



GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP

Launch workshop of the Global Soil Partnership: towards prevention and restoration of degraded soils in Central America and The Caribbean

30 September – 3 October 2013

Hotel Melia Habana

La Habana, Cuba

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER	
Day 1: Monday 30th September			
Session 1: Introduction of the Workshop, the Global Soil Partnership, and Regional initiatives			
08:00 – 08:45	Registration		
08:45 - 09:00	Opening address by Ministry of Agriculture of Cuba	Min.....	
09:00 - 09:10	Introduction to the workshop by FAO	Dr. Theodor Friedrich, FAO Representative in Cuba	
09:10 - 09:20	Address about the importance of soil resources in the Region Vice Minister of Agriculture of Costa Rica Vice Minister of Water and Soil of Dominican Republic	Hon. Tania Lopez Lee Hon. José Alarcón Mealla	
09:20 - 09:40	Introduction to the participants	All	
09:40 - 10:20	Introduction to the Global Soil Partnership	Ronald Vargas (FAO)	
10:20- 10:50	Coffee break and Group photo		
10:50 - 11:00	Soil Science in Cuba	Olegario Muñiz (Soil Institute)	
11:00 - 11:25	Status of soil resources in Central America and experiences of its sustainable management	Aracely Castro (CIAT)	
11:25 – 11:50	Status of soil resources in the Caribbean and experiences of its sustainable management	Leslie Simpson (CARDI)	
11:50 - 12:15	Experiences of MIS Consortium	Reynaldo Mendoza (MIS)	
12:15 - 12:40	Experiences of sustainable soil management in the Region	Axel Schmidh, CRS	
12:40 - 13:00	Regional priorities in sustainable soil management: experiences from FAO	Luis Alvarez (FAO)	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break		
TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER	CHAIR
Session 2: National presentations on status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management			
14:00 - 14:20	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Belize	Roberto Harrison - Ministry of Agriculture	Chair: Joan Brown Morrison
14:20 - 14:40	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Costa Rica	Hon. Tania Lopez - Vice Minister of Agriculture	
14:40- 15:00	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Cuba	Dagoberto Rodríguez - Soil Institute Director, Cuba	
15:00 - 15:20	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in El Salvador	Alirio Mendoza - National Center for Agricultural and Forest Technology (CENTA)	
15:20 - 15:50	Coffee break		Chair: Carlos Henriquez
15:50 - 16:10	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Granada	Daniel Lewis - Ministry of Agriculture	

16:10 - 16:30	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Guatemala	Hugo Tobias – University of San Carlos	
16:30 - 16:50	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Guyana	Oudho Homenauth - National Agriculture Research and Extension Institute (NAREI)	
16:50 - 17:10	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Haiti	Joseph Donald - Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development	
17:10 - 17:40	Plenary discussion and summary of the session		
18:00 - 19:30	Cocktail		
Day 2: Tuesday 1st October			
Sesion 3: National Presentations on status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management			
08:30 - 08:50	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Honduras	Milton Toledo - Agriculture and Livestock Secretariat	Chair: Hugo Tobias
08:50 - 09:10	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Jamaica	Joan Brown Morrison - Director of Physical Rural Planning Division	
09:10 - 09:30	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Mexico	Ramon Cardoza Vasquez - Soil Manager CONAFOR	
09:30 - 09:50	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Mexico	Alberto Hernandez - SAGARPA	
09:50 - 10:10	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Nicaragua	Luis Urbina - INTA	
10:10 - 10:40	Coffee break		
10:40 - 11:00	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Panama	Camilo Samaniego - National Environment Authority	Chair: Aracely Castro
11:00 - 11:20	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Panama	Jose Villarreal - Research Institute for Agriculture and Livestock	
11:20 - 11:40	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Dominican Republic	Hon. José Alarcon Mealla - Vice Minister of Soil and Water	
11:40 - 12:00	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Surinam		

12:00 - 12:30	Status, priorities and needs for sustainable soil management in Trinidad and Tobago	Gaius Eudoxie - University of the West Indies	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break		
13:30 – 15:15	Plenary discussion about the needs and priorities for sustainable soil management in the Region		Chair: Carlos Henriquez
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee break		
15:45 - 17:30	Development of a Plan of Action for conservation, preservation and restoration of regional soils.		Chair: Ronald Vargas

Day 3: Wednesday 2nd October			
Session 4: Field trip			
08:00 - 17:30	Field trip (visit to model farms in MST)		Chair: Olegario Muniz

Day 4: Thursday 3rd October			
Session 5: Establishment of the Regional Partnership and development of a Plan of Action			
08:30 - 10:30	Preparation of the Table of Contents for the Plan of Action aiming at sustainable soil management in the Region		Chair: Olegario Muniz/Carlos Henriquez
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 13:00	Preparation of the Table of Contents for the Plan of Action aiming at sustainable soil management in the Region		Chair: Olegario Muniz/Carlos Henriquez
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 - 15:30	Establishment of the Regional Partnership and Preparation of a Communiqué		Chair: Ronald Vargas
15:30 – 16:00	Closing of the Workshop		Chair: Olegario Muniz