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First meeting of the International Network on Salt-Affected Soils (INSAS)

14 April 2021 13:30 – 15:30 CEST

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Wednesday 14 April 2021	
13:30 – 13:40	Opening <i>Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, FAO</i>
FAO Global Soil Partnership tools and activity on salt-affected soils	
13:40 – 14:30	Introduction to the GSP <i>Natalia Rodriguez, GSP Secretariat</i> Global soil salinity map and Global report on salt-affected soils <i>Christian Omuto, GSP Secretariat</i> Soil Doctors program and its materials on salt-affected soils <i>Carolina Olivera Sanchez, GSP Secretariat & Zhanyl Bozayeva, FAO-KZ</i> The Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for saline soil analysis <i>Nopmanee Suvannang, GLOSOLAN Chair</i> Global symposium on salt-affected soils (GSSAS2021) <i>Maria Konyushkova, GSP Secretariat</i> World Soil Day 2021 <i>Isabelle Verbeke, GSP Secretariat</i>
Introduction to INSAS	
14:30 – 14:50	Introduction to INSAS <i>Maria Konyushkova, GSP Secretariat</i> - Introduction to INSAS - INSAS webpage - Membership - Terms of Reference for Chair and Vice-Chair
Setting the scene - the main areas of work with salt-affected soils	
14:50 – 15:30	Mapping and assessing salt affected soils: the challenges and opportunities as experienced for the Latin American and the Caribbean region <i>Mario Guevara Santamaria, National Autonomous University of Mexico</i> Salt-affected soils management: Soil salinity management plan of the United Arab Emirates <i>Bayan Mahmoud Athamneh, UAE Environmental Agency Abu Dhabi</i> Soil&Crops : The Salt Doctors - Improving crop yield under saline conditions <i>Arjen de Vos, The Salt Doctors director</i> Soil&Water: The WASAG working group on Saline Agriculture - Partners at work for resilient agriculture and food security <i>Jean Boroto, coordinator of WASAG</i>

Moderator: Mr. Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat

Thursday 15 April 2021	
Setting the scene - the main areas of work with salt-affected soils (cont'd)	
13:30 – 14:20	Biosaline agriculture: lessons learned from agricultural R&D projects in salt-affected areas <i>Ahmed H. Elnaggar, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture</i> The integrated approach to soil salinity management in Central Asia and Turkey (CACILM-2 GEF project) <i>Makhmud Shaumarov, regional project coordinator, FAO-KZ</i> Effects of grey water use on salinity and sodicity: case study from Belgium <i>Wim Cornelis, Gent University - UNESCO Chair on Eremology</i> Modelling solute transport in salt-affected soils: case studies from Iran <i>Meisam Rezaei, Soil and Water Research Institute of Iran</i> The impact of sea level rise on soil salinization in Northern Europe and the potential of saline agriculture as an adaptation measure <i>Katarzyna Negacz, IVM Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>
INSAS work plan and governance	
14:20 – 15:30	- Work plan of INSAS including thematic areas - Interactive discussion - Election of Chair and Vice-chairs - Voting and adoption of the work plan of INSAS
15:30	Closure of the meeting

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