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European Soil Partnership Plenary Meeting

FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

10-12 May 2017

Chair: Elena Havlicek, FOEN (Switzerland)

Secretary: Marc Van Liedekerke,

European Commission Joint Research Centre

Draft Agenda

Wednesday 10 May (14.00-18.00h)

- 14:00 – 14:15 Welcome and Opening (*Ronald Vargas and Elena Havlicek*)
14:15 – 14:20 Adoption of the Agenda
14:20 – 14:40 Tour de table
14:40 – 15:00 Progress report of the GSP including Regional Soil Partnerships (*Ronald Vargas*)
15:00 – 15:10 Progress report of the ESP Steering Committee (*Elena Havlicek*)
15:10 – 15:30 Progress report of the Eurasian Soil Partnership (*Hakki Erdogan or Pavel Krasilnikov*)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

- 16:00 – 16:30 Information from National Focal Points (*all*)
16:30 – 18:00 The ESP: overarching goals and global activities (*Elena Havlicek*) and discussion

Thursday 11 May (9.00-18.30h)

- 09:00 – 10:30 ESP Draft Implementation Plan: **Pillar 1** (*Violette Geissen*) and discussion
(Promote sustainable *management of soil resources for soil protection, conservation and sustainable productivity*)

- Activities of pillar 1
- Related outputs
- Input required from the national focal points
- Links to the other pillar activities

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

- 11:00 – 12:30 ESP Draft Implementation Plan: **Pillar 2** (*Arwyn Jones*) and discussion
(*Encourage investment, technical cooperation, policy, education awareness and extension in soil*)
- Target audience and benefits of membership
 - Communication channels
 - World Soil Day
 - Pillar 2 WG meeting
 - Support to EU and national soil policy development
 - Engagement with extension services
 - Scientific and technical cooperation
 - Demonstrate positive return from investments
 - Global Soil Week 2017

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 – 15:30 ESP Draft Implementation Plan: **Pillar 3** (*Coen Ritsema*) and discussion
(*Promote targeted soil research and development focusing on identified gaps and priorities and synergies with related productive, environmental and social development actions*)

- 16:00 - 17:00 ESP Draft Implementation Plan: **Pillar 4** (*Allan Lilly*) and discussion
(*Enhance the quantity and quality of soil data and information: data collection (generation), analysis, validation, reporting, monitoring and integration with other disciplines*)
- Soil profile data, soil maps, soil property maps and soil monitoring
 - Soil organic carbon maps
 - Data Policy
 - Implementation institutions/network

- 17:00 – 18:00 ESP Draft Implementation Plan: **Pillar 5** (*Hakki Erdogan*)
(*Harmonization of methods, measurements and indicators for the sustainable management and protection of soil resources*)

- 18:00 – 18:30 Discussion **Pillars 4 and 5**
- Soil classification and soil description: national/international
 - Standards for data sharing
 - Indicators, links to national and international statistics, SDG

Friday 12 May (9.00-13.00)

- 09:00 – 11:00 ESP Global activities (*Luca Montanarella*)
- Contribution of the ESP to the Global Soil Organic Carbon Map (initiative by GSP)
 - Contribution of the ESP to the 2nd edition of the Soil Atlas of Europe
 - Contribution of the ESP to the SWSR2020 (2nd Status of World's Soil Resources report)
 - Contribution of the ESP to the implementation of the VGSSM (Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

- 11:30 – 11:45 Discussion on Actions / Mobilization of Resources (*All*)
11:45 – 12:45 Discussion on the next steps of the ESP (*All*)
12:45 – 13:00 Conclusions / Wrap-up (*Elena Havlicek*)