning
- Agricultural productivity and food security



Priorities & Needs (2025–2026)

- Establish a **working group** on the development, use, and regulatory context of **biofertilizers**.
- Need for **training** on **digital soil mapping** and development of national soil information systems.
- Need for **training** on **harmonized soil laboratory procedures** and development of national laboratory networks.
- Support to the development and strengthening of **soil-related legal frameworks**.



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