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## NETSOB Chair and Vice-chair selection criteria

The Chair and four Vice-chairs, one for each technical working group (GW), compose the International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB) governance. The technical GW-1 on measurement, assessment and monitoring of soil biodiversity; GW-2 on sustainable use, management, and conservation of soil biodiversity; GW-3 on the economics of soil biodiversity; and GW-4 on policies and legal instruments related to soil biodiversity.

The NETSOB is led by the NETSOB Chair that works in close coordination with the NETSOB Vice-chairs, and the NETSOB Coordinator at the Global Soil Partnership Secretariat (GSP). The Chair and Vice-chairs' mandate is two years after election. The election/appointment of the Chair and Vice-chairs of NETSOB will occur during the NETSOB annual plenary meetings.

Candidates for the position of Chair and Vice-chairs of the NETSOB must meet the following criteria:

- Should be an internationally recognized expert on soil biodiversity;
- Should belong to or have collaborated with international soil biodiversity networks;
- Be familiar with the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD's) Plan of Action of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity;
- Should have time to commit to the implementation of the NETSOB and the Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB) work plan;
- Not have any conflict of interest in regards to the objectives, data and information generated by the NETSOB and GLOSOB.

For a transparent election process of the NETSOB Chair/Vice-chairs, interested candidates should send a short CV (maximum one page) to the NETSOB coordinator ([Rosa.CuevasCorona@fao.org](mailto:Rosa.CuevasCorona@fao.org)), which will be evaluated and disseminated among NETSOB members for open voting.