

2nd Meeting of the Near East and North African Laboratory Network (NENALAB)

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Item 2 Project proposal writing

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Background

GLOSOLAN is a self-financed initiative. No funds allocated to its implementation by FAO. Financial resources come from projects granted to the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). As a result, budget is mostly allocated to the implementation of global activities. The GSP has very few projects on soil laboratories in specific regions (e.g. the Near East and North Africa) or countries (e.g. Liberia, Rwanda and Uganda).

GLOSOLAN members are kindly invited to make an effort to mobilize financial resources for the implementation of national and regional activities.

The GLOSOLAN coordinator can help you in preparing the concept notes to submit to donors!



Approaching FAO as a donor...

Does not mean to submit concept notes and requests for financial support to the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). The GSP is not a donor!

The GSP and GLOSOLAN can support laboratories, countries and regions in approaching FAO as a donor. FAO can support countries and regions through its **Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP).**

Example of TCP projects on GLOSOLAN related activities granted by FAO so far:

- Regional TCP for the Near East and North African region
- **National TCP in Liberia** (March 2021-February 2023): training and provision of equipment to two soil laboratories. Budget: US\$ 440 000



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Capacity Development for the Sustainable Management of Soil Resources in NENA Region to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

BASIC INFORMATION

- 12 NENA countries (Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Morocco, Lebanon, Iraq, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen, Palestine, Oman, Syria)
- Start date 21 October 2020
- End date 20 May 2022 (extended to 31 December 2022)
- Total Budget USD 400,000



Regional TCP for the Near East and North African region: beneficiary laboratories

Country	Laboratory official name	Laboratory short name or acronym	Laboratory full address
Syria	Damascus lab	ANRR-lab1	Rural of Damascus - Karahta
Sudan	Main Soil Laboratory-Land Evaluation Research Section, LWRC-ARC	Main Soil Laboratory-LERS-LWRC- ARC	P.O.Box 126, Land and Water Research Centre, Agricultural Research Corporation, Wad Medani, Sudan
Yemen	Soil, Water and Plant Lab.	SWPL	Renewable Natural Resources Research Center (RNRRC), Agricultural Research & Extension Authority (AREA). Dhamar, Yemen.
Tunisia	Laboratoire Central d'analyses des sols	LCAS	17.rue Hédi Karray Ariana
Iraq	Soil Chemical Analysis Laboratory	SCHAL	Soil Chemical Analysis Lab, Soil and Water Resources Center, Agricultural Researches Directorate, Ministry of Science and Technology.
Palestine	Nablus central laboratory	Nablus central laboratory	Palestine - Nablus city - Askar camp.
Morocco	Lab. des analyses des sols, eaux et plantes	Lab-URECRN	Unité de l'Environnement & Ress.Naturelels Centre Régionale de la Recherche Agronomie de Rabat Avenue Mohamed Belarbi Alaoui B.P 6356-rabat Institut ,10101-Maroc
Iran Oman	Soil and Water Research Institute Laboratory Soil and Water Lab	SWRI-Lab SWL	Soil & Water Research Institute. Imam Khomeini Blvd., Meshkin Dasht , Karaj, I.R.Iran P O Box 50 PC 121 Seeb
Ullian	Soli aliu Water Lab	OVVL	National Agricultural Research Center (NARC), P.O.Box:639,
Jordan		Soil Lab	Baq'a19381 Jordan
Lebanon	Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute - Fanar	LARI – Soil, Fertilizer & Plant department	Fanar, Jdeideh, El Metn, Lebanon, P.O. Box 90-1965
Egypt	Analyses & Studies Component	ASC	9 ElGamhaa St., Soil , Water & Environment Res. Inst.,Agriculture Research Center

Trainer for Near East countries: Dr MOHAMED SALIH DAFALLA, Sudan

Trainer for North African countries: Vacancy announcement opened

Activities (to be implemented in each laboratory):

- 5 days assessment of laboratories need
- 12 days trainings (hopefully in person)

Starting date: as soon as we get the green light of the government / institute to implement activities



How to apply for a TCP project?

- 1. Have a clear idea of you want in terms of activities and final objective. If you like, the GLOSOLAN coordinator can support you on this.
- 1. Ask your government (e.g. Ministry of Agriculture) to send an official letter requesting a TCP project to your country FAO office (for national TCPs) or to the regional FAO office (for regional TCPs). The letter should mention: the problem/challenge faced by your country, the request for a TCP project with a note on how the TCP will help to tackle the problem/challenge. Please copy the GLOSOLAN coordinator we can do an internal follow up with FAO country and regional offices as needed.
- 1. Prepare the project document. Please note that there is a template for this so that you cannot prepare it by your own. The GLOSOLAN coordinator and TCP officer at your FAO country office or at the regional FAO office should be involved in the preparation of the project document.
- 1. Submission of the project document, waiting for approval and an eventual start of its implementation.



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Notes:

- TCP projects are assigned by FAO every 2 years. All proposals should be submitted within specific deadlines.
- TCP projects provide maximum US\$ 500 000
- TCP projects should be implemented on average in one one and a half years time
- TCP projects can be used to kick off activities, assess needs and write a second phase project proposal



