

Raising confidence in
quality measurements
from soil laboratories
in Sub-Saharan Africa
Dakar, 23-27 October

**Global Soil Partnership
activities 2023-2024**



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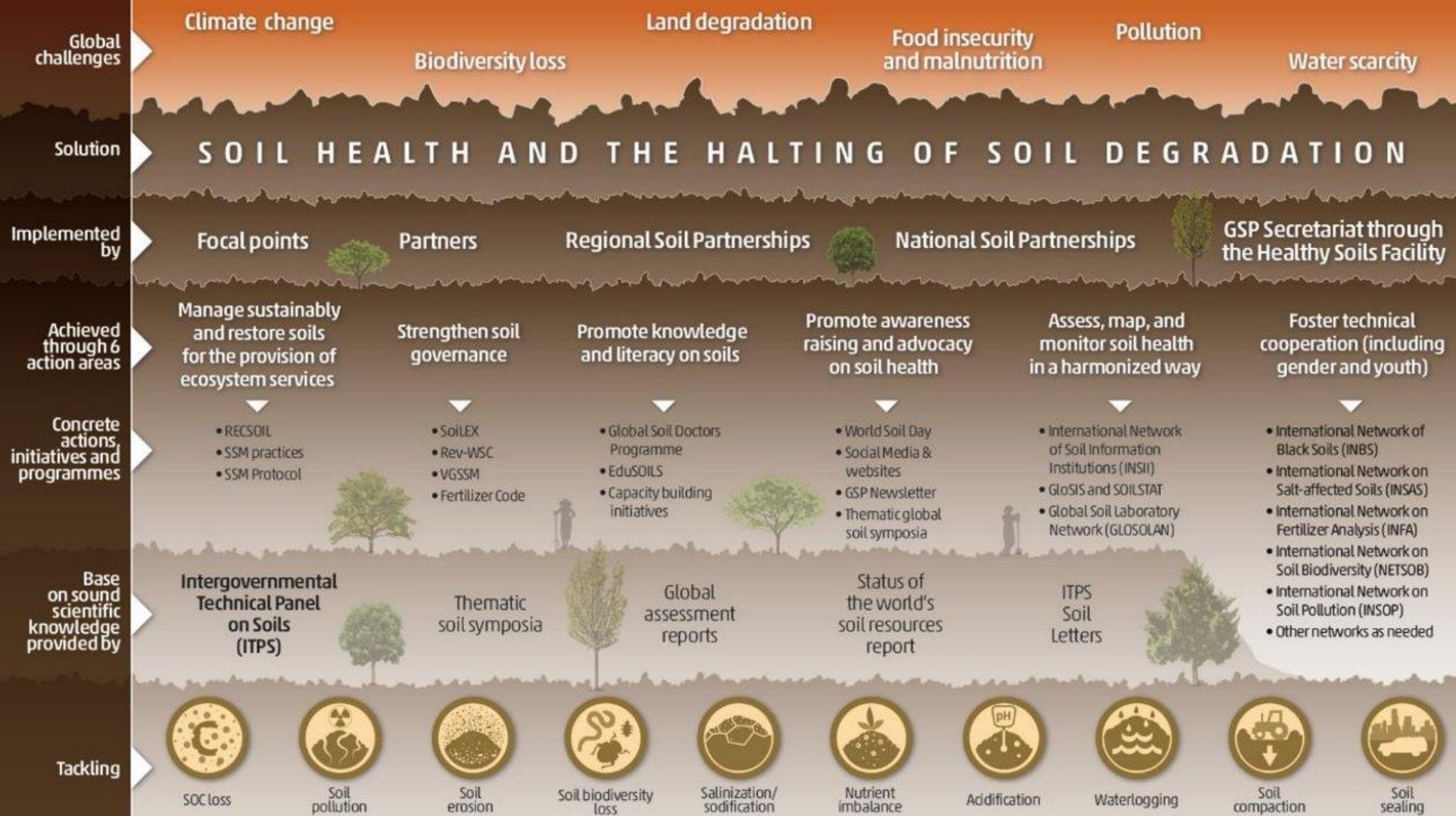
Global Soil Partnership

- A mechanism to develop a **strong partnership** and enhance **collaboration** between all stakeholders
- With the common objective of improving **soil governance** and promoting **sustainable soil management**.
 - 8 regional partnerships, over 370 partners worldwide
 - 160 focal points appointed directly by FAO Members
 - Expert working groups on soil organic carbon, soil pollution, soil erosion, soil biodiversity, soil salinity, soil legislation, black soils, soil fertility, etc.

<http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/en/>

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Assess, map, and monitor soil health in a harmonized way



- International Network of Soil Information Institutions (INSII)
- GloSIS and SOILSTAT
- Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN)



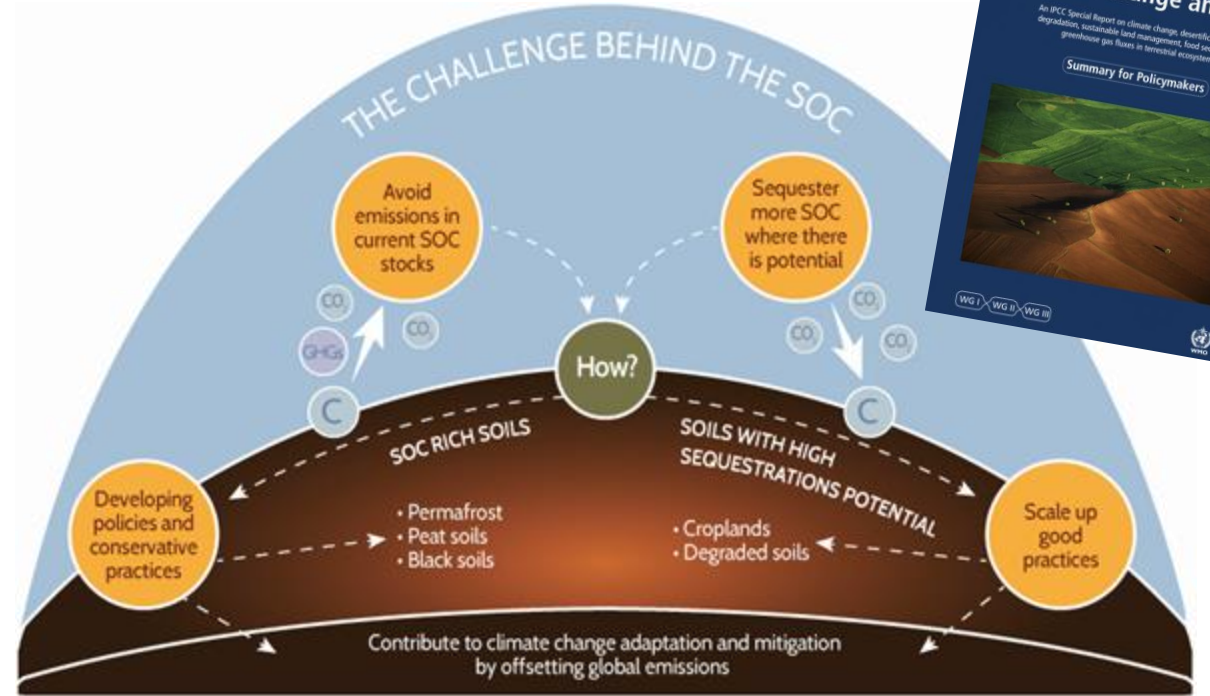
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2 Manage sustainably and restore soils for the provision of ecosystem services

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- RECSOIL
- SSM practices
- SSM Protocol



When adopting Sustainable Soil Management Practices, we provide multiple benefits including: reducing GHG emissions, maintaining and enhancing carbon sinks and building resilience.

3

Promote knowledge and literacy on soils

- Global Soil Doctors Programme
- EduSOILS
- Capacity building initiatives



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4

Foster technical cooperation (including gender and youth)



- International Network of Black Soils (INBS)
- International Network on Salt-affected Soils (INSAS)
- International Network on Soil Biodiversity (NETSOB)
- International Network on Soil Pollution (INSOP)
- Other networks as needed

INBS
International Network
of Black Soils



INSAS
International Network
of Salt-Affected Soils



INSII
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NETSOB
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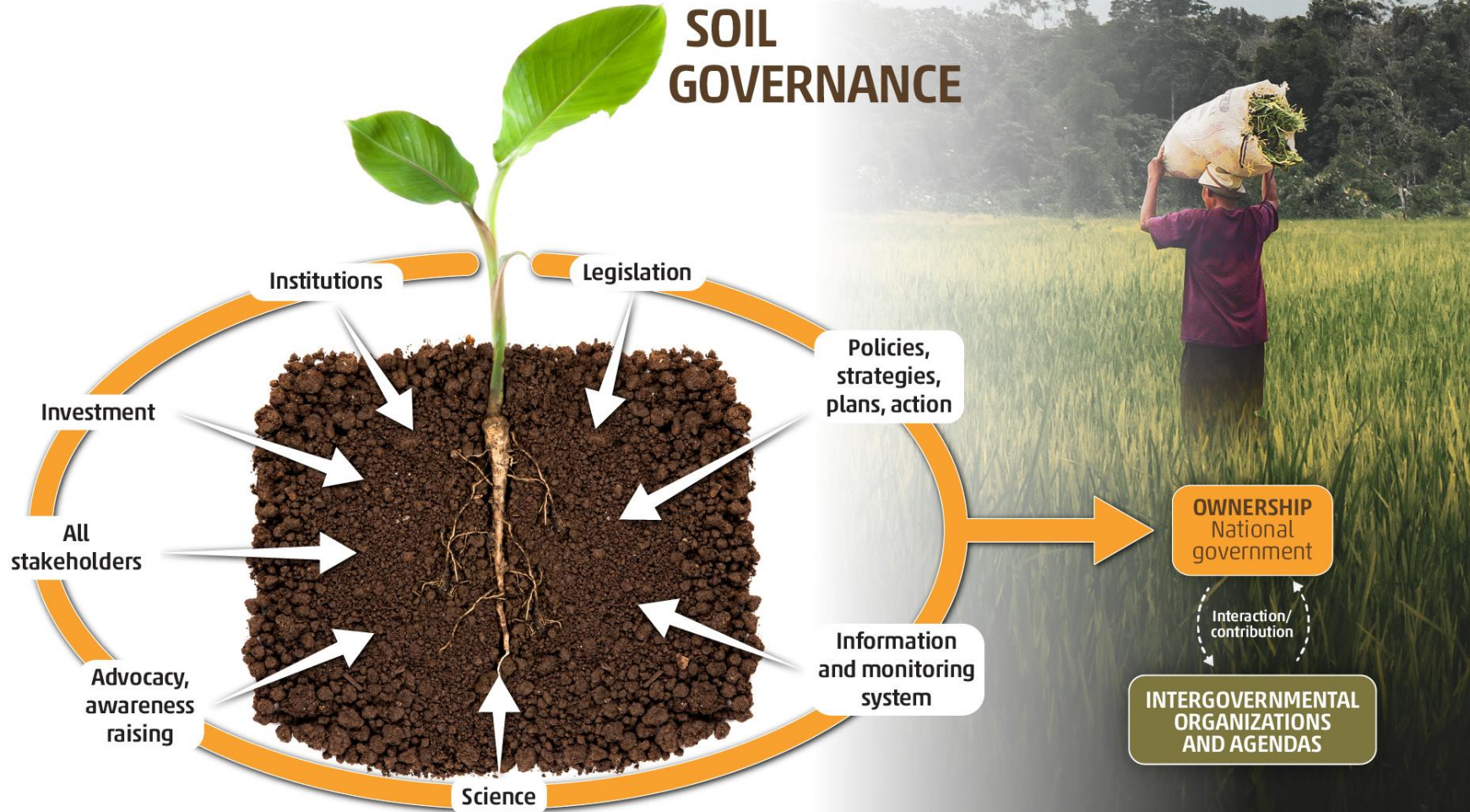


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5 Strengthen soil governance

- SoiLEX
- Rev-WSC
- VGSSM
- Fertilizer Code



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6

Promote awareness raising and advocacy on soil health



- World Soil Day
- Social Media & websites
- GSP Newsletter
- Thematic global soil symposia



+ articles in the main world newspapers

FAO, la mappatura dei nutrienti del suolo in America Centrale e nell'Africa sub-sahariana, per un uso più efficiente dei fertilizzanti



Investing in smallholder farmers

By DANIEL ESSIET — On Jul 27, 2022

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THE NATION

MIRAGE

entro il 2050 potrebbe essere a rischio il 90% del suolo fertile della Terra (VIDEO)

Fao e Global Soil Partnership promuoveranno la mappatura dei nutrienti del suolo in America centrale e nell'Africa subsahariana (28 Luglio 2022)

Il 95% del cibo globale viene prodotto nel suolo. I suoli hanno la capacità di immagazzinare, trasformare e riciclare i nutrienti dei quali gli esseri umani hanno bisogno per sopravvivere. Dei 18 nutrienti essenziali per le piante, 15 sono forniti dal suolo, se è sano. Secondo la Fao, è probabile che entro il 2050 sarà a rischio ben il 90% del prezioso terreno. Ogni 5 secondi nel mondo viene eroso suolo fertile per l'equivalente di un campo da calcio. Il problema è che ci vogliono circa mille anni per creare solo pochi centimetri di terreno.

Il **Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition**, organizzato da Fao e Global Soil Partnership e che termina domani, sta discutendo proprio della fertilità dei suoli globali e dei modi per migliorare la disponibilità di nutrienti del suolo per le colture senza danneggiare l'ambiente. Il meeting è stato



nation relevant to soil analysis.

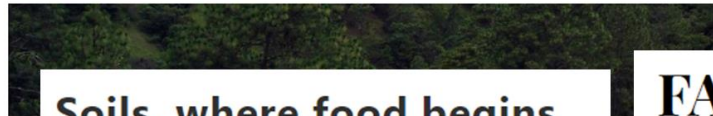
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Soils, where food begins

FAO to boost soil nutrient mapping

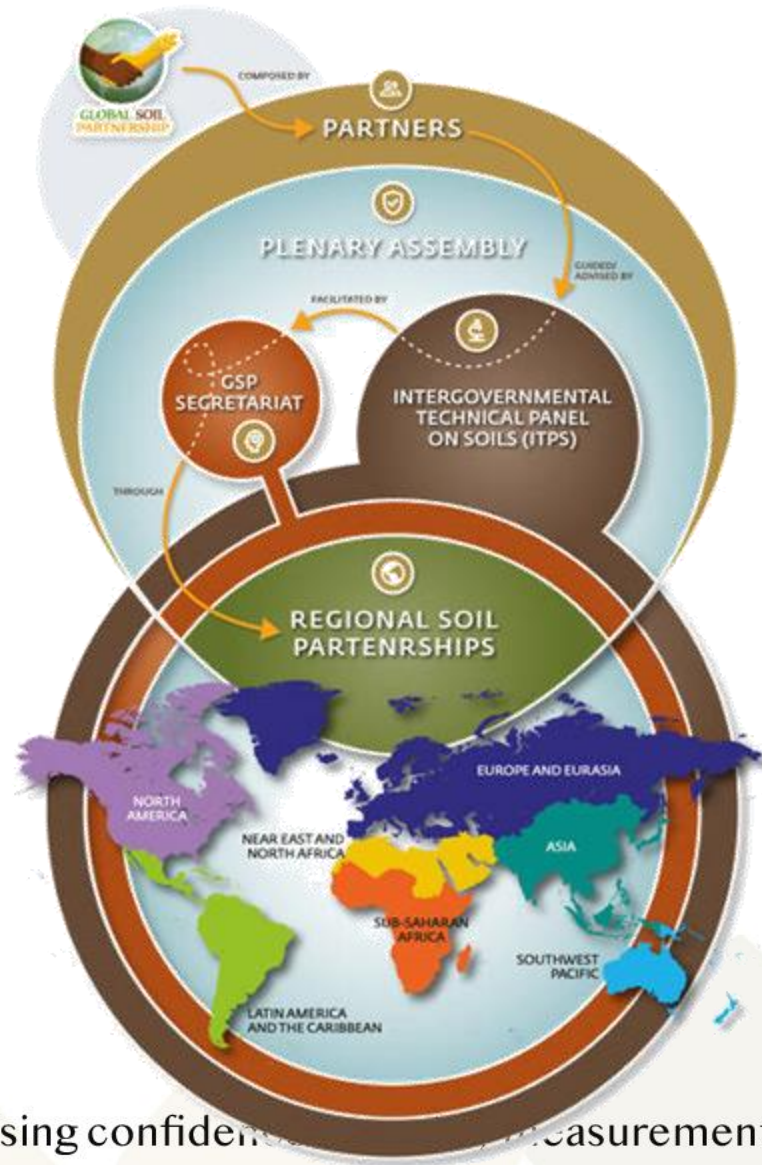
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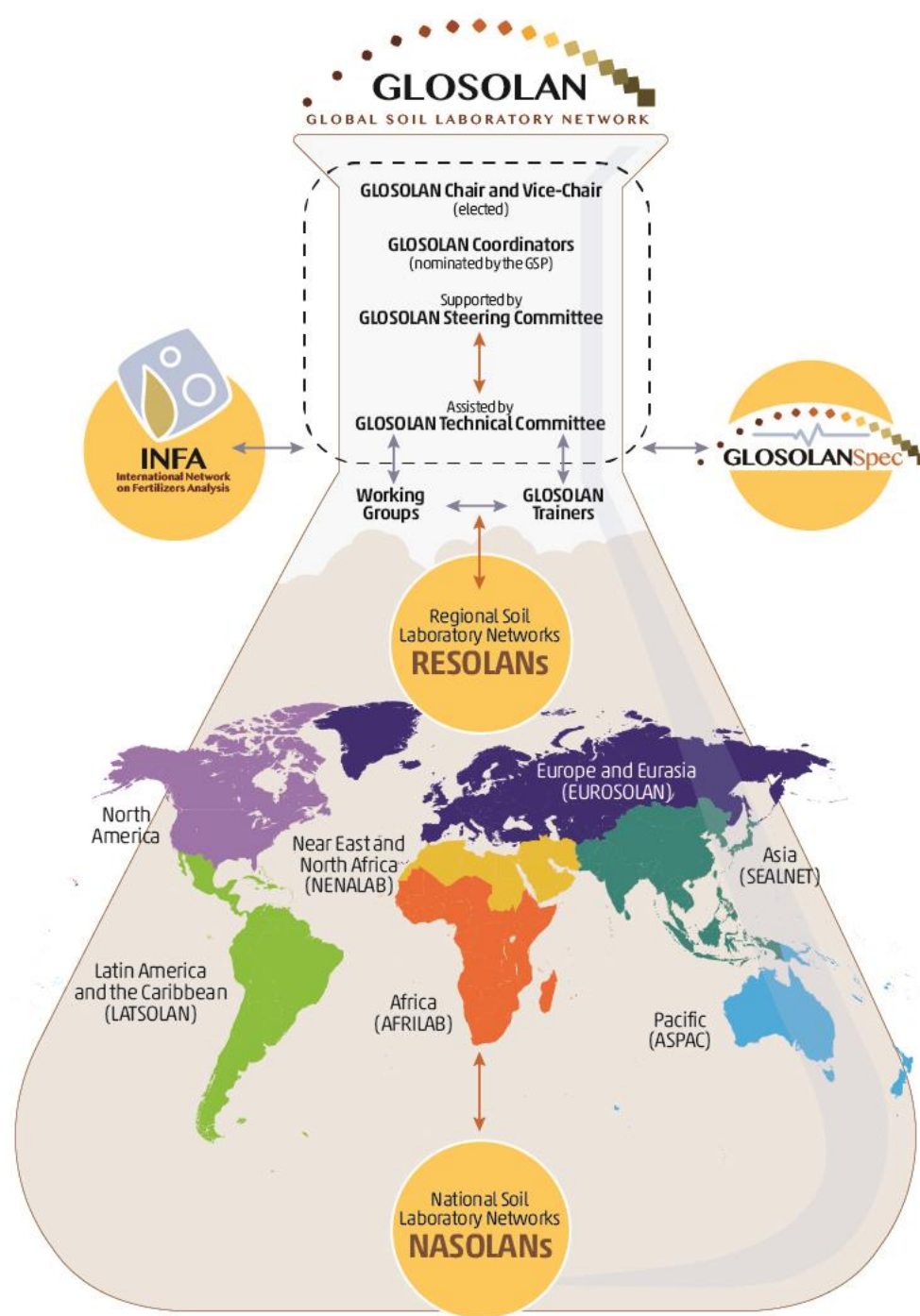
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PARTNERSHIP**



- 164 focal points appointed directly by FAO Members and over 500 partners worldwide
- 7 regional partnerships
- 4 sub-regional partnerships within Europe: Eurasia, Alpine, Pyrenean, Western Balkans
- 14 national soil partnerships (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Italy, Mongolia, Malawi, Nicaragua, Philippines, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, and Ukraine)

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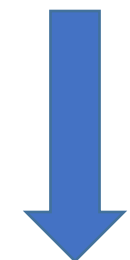


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Actions in Africa



What are we working on?

- 1) Harmonization of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- 2) Provision of trainings and prepare awareness raising material on different topics
- 3) Organization of inter-laboratory proficiency tests (PTs)
- 4) Collaboration with other networks (INFA, NETSOB, INSAS, INSOP, INBS)
- 5) Collection of soil import regulations worldwide ([SIMPLE Database](#))
- 6) Share laboratory capacities and needs with the scientific communities, including details on data quality

GLOSOLAN initiative on soil spectroscopy (GLOSOLAN-Spec)

Next activities



- Soil spectral hub (GSP/FAO)
- Guides to available soil spectral resources
(existing open-source soil spectral libraries and soil spectral estimation services)
- Publishing of Standard Operating Procedures for soil spectroscopy using NIR and MIR
- Expand capacity building- webinars, and technical document in additional languages.
Additional guides in the style of the primer
- Continue webinar series with spotlight on state-of-art, research and discussion

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Expectation

How to use the equipment correctly to produce accurate data?

How to maintain the equipment functional for a long time?

How to transfer soil data to policy making?



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