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# Status of the World's Soil Resources Report 2025

Overview for Regional Soil Partnerships



Status of the World's Soil Resources Report 2025 (SWSR 2025) is a follow-up to the SWSR 2015 report

Focuses on new information gathered in the 2015 to 2025 period

Primary audience is policy makers and other decision makers involved in sustainable soil management

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SWSR 2025 report concentrates on eight risks  
to soil functions:

Soil erosion, soil carbon change, soil biodiversity change,  
nutrient mismanagement, salinization and sodification,  
pollution, soil sealing and urbanization, and physical  
degradation

Risks are linked to UN Sustainable  
Development Goals

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Two main parts to report:

1) Update on risks to soil functions

2) Regional Assessments of the Status of Soils in 2025

Regional assessments will be carried out by panels of experts from each of the seven regions

# Tentative Structure of Expert Panels

The Editorial Board of the ITPS will collaborate  
with Regional Soil Partnerships  
in the selection of experts for each region

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## Timetable for expert panels:

July to December 2022:

Establish framework for expert panels and select members

April 2023 to March 2024:

Assessment by expert panels

April 2024 to September 2024:

Draft of regional chapters by staff and expert panels

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October 2024 to December 2024:  
Review and revision of draft regional chapters

January to March 2025:  
ITPS review and decision on regional chapters

World Soil Day 2025: Publication of report

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