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GLOBAL
SYMPOSIUM on
SOILS and **WATER**

02-05 October, 2023

Soil and water:
a source of life

A central graphic illustration of a plant with three green leaves and a complex root system. The roots are shown in a cross-section of the soil, with blue water flowing through them. The background is a dark, textured soil surface with a small green seedling on the left and a hand watering a seedling on the right.

Key findings and way forward

Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio
GSP Secretariat, FAO



Attendance

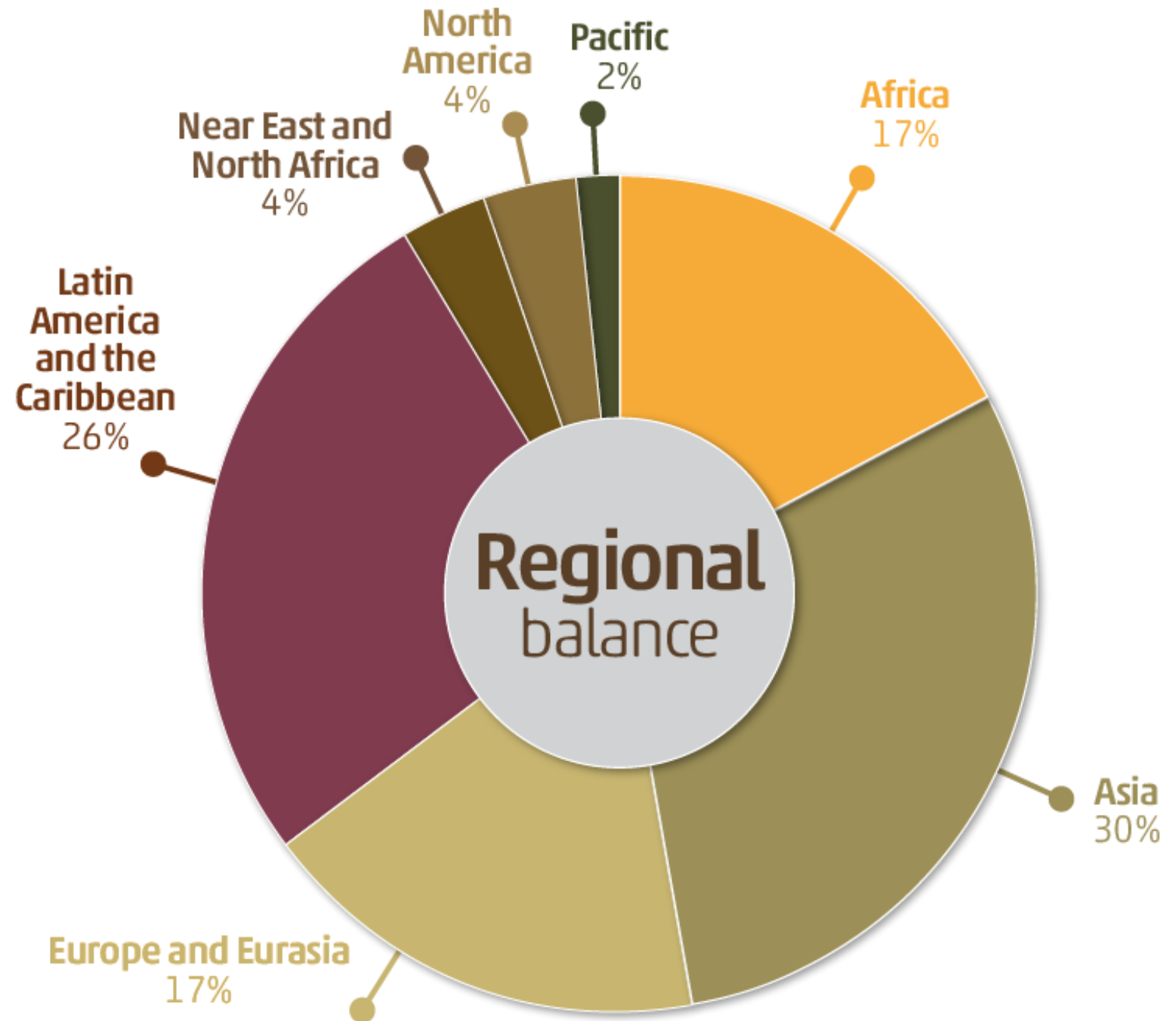
2 877 registered participants

Participation on the first 3 days

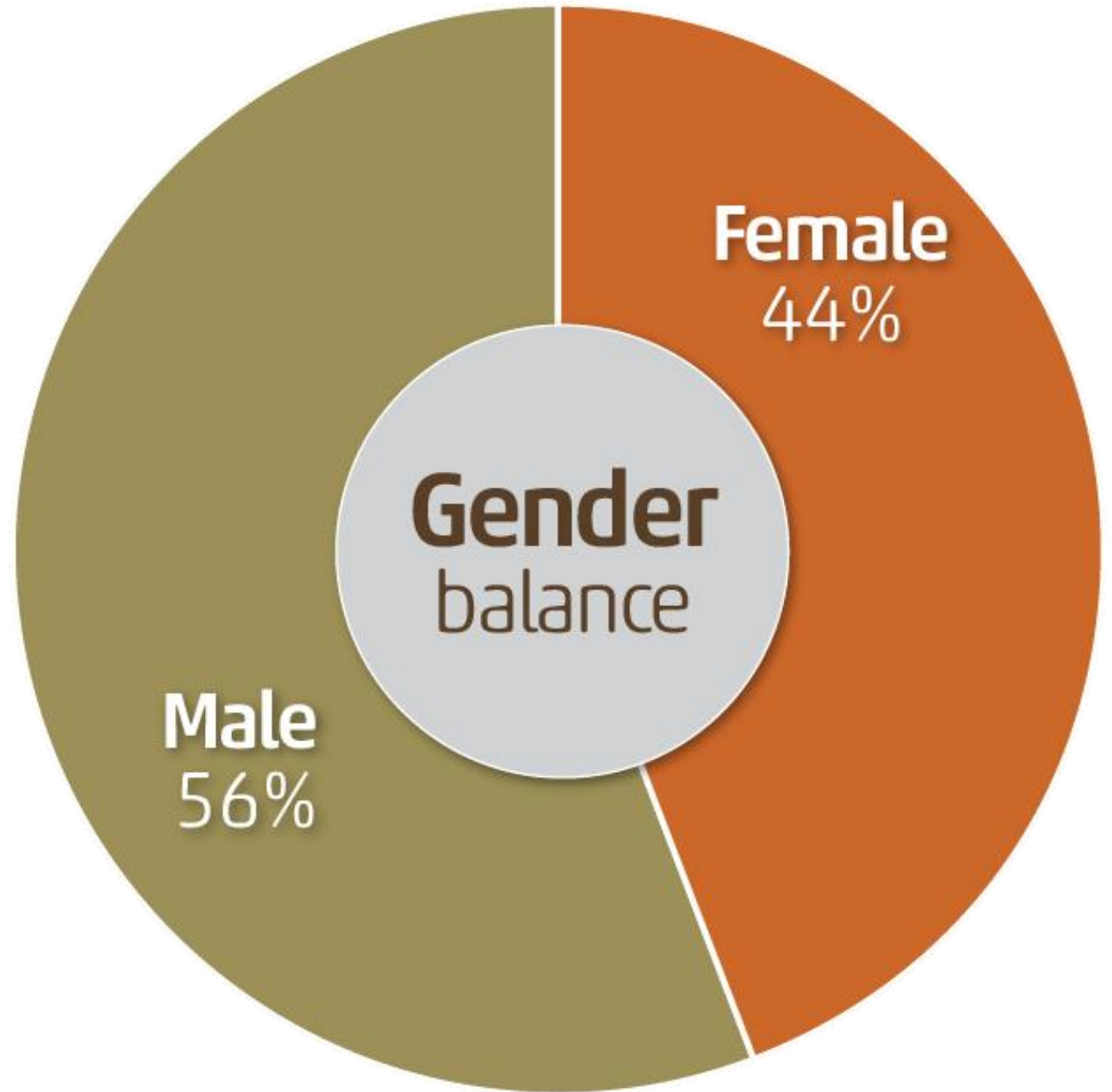
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- ✓ DAY 4: participants



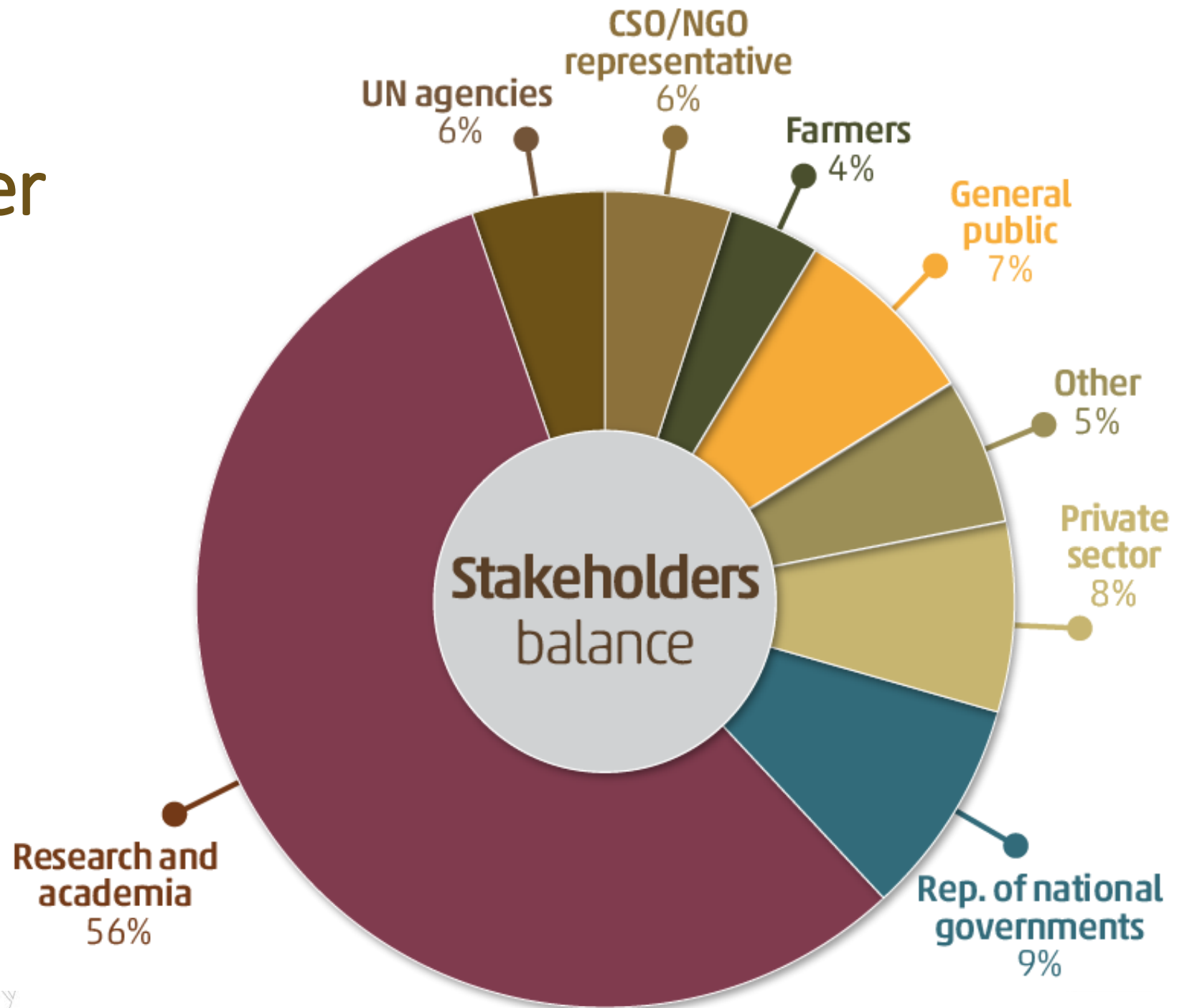
A topic
relevant to all
continents...



... and to
everyone



Multi-stakeholder meeting



SYMPOSIUM OPENING

5 distinguished guests

4 renowned keynote speakers



Ms Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko

Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARRE), African Union Commission

Soils: The Virtual SDG

Rabi H. Mohtar
Texas A&M University (TAMU)

Global Symposium
Soils and Water
02-05 October 2023
FAO, Rome

Key questions to be addressed

Theme 3 | Soil and water management under the One Health framework

- What are the links between soil and water quality in relation to soil biodiversity and agricultural practices?
- What is the role of soil in protecting groundwater and surface water quality?
- What is the status of water pollution and its effect on soil, environmental, and human health?

Theme 4 | Integrated soil and water management and effective governance

- What policies are relevant to improve soil and water management?
- How do soil and water management practices influence nutrient cycling?
- What gender-sensitive tools and methods exist in soil and water management?

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How to improve the water utilization efficiency of salt-affected soils?

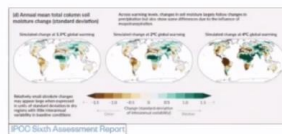
Shuwen Hu, Ph.D. Professor
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Soil moisture is an Essential Climate Variable

It influences hydrological cycle, partitioning precipitation into runoff and infiltration

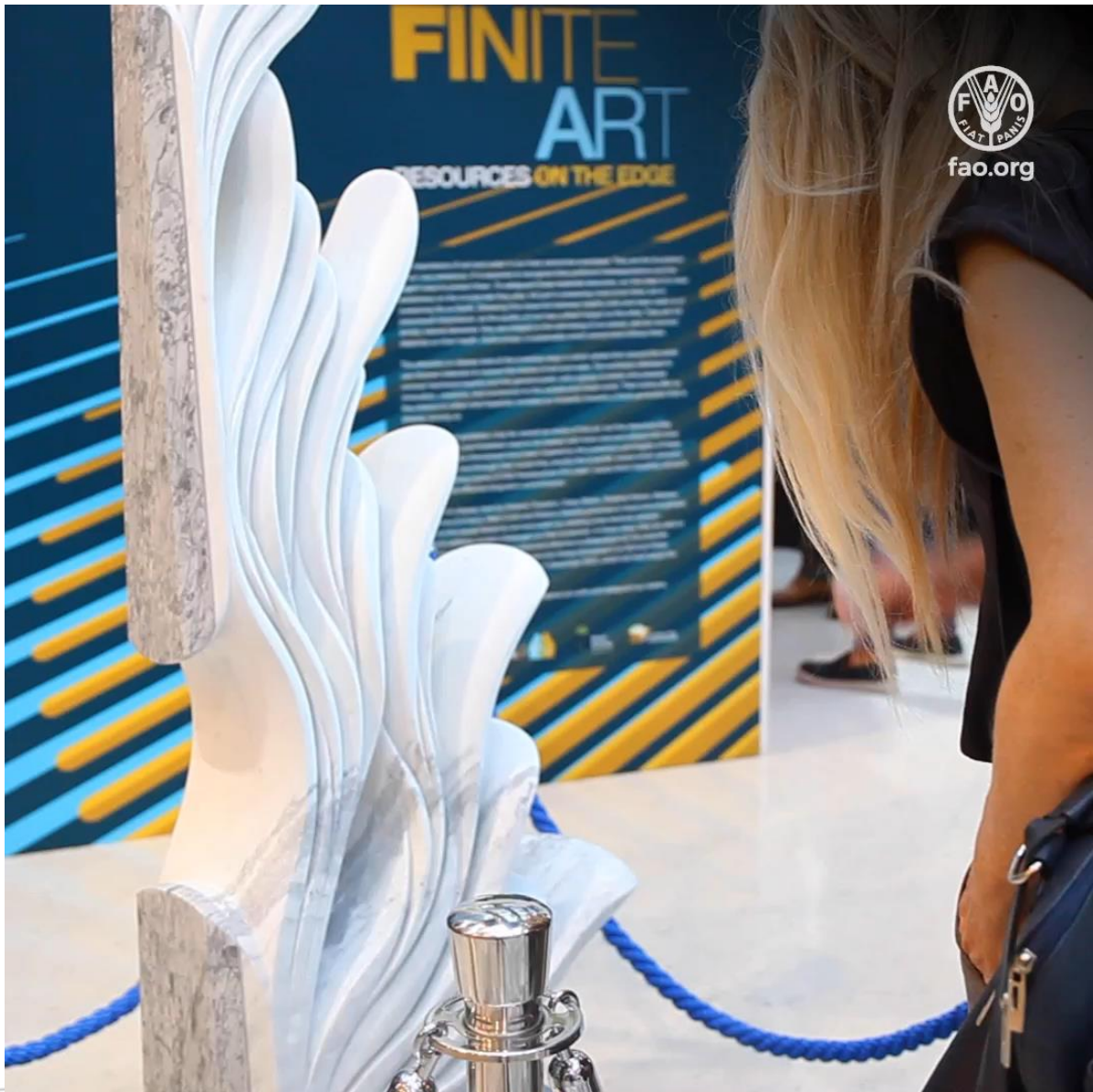
It influences surface temperature

Soil moisture state is an important predictor of climate variations and its impacts (droughts, wildfires, ...)

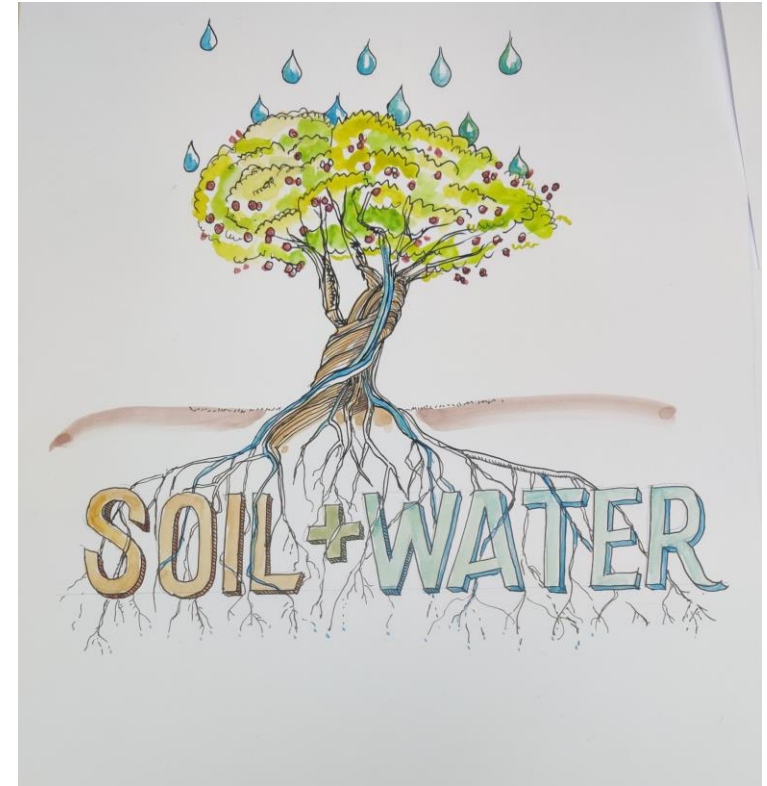


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Art and science combined to raise public awareness



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SCIENCE AS THE BASIS



4 dynamic and interactive panel discussions



20 technical presentations



Artistic expo combining art and science

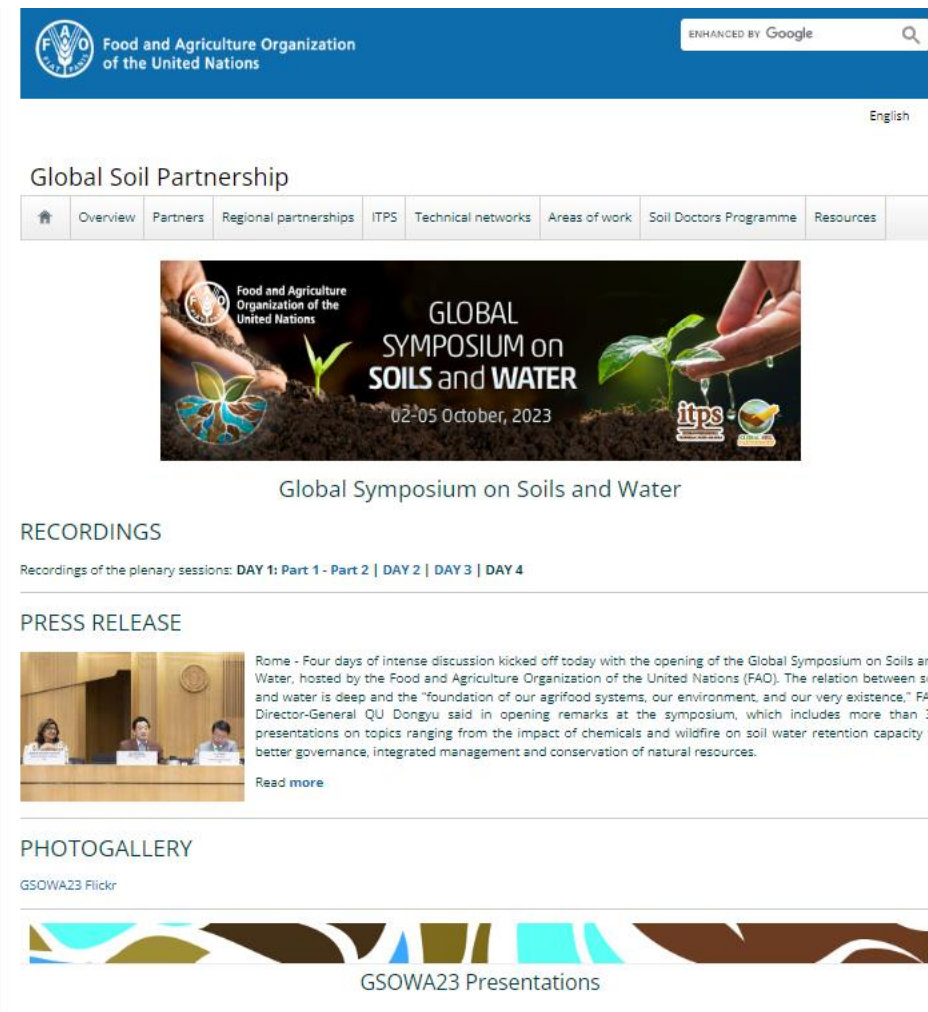
20 hours of technical sessions & open discussion

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Recordings, photos, videos and presentations...

All are online!

 https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/GSOWA23_presentations-recordings



The screenshot shows the FAO website header with the logo and search bar. The main navigation menu includes Overview, Partners, Regional partnerships, ITPS, Technical networks, Areas of work, Soil Doctors Programme, and Resources. The page title is "Global Soil Partnership". Below the navigation is a banner for the "GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM on SOILS and WATER" held from 02-05 October, 2023. The banner features the FAO logo, a hand holding a seedling, and the ITPS logo. Below the banner is the section "RECORDINGS" with a link to "Recordings of the plenary sessions: DAY 1: Part 1 - Part 2 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4". The "PRESS RELEASE" section includes a photo of a panel discussion and a text snippet starting with "Rome - Four days of intense discussion kicked off today with the opening of the Global Symposium on Soils and Water, hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).". Below this is the "PHOTOGALLERY" section with a link to "GSOWA23 Flickr" and a banner for "GSOWA23 Presentations".

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The connection between Soils & Water is now in the news...
...the only way to reach both the general public and policy makers!

+ articles in the main world newspapers

Global Symposium on Soils and Water brings experts from around the world to discuss a multifold relationship

FAO: Prioritize soil and water conservation in all international agendas

Simpósio Mundial da FAO sobre Solo e Água começou na Itália

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Global Symposium Unites Experts on Soil, Water Interactions

The Global Symposium on Soils and Water is a science-policy forum that aims to review the relationship between soil and water in achieving sustainable and resilient agrifood systems. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO) is organizing the event with the Global Soil Partnership and the Intergovernmental Tropical Panel on Soils (ITPS).

La FAO lance un appel en faveur de la conservation des sols et de l'eau

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Rome, 02/10/2023 (TAP) - Le Directeur général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO), Qu Dongyu, a appelé, lundi, à donner la priorité à la conservation des sols et de l'eau dans tous les agendas...

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2-5 OCTOBER 2023

Rome, Lazio, Italy

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Global Symposium on Soils and Water

Key findings



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Did you know?

On Earth, there are 92 naturally occurring chemical elements, 18 are essential to plants and 15 of them are supplied by soils!

Soil health & fertility have a direct influence on the nutrient content of food crops 🌱

#SoilAction

On earth there are 92 naturally occurring chemical elements. 18 are essential to plants and 15 of them are supplied by soils.

Macronutrients: needed in large amounts (>50 mg/kg)

Micronutrients: needed in small amounts (<1 mg/kg)

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FAO Land and Water @FAOLandWater · Oct 2

Soil + Water = Life!

Discover their intertwined roles and learn how to protect these vital resources during the Symposium on #SoilandWater, kicking off shortly! Register: tiny.cc/7vsavz

#SoilHealth #SoilAction #WaterAction

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Soil & Water: The Lifeblood of our planet!

There's still time to take part in our captivating 3-hour session today and over the next 3 days.

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Healthy soil plays a crucial role as a natural filter, purifying and storing water as it infiltrates into the ground

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Food and Agriculture Organization @FAO · 15h

95% of our food is produced on land, with soil and water playing crucial roles.

#Soil and water are interconnected, and we must implement integrated management of these precious resources!

#WaterAction #SoilAction

Soil and water lie at the heart of sustaining life on our planet

Soil health and the quality & availability of water are interconnected

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FAO Land and Water @FAOLandWater · Sep 26

The next week symposium on #SoilandWater is the opportunity to discover how improved #Soil and #Water management can impact the battle against climate change. #WaterAction #SoilHealth #SoilAction

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Healthy soils act as a carbon sink, helping to adapt to climate change and mitigate its effects.

Improved soil and water management improves the land's capacity to withstand extreme climate events such as droughts, floods, and fires.

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Food and Agriculture Organization @FAO · 6h

Soils + water = vital to food production.

Over 95% of the food we eat is produced on land, starting with soils & water.

Let's manage and use them wisely!

#WaterAction #SoilAction

95% of our food comes from soils thanks to the power of water

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联合国粮农组织 @FAO · 4-10 05:21 来自 微博网页版

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🌱 土壤是食物之源，我们回95%的食物来自于#土壤#。

土壤的健康和肥力会直接影响粮食作物的安全和营养。然而在过去70年里，食物中的维生素和营养素水平急剧下降。

📖 健康的土壤有哪些好处，土壤养分失衡和土壤肥力流失有哪些危害？我们能做些什么来保护土壤健康呢？

#土壤促营养#

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Social media platforms in the last days

健康的土壤：健康食品和更好环境的基础

来源：联合国粮农组织 2022-11-28 14:42 发布于美国

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展开

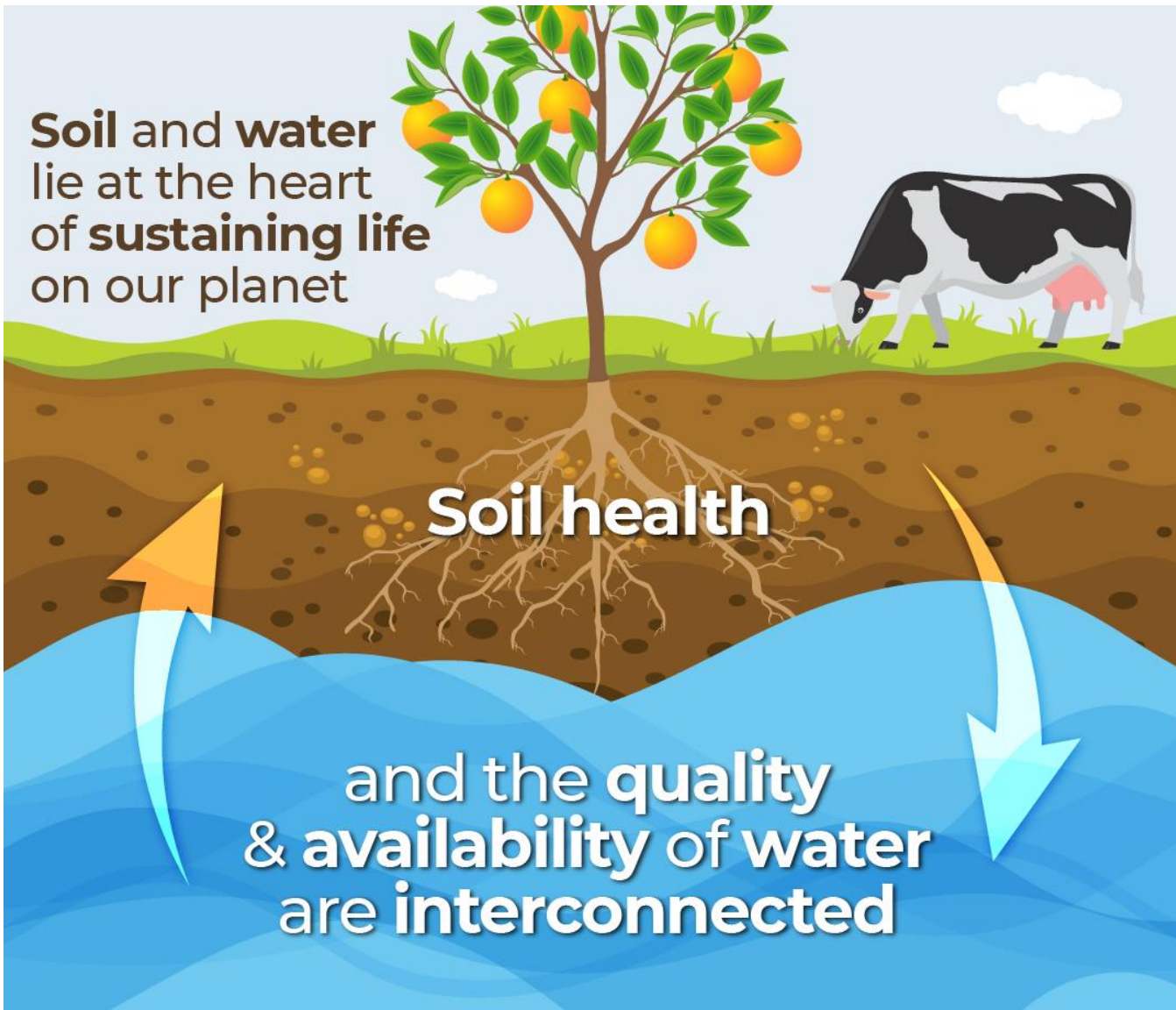
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Theme 2: Soil and water management in irrigated agriculture

Theme 3: Soil and water management under the One Health

Theme 4: Integrated soil and water management and effective

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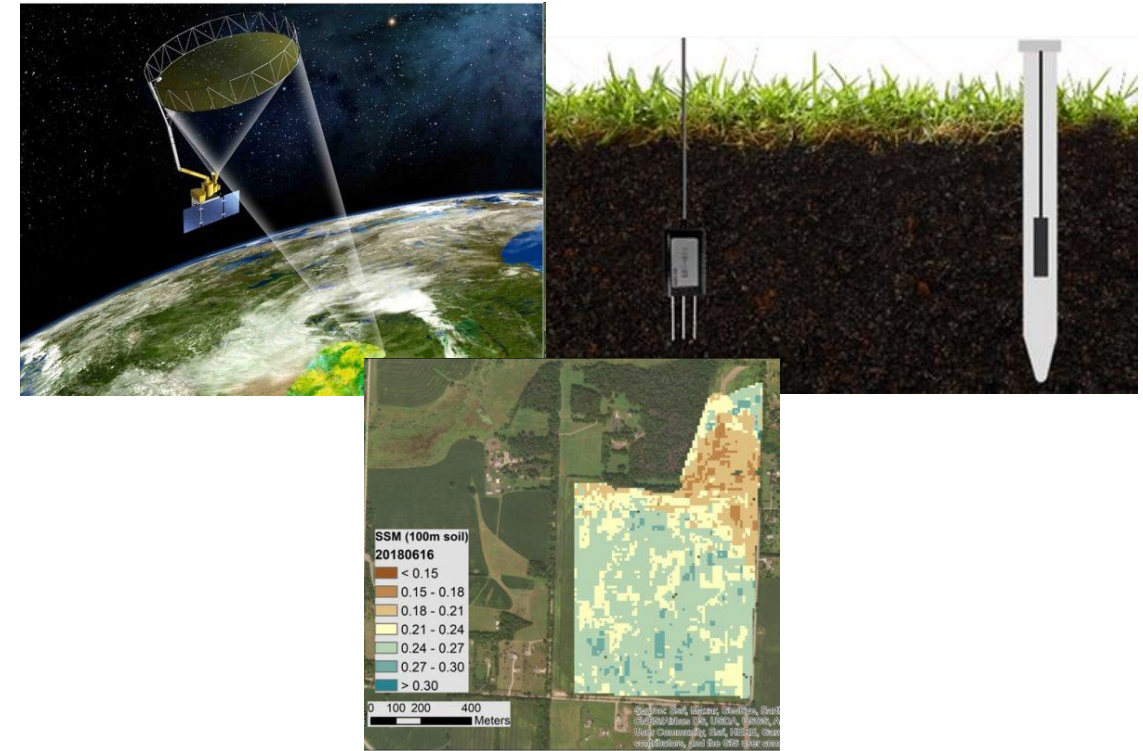
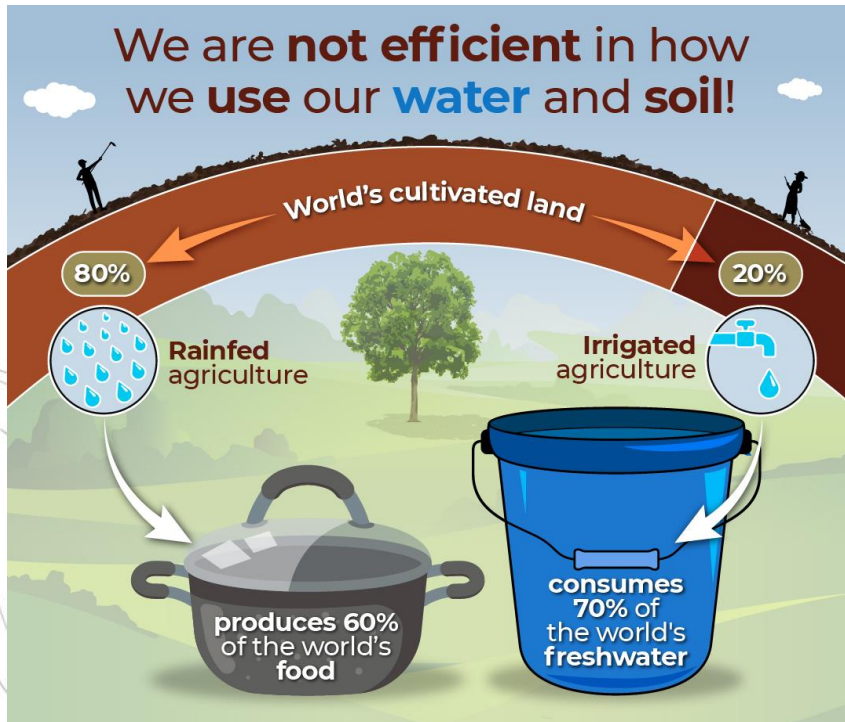


We need to work harder on advocacy and awareness, as soil health is not given the importance it deserves to ensure the provision of sufficient clean water for plant growth.

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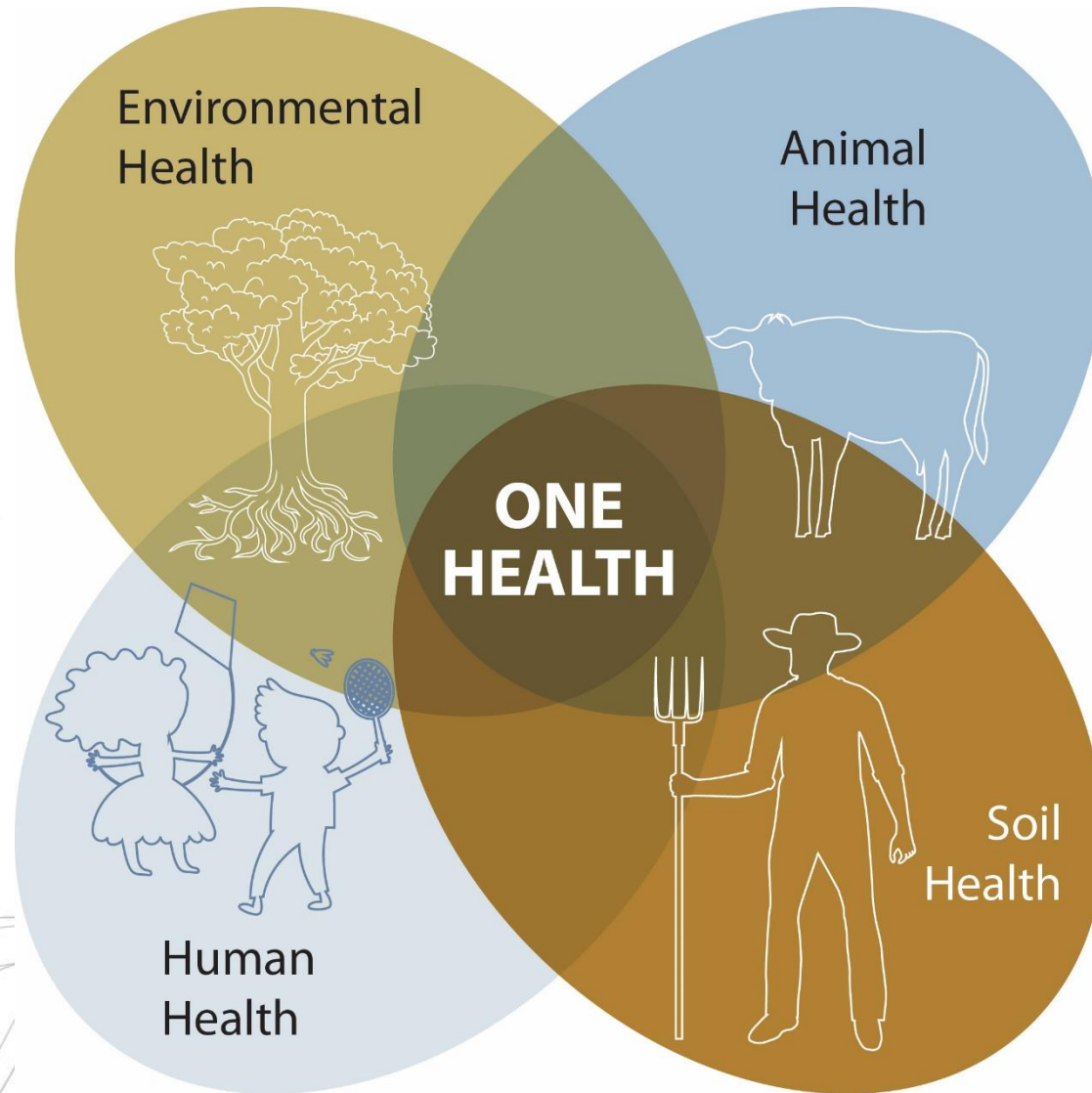


Soil moisture plays a crucial role in nutrient availability. Proper management is key for water and fertilizer use efficiency.



Foster the use of remote and in situ soil moisture monitoring for irrigation and fertilization planning.

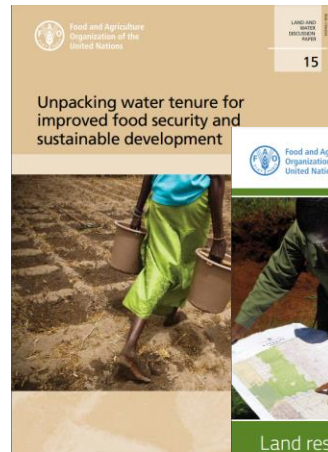
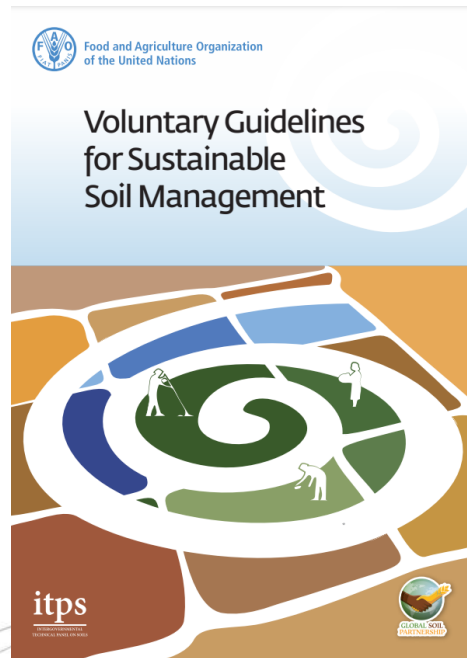
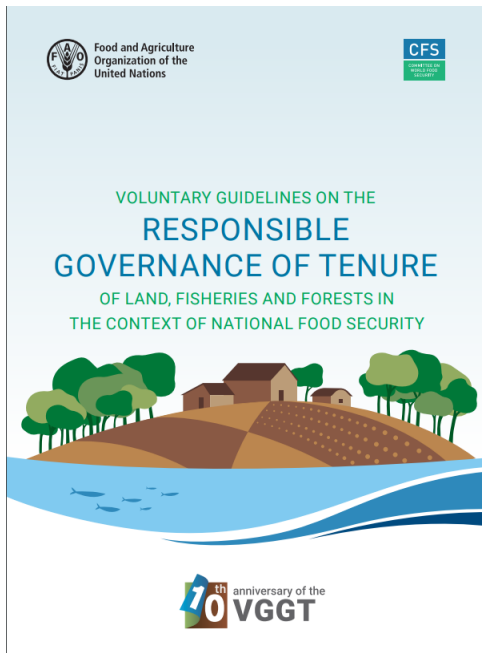
Opportunities



One health approach is the way to go.....but soil health should be better recognized.

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Integrated governance



Framework for integrated land use planning
An innovative approach



SoiLEX - Soil related legal



AQUASTAT - FAO's Glo

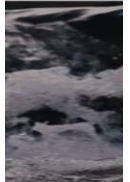
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- AquaCrop
- AQUAMAPS
- AQUALEX
- Crop Information
- CropWat
- CLIMWAT
- Diagnostic Tools for Investment
- FAO Nile
- ETo Calculator
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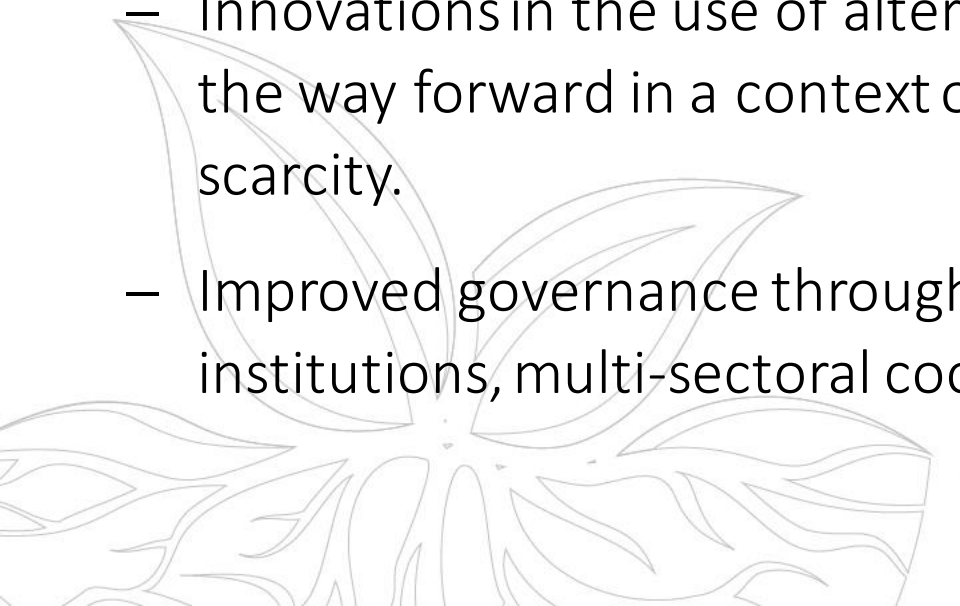
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In a nutshell

- Advocacy and awareness-raising to make the general public aware of the importance of soil and water for life on Earth, food security and nutrition.
- Integrated and sustainable soil and water management should be adopted by all.
- Soil moisture monitoring should be considered when planning irrigation and fertilization.
- Preventing soil pollution, erosion and salinization is key to ensuring good water quality.
- Innovations in the use of alternative water sources and the use of green water should be the way forward in a context of climate change, overexploitation of resources and water scarcity.
- Improved governance through more coherent legal frameworks, strengthened institutions, multi-sectoral cooperation and transparent and inclusive decision making.



An agenda for action on integrated soil and water management



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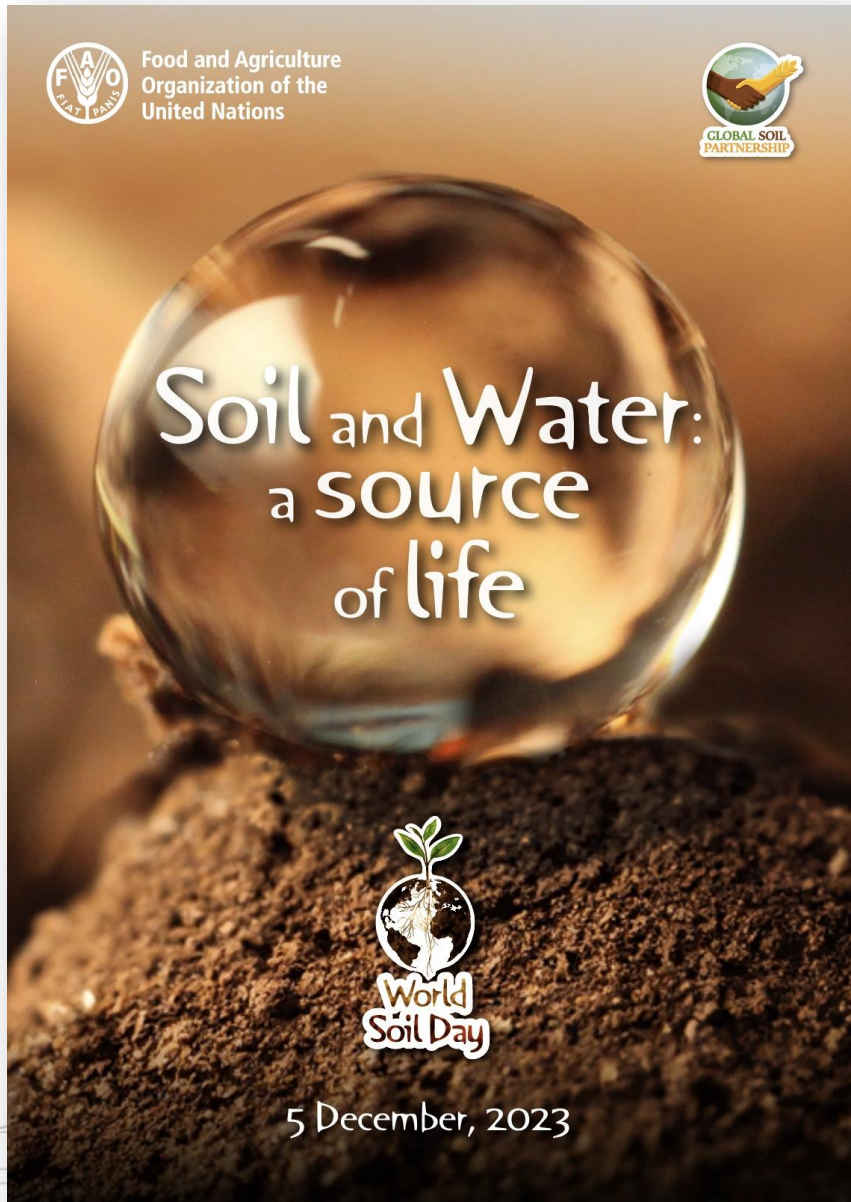


GSP actions to implement the GSOWA recommendations

1. Build a training programme on soil moisture assessment and monitoring for GSP members in line with GloSIS;
2. Include soil moisture management and integrated soil and water management within the Global Soil Doctors Programme;
3. Coordinate actions among GSP technical networks to prevent soil degradation and water quality loss in rainfed and irrigated agriculture;
4. Assist countries to develop and strengthen legal frameworks and institutions to ensure integrated and sustainable soil and water management.
5. Coordinate actions with other FAO tools, initiatives and projects to support integrated and sustainable soil and water management.

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The conversation on Soil and Water will continue on World Soil Day 2023



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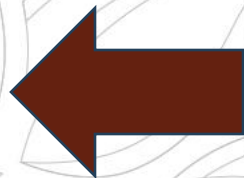
Soil prizes to be awarded on 5 December 23

Honors individuals or organizations committed to solving national, regional or local problems of soil degradation

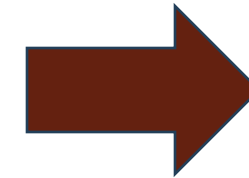


Best celebration held in the framework of the previous year's communication campaign

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Number of submissions



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Thank you !

