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Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly

Thirteenth session
Hybrid FAO headquarters and virtual 03 - 05 June 2025
Provisional agenda and timetable

Tuesday, 03 June 2025 | 09.00 – 12.00 (CEST)

**Grand Opening: Celebrating FAO Members' achievements on land and soils
at FAO 80th Anniversary**
Green Room (A127bis)

- Video 'A historical overview of FAO's achievements in soil and land'

Opening remarks

Moderated by Mr Godfrey Magwenzi, Deputy Director-General and Director of Cabinet, FAO

- Opening remarks by Dr QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General (video message)
- Mr Safdar Niazi Shahraki, Vice Minister of Water & Soil, Ministry of Agriculture Jihad, Islamic Republic of Iran
- H.E. Mietani Chauke, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- H.E. Carla Barroso Carneiro, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and related International Organizations, Brazil
- H.E. ZHANG Lubiao, Ambassador, Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, People's Republic of China

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- Ms Pathumwadee Imtour, Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Thailand
- Ms Lidia Brito, Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (online)
- Ms Andrea Meza, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (video message)

1. High-level roundtables advancing soil and land agenda

High-level roundtable 1 - Data, science, innovation and technology

This roundtable will showcase the historical trajectory of FAO's collaboration with partners (including Member countries, UN Agencies and research institutions) on collecting, analyzing and facilitating access of Members, farmers and other users to data and information on the state and use of land and soil management for informed decision on planning, management and investment.

Speakers include:

- Mr Sharlo Camilleri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights of Malta (online)
- Ms Alessandra Zampieri, Director of Sustainable Resources, European Commission Joint Research Centre
- Ms Sumitra Watana, Deputy Director General, Land Development Department (LDD), Thailand
- Ms Lidia Brito, Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (online)
- Prof. Ganlin ZHANG, Professor, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Dr. Nicole Harari, Senior Research Scientist, Executive Team Member of the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT), Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

Moderated by Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO

High level Roundtable 2 - Impactful solutions on the ground

This roundtable will showcase solutions and impacts of FAO Members' and Partners' work on sustainable management and restoration of land and soil resources including policies, land use planning, and investments. Speakers include:

- Mr Safdar Niazi Shahraki, Vice Minister of Water & Soil, Ministry of Agriculture Jihad, Islamic Republic of Iran
- H.E. Carla Barroso Carneiro, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Brazil to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and related International Organizations, Brazil

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- Dr. Viliami Toalei Manu, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests of Tonga (online)
- Ms Gina P. Nilo, Director of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), the Philippines

Moderated by Ms Nora Berrahmouni, Deputy-Director, Land and Water Division, FAO

- Cultural performance

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1. Adoption of the agenda: *for decision* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/1)
2. Review of the Terms of Reference of the GSP and proposal for the mandate of a Sub-Committee on Soils under the FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG): *for decision* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/2)
3. Report on the financial status of the GSP: *for information* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/3)
4. Work of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel of Soils (ITPS): *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/4)
 - 4.1. Report by the Chairperson on main activities and outcomes of the work programme 2024-2025 and overall term of the fourth Panel
 - 4.2. ITPS work programme 2025-2026
 - 4.3. Finalization and launch of the Second edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report
 - 4.4. Appointment of new members of the ITPS

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Launch of the exhibit on land and soil as part of FAO's 80th anniversary
FAO Atrium

The exhibit "*A Legacy of Land and Soil Action for a Food Secure and Resilient Tomorrow*" will be launched for the participants of the Plenary Assembly by *Mr Lifeng Li*, Director of the Land and Water Division. Through a historical journey spanning eight decades, the exhibit highlights FAO's key achievements in soil and land management in the context of the Organization's 80th anniversary.

A cocktail reception will follow in the FAO Atrium.

Wednesday, 04 June 2025 | 09.00 – 12.00 (CEST)

Land and Soil Partners' Day
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During the morning session, and as part of the celebration of FAO's 80th anniversary, historical and new partners of FAO and the GSP will have the opportunity to celebrate joint achievements in advancing knowledge and monitoring of land and soil and actions towards more sustainable agriculture and restoration of degraded lands and ecosystems. Partners will be called upon to organize round tables or sessions to discuss and showcase actions carried out over the last eight decades together with FAO on sustainable soil and land management and to discuss future actions as a contribution to the FAO Strategic Framework and the GSP target of reaching 50 percent healthy soils by 2030.

Wednesday, 04 June 2025 | 14.00 – 17.00 (CEST)

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5. Status on the Implementation of the GSP Action Framework: *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/5)
 - 5.1. Progress in the development of the Global Soil Health Dashboard and the GSP Action Framework KPI system
 - 5.2. Activities under Action Area 1: Sustainably manage and restore soils for the provision of ecosystem services
 - 5.3. Activities under Action Area 2: Strengthen soil governance
 - 5.4. Activities under Action Area 3: Promote knowledge and literacy on soils
 - 5.5. Activities under Action Area 4: Promote awareness raising and advocacy on soil health
 - 5.6. Activities under Action Area 5: Assess, map, and monitor soil health in a harmonized way
 - 5.7. Activities under Action Area 6: Foster technical cooperation including among genders and youth

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Thursday, 05 June 2025 | 09.00 – 17.00 (CEST)

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6. Report on Regional Soil Partnerships: *for information and decision* (GSPPA: XIII/2025/6).
7. Report on efforts towards sustainable soil management by partners: *for information*
8. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and appointment of the Rapporteur for the next period: *for decision*
9. Date and venue of the next Plenary session.
10. Any other matters