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Agenda of the Eight Working Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS), 30 April - 4 May 2018, FAO HQ, Ethiopia room (C-285), Rome, Italy

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
3. Election of Rapporteur
4. Report of the work performed since the 7th working session (ITPS)
 - a. Report by Chairs of Pillars
 - b. Report by Chairs of working groups
5. Follow up on the GSP Plans of Action/Implementation Plans:
 - a. Review/endorsement of the Pillar 1 Implementation Plan
 - b. Review/endorsement of the Pillar 3 Implementation Plan
6. Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management: a) preparation of the Code of Conduct for the Management of Fertilizers (CoCoFe); b) towards a Global assessment of Soil Biodiversity.
7. Review of the progress on: a) assessment at global level of the potential of soil protection for increased resilience in a context of climate change; b) study on the economic benefits of SSM for farmers and other land users, as well as identify best practices that prevent soil degradation for 2020.
8. Review of the progress of the technical networks: INSII, GLOSOLAN, INBS
9. Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution
10. Report on the collaboration between ITPS and the SPI of UNCCD, IPBES and IPCC
11. Report to the Sixth GSP Plenary Assembly and transmission report to next ITPS
12. Date and venue of the next meeting

13. Any Other Business

14. Closure of the meeting

Monday 30 April		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:10	Item 1: Opening of the meeting	Mr. Eduardo Mansur, Director Land and Water Division, FAO
09:10 - 09:20	Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	Mr. Luca Montanarella, (ITPS Chair)
09:20 - 09:30	Item 3: Election of Rapporteur	Mr. Luca Montanarella, (ITPS Chair)
09:30 - 10:30	Item 4: Report of the work performed since the 7 th working session (ITPS)	Mr. Luca Montanarella, (ITPS Chair) and chairs of GSP Pillars/working groups
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:00	Item 5: Follow up on the GSP Plans of Action /Implementation Plans	Mr. Dan Pennock, Chair Pillar 1 Mr. Brajendra Parmar, Chair Pillar 3
12:00 - 13:00	Item 6: Implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management: a) preparation of the Code of Conduct for the Management of Fertilizers (CoCoFe); b) towards a Global assessment of Soil Biodiversity. c) Global Symposiums: Global Symposium on nutrition sensitive soil management in 2019 and Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity in 2020. d) Follow up to the GSOC17	All Mr. Gary Pierzynski, Lead author Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat Mr. Yusuf Yigini/Ms Rosa Cuevas, GSP Secretariat
13:00 - 14:10	Lunch break and group photo	
14:10 - 15:30	Item 7: Review of the progress on: a) assessment at global level of the potential of soil protection for increased resilience in a context of climate change; b) study on the economic benefits of SSM for farmers and other land users, as well as identify best practices that prevent soil degradation for 2020.	Mr. Dan Penock, ITPS Chair Mr. Pavel Krasilnikov, ITPS Member
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 – 17:00	Item 8. Review of the progress of the technical networks: INSII, GLOSOLAN, INBS	Mr. Neil McKenzie, Chair INSII Ms. Lucrezia Caon, GSP Secretariat Mr Yuxin Tong, GSP Secretariat

Tuesday 1st May		
09:00 - 10:00	Item 9: Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution	Ms Natalia Rodriguez, GSP Secretariat ITPS Members
10:00 - 11:00	Item 10: Report on the collaboration between ITPS and the SPI of UNCCD, IPBES and IPCC	Mr Luca Montanarella, ITPS Chair
11:00 - 12:00	Item 11: Report to the Sixth GSP Plenary Assembly and transmission report to next ITPS	Mr Luca Montanarella, ITPS Chair
12:00 - 13:00	Date and venue of the next meeting Any Other Business Closure of the meeting	Mr Luca Montanarella, ITPS Chair Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
Wednesday 2nd May		
08:30 - 17:00	Participation in the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution (GSOP18) Different roles	ITPS Members
Thursday 3 May		
08:30 - 17:00	Participation in the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution (GSOP18) Different roles	ITPS Members
Friday 4th May		
08:30 - 17:00	Participation in the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution (GSOP18)	All