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Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly

Eleventh session
Hybrid (FAO headquarters and virtual) 12–14 July 2023
Agenda (GSPPA: XI/2023/1)

Wednesday 12 July | 09:00 – 17:00

1. **Opening of the session and launch of the “Soil Atlas of Asia”**
 - Opening of the Plenary by Dr QU Dongyu, Director-General, FAO (tbc)
 - Launch of the Soil Atlas of Asia
2. **Status on the Implementation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Action Framework (including the monitoring and soil health index): *for decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/2)**
3. **Implications of the establishment of a Sub-committee on soils under FAO’s Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and maintaining the GSP in its current structure: *for decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/3)**
4. **Work of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS): *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/4)**
 - 4.1 Report by the chairperson on main activities and outcomes of the work programme 2022-2023
 - 4.2 ITPS work programme 2023-2024
 - 4.3 Preparation of the Second edition of the Status of the World’s Soil Resources
5. **Report on the financial status of the GSP: *for information* (GSPPA: XI/2023/5)**
6. **Report on normative tools and actions on sustainable soil management: *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/6)**
 - 6.1 Compliance to the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) including the SSM Protocol
 - 6.2 Response to the Fertilizer Crisis via the International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers

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6.3 RECSOIL: recarbonization of global soils

6.4 Soil Doctors

7. **Status on the organization of Global Symposia:** *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/7)

7.1 Report on the Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition 2022

7.2 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soils and Water 2023

7.3 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soil Data and Information 2024

7.4 Preparations for the Global Symposium on Soil Sealing and Urban Soils 2025

Thursday 13 July | 09:00 – 17:00

Soil Partners' Day

A call for side events will be launched (as per FAO's rules and regulations) inviting member countries and GSP partners to submit proposals for side events. GSP partners will have the opportunity to present their innovative actions towards sustainable soil management in the regions and countries as a contribution to the GSP target of achieving 50% of healthy soils by 2030.

Friday 14 July | 09:00 – 17:00

8. **Report on Regional Soil Partnerships:** *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/8)

8.1 Survey on the status and future of Regional Soil Partnerships

8.2 African Soil Partnership

8.3 Asian Soil Partnership

8.4 Near East and North Africa Soil Partnership

8.5 European Soil Partnership

8.6 Latin America and the Caribbean Soil Partnership

8.7 North American Soil Partnership

8.8 Pacific Soil Partnership

9. **Progress of the GSP Technical Networks:** *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/9)

9.1 International Network of Soil Information institutions (INSII)

9.2 Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) and its initiative on soil spectroscopy (GLOSOLAN-Spec)

9.3 International Network of Black Soils (INBS)

9.4 International Network of Salt Affected Soils (INSAS)

9.5 International Network on Fertilizer Analysis (INFA)

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- 9.6 International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)
- 9.7 International Network on Soil Pollution (INSOP)
- 10. **World Soil Day report 2022, preparations for 2023 and theme for 2024, awareness raising on soils and prizes:** *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XI/2023/10)
- 11. **Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and appointment of the Rapporteur for the next period:** *for decision*
- 12. **Date and venue of the next Plenary session**
- 13. **Any other matters**