



***“Towards a Global Soil Partnership for Food Security and Climate Change  
Adaptation and Mitigation”***

**7 - 9 September 2011**

**FAO Headquarters  
Red Room  
Rome, Italy**

DAY	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER	CHAIR
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
18:00 - 19:00	Presentation of the Movie: <b>DIRT!</b>		Iran Room
<b>Day 1: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
13:00 – 14:00	Registration		
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and opening	FAO Director General	Chair: Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department
14:10 – 14:30	Soils and desertification, global challenges and perspectives.	Dr. Luc Gnacadja UNCCD Executive Secretary	
14:30 – 14:50	Biodiversity and Soils; Agenda for action in United Nations Decade for Biodiversity	Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif CBD Executive Secretary	
15:10 – 15:30	Coping with food insecurity and climate change simultaneously.	Prof. M.S. Swaminathan MSSRF, India	
15:30 – 15:50	Current global policies towards sustainable development ( <b>to be confirmed</b> )	Representative from European Commission	
15:50 – 16:10	Soil resources to address current and upcoming challenges ( <b>to be confirmed</b> )	Dr. Zhan Taolin Vice Minister of Agriculture, PRC	
16:10 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
16:30 – 17:00	Introduction to the Global Soil Partnership	Mr. Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department	Facilitator: Ms. Constance Neely
17:00-18:30	Participants Introductions and Plenary discussion about the Global Soil Partnership – rationale and how could it be established?		Facilitator: Ms Constance Neely
19:00 – 20:00	<b>Cocktail</b>		
<b>Day 2: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
09:00 – 09:20	Soil resources for Food Security in Africa: Globalsoilmap Project	Dr. Pedro Sanchez Columbia University/CIAT	Chair: Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department
09:20 – 09:40	The Global Soil Forum and its role within the Global Soil Partnership	Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer IASS-Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies	
09:40 – 10:00	Regional soil policies and future of	Dr. Martin Yemefack	

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<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	A Global Instrument for Soil Protection	Dr. Jochen Flassbarth Federal Environment Agency, Germany (UBA)	
<b>10:20 - 10:40</b>	Lessons from the Global Water Partnership - Signing of MoU between FAO and GWP	Dr. Ania Grobicki Executive Secretary GWP	
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	Press Conference (Parallel event in Iran Room)	Keynote Speakers	Chair: Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	Linking National priorities to Global Imperatives through sustainable Soil policies and management: an introduction to the establishment of the Global Soil Partnership.	Dr. Parviz Koochafkan, Director FAO Land and Water Division	
<b>11:20 - 11:40</b>	Constitution of Working Groups	Facilitator: Ms Constance Neely	
<b>11:40 – 13:00</b>	Discussion in Regional Working Groups on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision, Mission and Objectives of the GSP.</li> <li>• National and regional priorities.</li> <li>• Governance Structure of the GSP</li> <li>• Roles, responsibilities of key partners and implementation plan/process.</li> </ul>	Working Group Moderators, FAO Focal Points and Working Group Participants	
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
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<b>15:30 – 15:50</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>15:50 – 16:50</b>	Working Group Reports (10 minutes each) and Discussion	Rapporteurs	
<b>16:50 – 18:30</b>	Discussion in Working Groups by GSP Pillars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmonization and standardization processes.</li> <li>• Soil data and information.</li> <li>• Targeted soil research and development.</li> <li>• Soil Management</li> <li>• Investment/funding and technical cooperation</li> </ul>	Working Group Moderators (USDA, ISRIC, CSIRO, Universities, CGIAR Centers, Donors)	
<b>Day 3: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September (only morning)</b>			
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<i>Plenary session:</i> Working Group Reports (10 minutes each) and Discussion	Rapporteurs	Facilitator
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b><i>Proposal for the Establishment of the GSP and the way forward:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal for the formation of an Inter governmental Panel on Land and Soil (IPLS)</li> </ul>		Mr. Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>10:45 – 13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAO Requirements for the Establishment of the GSP and hosting of the Secretariat</li> <li>• Recognition of the Regional Partnerships</li> </ul> <p>Closure of the event</p>	<p>Regional Lead Institutions</p> <p>Mr. Alexander Müller Assistant Director General FAO Environment and Natural Resources Department</p>	Dr. Parviz Koohafkan, Director FAO Land and Water Division