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9th Asian Soil Partnership MEETING

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Partnership preview

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Global Soil Partnership

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Asian Soil Partnership



The Asian Soil Partnership (ASP) was established in February 2012 to enhance collaboration between member countries in the region. The partnership aims to facilitate knowledge exchange and overcome differences in information, capacity, investment and environmental challenges faced by countries across Asia. In this framework, national needs and priorities are translated into regional actions through the ASP implementation plan, which is revised at the yearly ASP plenary meetings.

List of countries

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam. See the list of GSP national focal points.

Soil Atlas of Asia



The European Commission's Joint Research Centre and FAO's Global Soil Partnership collaborated with

experts from across Asia and other regions to produce the first-ever Soil Atlas of Asia.

Status of the World's Soil Resources



Chapter 10: Regional Assessment of Soil Changes in Asia

Governance

2023 - 2026

Chair: Dr Gina P. Nilo, OIC Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (Philippines)

Vice-chair: S.K. Chaudhari, DDG-NRM, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (India)

ASP governance group: ASP Chair, the ASP vice-Chair, the ASP Secretariat, the GSP Secretariat, the FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAORAP), the Chair of the Center of Excellence for Soil Research in Asia (CESRA) and the Chair of each working group on

Regional facilitator: Ms. Lucrezia Caon (GSP Secretariat)

Annual meetings	Details
2024 Virtual meeting	Ninth ASP plenary meeting, Virtual meeting, 23-24 April 2024 Details of the event
2023 Virtual meeting	Eight ASP plenary meeting, Virtual meeting, 2 May 2023 Details of the event Agenda Presentations Report
2022 Virtual meeting	Extraordinary session of the ASP, Virtual meeting, 2 August 2022 Details of the event Agenda Presentations Report Recordings

ASP recent events and trainings



ANNUAL ASP
MEETINGS



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT



REGIONAL INITIATIVES

GSP Partners

Country focal points



Partners

The Global Soil Partnership is an interactive, responsive and voluntary partnership, open to governments, regional organizations, institutions and other stakeholders at various levels. It includes two types of partnership:

- **GSP partners** which come from a wide range of institutions such as Governmental Organizations, Universities, Civil institutions, Research centers, Soil science societies, UN agencies, NGOs, Private companies, Farmer associations, Donors, etc.
- **GSP national focal points** designed by FAO members countries (partners by default to the GSP).

Become a partner

Fill out the Partnership application form.

If you are unable to access the form, please download and complete the [PDF version](#) and send it to GSP-Secretariat@fao.org.

Country Focal Points to the Global Soil Partnership

A	G	P
Afghanistan	Gabon	Pakistan Dr Waseem-Ul-Hassan (Ministry of National food Security and Research)
Albania	Gambia	Palau
Algeria	Georgia	Panama
Andorra	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Ghana	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Peru - Pablo M. Montalla (Bureau of Soils and Water Management) - Alternate: Gina P. Nilo (Bureau of Soils and Water Management)
Argentina	Grenada	Philippines
Armenia	Guatemala	Poland
Australia	Guinea	Portugal
Austria	Guinea-Bissau	
Azerbaijan	Guyana	
B	H	Q
Bahamas	Haiti	Qatar
Bahrain	Honduras	

Countries without a NFP:

- Afghanistan
- Brunei Darussalam
- DPR Korea
- Maldives
- Myanmar

Countries waiting for the nomination of their new NFP:

- Pakistan
- Indonesia (??)

The NFP of some countries is not active because of their heavy workload or because of language barriers. It would be important for all countries to nominate an alternate focal point



Our current partners

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Asia

- [Academy of Natural Resource Conservation and Management, India](#)
- [Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, India](#)
- [Advocacy, Research, Training & Services \(ARTS\) Foundation, Pakistan](#)
- [AgBoost Tech Consultancy, India](#)
- [AgriNet Solutions, India](#)
- [Anaadi CREST - Anaadi Foundation's Center for Research in Ecology and Sustainable Technologies, India](#)
- [Asian Soil Conservation Network \(ASCN\), Japan](#)
- [Association for Promoting Sustainability in Campuses and Communities \(APSCC\), India](#)
- [Assam Agricultural University, India](#)
- [Association for Sanitation and Economic Development, Bangladesh](#)
- [Association of Microbiologist of India](#)
- [Barani Agricultural Research Institute, Pakistan](#)
- [BARC Mumbai, India](#)
- [Bihar Agricultural University - Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, India](#)
- [Caraga State University - College of Agriculture and Agri-Industries, the Philippines](#)
- [Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action \(CISSA\), India](#)
- [Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, India](#)

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Agenda

Information items

- Countries reporting
- CESRA
- SWSR 2025
- GSP

Decision making items

- Reporting to the GSP Plenary Assembly
- GSP partners participation in activities
- Increasing countries participation to activities (NFP related)

- Asian knowledge hub on sustainable soil and land management
- Soil governance
- Asian watch on the impacts of SSM



Useful links

ASP webpage <https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/regional-partnerships/asia/en/>

GSP focal points <https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/partners/country-focal-points/en/>

GSP partners <https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/partners/gsp-partners/en/>



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Thank you

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