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10:00 – 10:10 AM	Opening, endorsement of the agenda and group picture <i>Mr. Joseph Uponi, AFRILAB Chair</i> <i>Ms. Nopmanee Suvannang, GLOSOLAN Chair</i> <i>Lucrezia Caon, GLOSOLAN Coordinator, GSP/FAO</i>
10:10 – 10:30 AM	Item 1. Global Soil Laboratory Network updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Network growth- GLOSOLAN proficiency test (PT) 2021- Online trainings- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) under harmonization- Publications and translation of GLOSOLAN material- Procurement of soil laboratory equipment- GLOSOLAN website- 5th GLOSOLAN meeting <i>Ms. Lucrezia Caon, GLOSOLAN Coordinator, GSP/FAO</i>
10:30 – 11:10 AM	Item 2. AFRILAB updates followed by an open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- AFRILAB growth: trends on the registration of new laboratories- National Soil Laboratory Networks (NASOLANs): establishment and activities <i>Mr. Filippo Benedetti, GLOSOLAN Alternate Coordinator, GSP/FAO</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the projects implemented/under implementation in the region (both by GSP and other organizations): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity building on sustainable soil management for Africa. Implementation of two projects in Rwanda and Uganda ○ Global Soil Doctors Programme: eventual provision of reagents to the soil testing kits and preparation of a poster on the interpretation of laboratory results ○ GSP mapping activities: provision of good quality data from GLOSOLAN laboratories - Discussion on country-specific project proposals <p><i>Mr. Abdourahmane Elh Moudi Moustapha , AFRILAB Vice-Chair for French speaking countries</i></p> <p><i>Panelists from the Global Soil Partnership Secretariat, FAO: Ms. Carolina Olivera, Mr. Yuxin Tong, Mr. Yusuf Yigini, Ms. Lucrezia Caon, Mr. Sebastian Brahene</i></p>
11:10 – 11:40 AM	<p>Item 3. AFRILAB main needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the results of the online survey - Discussion of the regional work plan - Organization of an AFRILAB PT <p><i>Panelists and moderators: Mr. Filippo Benedetti, GLOSOLAN Alternate Coordinator, GSP/FAO, Mr. Christian Hartmann, IRD France, and Mr. Michael Watts, British Geological Survey</i></p>
11:40 AM – 12:15 PM	<p>Item 4. Position of AFRILAB in GLOSOLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposals on the SOPs to harmonize in 2022 - Requests on specific topics for GLOSOLAN online trainings (presentation of the survey results) - Definition of range values and reference values in GLOSOLAN SOPs - Other requests <p><i>Moderators: Lucrezia Caon, GSP Secretariat and Ms. Lesego Mooketsi-Selepe, AFRILAB Vice-Chair for English speaking countries</i></p>

12:15 – 12:50 PM	<p>Item 5. AFRILAB governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the Terms of Reference for the position of the Chair and Vice-Chair(s). Proposal to give more coordination, technical support and monitoring control to these positions in the region. - Proposal to establish a Steering Committee to support the work of the Chair and Vice-Chair(s) - Presentation of candidates for the role of <u>AFRILAB Chair</u> - Presentation of candidates for the role of <u>AFRILAB Vice-Chair for the English-speaking countries</u> - Presentation of candidates for the role of <u>AFRILAB Vice-Chair for the French-speaking countries</u> - Election of the new Chairs and Vice-Chairs (online poll) <p><i>Moderators: Filippo Benedetti, GSP Secretariat and Ms. Lucrezia Caon GSP Secretariat</i></p>
12:50 – 13:00 PM	<p>Closing remarks by the former and new Chair and Vice-Chairs</p>
13:00 PM	<p>Closure of the meeting</p>