

June 2025



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'

1. Opening remarks

- Opening remarks by Mr QU Dongyu, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Remarks by FAO Members.
- Remarks by the Chairperson of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP).

2. Ceremony: Recognition of FAO Members for impact solutions and achievements on land and soils.

3. 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).

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List of speakers is being finalized.

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 on policies, land use planning, investments.

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Tuesday, 03 June 2025 | 14.00 – 17.00 (CEST)

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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

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

Land and Soil Partners' Day

Green Room / Ethiopia Room

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 roundtables 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.

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5. Status on the Implementation of the GSP Action Framework 2022-2030: *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

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