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7th Asian Soil
Partnership

MEETING

9-10 March 2022

ARIEL Webinar on soil governance: “Soil governance related to food security and land degradation neutrality”

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Aim: bring together interested stakeholder to discuss **global, regional and national** soil issues, with a focus on **food security**

- Provide an overview and background of **soil management and food security** in the Asian region;
- Understand the **interface of food security, land degradation neutrality and soil governance**;
- Assess the current **level of interest in soil governance** and gain a preliminary understanding of the **status of legal regime of soils in Asia**;
- Discuss **innovative regulatory approaches** on soil governance on food security;
- Lead to a **further Masterclass** on soils governance in Asia.

When

April 21, 2022 (Thursday)

3:00 – 5:00 PM (ICT)/ 4:00 – 6:00 PM (PHT)
10:00 – 12:00 AM (CET)/ 6:00-8:00PM (AET)

[Link to register available soon](#)



Organizers and partners

- Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law (ARIEL)
- World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
- German Environment Agency – Umweltbundesamt (UBA)
- The Global Soil Partnership (GSP) of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- The Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law, University of New England, LAWASIA, UNEP - Partner



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Asian Soil Partnership involvement

- ASP Chair (Eng. Pablo Montalla): Opening speech
- Dr. Munir Hussain Zia and Dr. Waqar Ahmad (coordinators of the policy brief): Food security and soil management in the region
 - Launch of the policy brief on the multi-faced role of soil in Asia
- *TBC*: Presentation on soil governance for food security





FAO SOILS PORTAL



SoiLEX - Soil related legal instruments and soil governance

SoiLEX is a global database that aims to facilitate access to information on existing legal instruments on soil protection and prevention of soil degradation. The platform was created in coordination with **FAOLEX**, which is to date one of the largest databases of legal frameworks and instruments related to natural resource management, food and agriculture.

The legal and policy instruments can be searched by country profiles or by soil-related keywords. The information provided by the database allows users to have the complete document as well as a detailed summary of its content, focusing mainly on the purpose and specific objectives of the instrument.

The platform is managed by the Global Soil Partnership within the FAO Land and Water Division. If you are interested in learning more about SoiLEX and would like to contribute to its development and maintenance, please **send us an e-mail** or respond to the SoiLEX questionnaire for your country **here**.

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Soil keywords

Country/Territory Profiles

Soil Acts

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All the legal instruments present on the platform have been obtained on the basis of FAOLEX and the EU Soil Wiki and validated by national experts to be relevant and up-to-date.

Each instrument can be searched by country profile or by soil-related keywords and includes a ranking system based on the relevance of the document to the selected keyword, the scope of the legislation, its nature and year. The ranking system facilitates the search and enables users to easily understand which documents are the most important for each search they make.

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Cambodia

Keywords

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Cambodia - Country Profiles

Soil conservation

- Sub-Decree No. 05/ANK/BK/2000 on Forest Concessions Management. Date of text: 07-02-2000 (National)
- Agricultural extension policy in Cambodia. Date of text: 01-01-2015 (National)
- National Environment Strategy and Action Plan (NESAP) 2016-2023. Date of text: 01-01-2017 (National)

Soil erosion

- National Environment Strategy and Action Plan (NESAP) 2016-2023. Date of text: 01-01-2017 (National)

Nutrient Imbalance

- National Environment Strategy and Action Plan (NESAP) 2016-2023. Date of text: 01-01-2017 (National)

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