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## Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly



<b>Ninth session</b>
<b>Virtual, 08-10 September 2021</b>
<b>Agenda and timetable</b>

Virtual via Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 08 September | 12:00 – 15:00**

1. **Opening of the session, launch of the GSOCseq and Technical Manual and adoption of the Agenda** (GSPPA:IX/2021/1)
  - Opening of the Plenary by Mr Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO
  - Opening remarks by Mr Victor Villalobos, Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico
  - Keynote presentation “Soil Investment hub: mobilizing financial resources to boost soil health” Mr Tony Siantonas, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
  - Launch of the Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential map, Mr Guillermo Peralta, GSP Secretariat, FAO
    - Application of the GSOCseq map in Colombia, Mr Jorge Mario Díaz Luengas, AGROSAVIA
    - The case of Brazil in recarbonization of soils, Mr Celso Moretti, President EMBRAPA
  - Launch of the Technical Manual of Recarbonizing global soils: a technical manual of recommended management practices, Ms Rosa Poch, Chair of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils.
  - Introduction to the Plenary by Mr Lifeng Li, Director Land and Water Division, FAO
  - Adoption of the agenda
2. **Implementation of the Recommendations of the GSP Evaluation: *for decision*** (GSPPA:IX/2021/2)  
(Presented by Mr Ronald Vargas)
  - New GSP Action Framework: healthy soils for a healthy life
  - Assessment of the implications of an eventual institutionalization of the GSP
3. **Work of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel of Soils (ITPS): *for decision*** (GSPPA:IX/2021/3)  
(Presented by Ms Rosa Poch)
  - Report by the chairperson on main activities and outcomes of the work programme 2019-2020
  - Extension of ITPS members due to COVID19  
ITPS work programme 2021-2022
  - Towards the Second edition of the Status of the World’s Soil Resources

4. **Report on the financial status of the GSP: for information** (GSPPA:IX/2021/4)  
(Presented by Ms Vanja Maslovarik)

**THURSDAY 09 September | 12:00 – 15:00**

5. **Report on normative tools and actions on sustainable soil management: for decision** (GSPPA:IX/2021/5)  
(Presented by Ms Carolina Olivera)

- Compliance of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management
- International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers
- RECSOIL: recarbonization of global soils
- Soil Doctors

6. **Status about Global Symposia: for decision** (GSPPA:IX/2021/6)  
(Presented by Ms Maria Konyushkova)

- Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity
- Global Symposium on Salt Affected Soils
- Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition
- Themes for the next Symposia

7. **Highlights of the GSP work on soil threats and global assessments: for decision** (GSPPA:IX/2021/7)  
(Presented by Ms Natalia Rodriguez)

- Soil pollution
- Soil biodiversity loss
- Soil salinity
- Soil erosion
- Soil governance (SoilLEX)

10. **World Soil Day (theme for 2022), awareness raising on soils and Prizes: for information** (GSPPA:IX/2021/10)

(Presented by Ms Isabelle Verbeke)

**FRIDAY 10 September | 12:00 – 15:00**

8. **Report on Regional Soil Partnerships: for decision** (GSPPA:IX/2021/8)

8.1 African Soil Partnership – Mr Victor Chude

8.2 Asian Soil Partnership – Mr Pablo Montalla

8.3 European Soil Partnership – Mr Rainer Baritz

8.4 Latin America and the Caribbean Partnership – Ms Carla Pascale

8.5 NENA Soil Partnership – Mr Rachid Moissadek

8.6 North American Soil Partnership – Mr David Lindbo

8.7 Pacific Soil Partnership – Mr Peter Wilson

9. **Progress of the GSP Technical Networks:** *for information* (GSPPA:IX/2021/9)

- International Network of Soil Information institutions (INSII) (Presented by Mr Yusuf Yigini)
- Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) (Presented by Ms Nopmanee Suvannang)
- International Network on Fertilizers Assessment (INFA) (Presented by Mr Wesley Karl Feldmann)
- International Network of Black Soils (INBS) (Presented by Mr Ivan Vasenev)
- International Network of Salt Affected Soils (INSAS) (Presented by Mr Jorge Batlle-Sales)

11. **Report on efforts towards sustainable soil management by partners:** *for information*

12. **Date and venue of the next Plenary session**

13. **Any other matters**