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1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
3. Election of Rapporteur
4. Report of the work performed since the 17th working session
 - Progress on soil organic carbon related activities (RECSOIL and GSOC-MRV)
 - Progress on black soils related activities (INBS updates)
 - Progress on soil pollution related activities (Technical Manual, INSOP updates)
 - Progress on soil biodiversity related activities (NETSOB updates, launch of GLOSOB)
 - Progress on soil salinity related activities (INSAS updates, Global assessment of salt-affected soils)
 - Progress on soil fertility related activities (launch of the International Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Network (SOILFER))
 - Progress on sustainable soil management related activities (SSM Protocol, Soil Doctors)
 - Progress on mapping related activities (progress on GSERmap, GSNmap, GloSIS)
 - Progress on soil analysis and laboratories related activities (GLOSOLAN updates)
5. Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil and Water (GSOWA23)
6. Brainstorming for topics to be addressed at the Global Symposium on Soil Sealing and Urban Soils
7. Preparation of ITPS Letters on soil pollution, soil biodiversity, soil awareness
8. Review and endorsement of the Protocol for assessing Sustainable Soil Management
9. Discussion and proposal of soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework
10. Preparation of the 2nd edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report
11. Development of ITPS work plan 2023-2024 and document to the GSP Plenary Assembly
12. Any other business
13. Date and venue of the next meeting
14. Closure of the meeting



Tuesday 21 st March		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:10	Item 1: Opening of the meeting	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair Mr Lifeng Li, NSL Director
09:10 - 09:20	Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
09:20 - 09:30	Item 3: Election of Rapporteur	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
09:30 - 10:30	Item 4: Report of the work performed since the 17 th working session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on soil organic carbon related activities (RECSOIL and GSOC-MRV) - Progress on black soils related activities (INBS updates) 	ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 13:00	Item 4: continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on soil pollution related activities (Technical Manual, INSOP updates) - Progress on soil biodiversity related activities (NETSOB updates, launch of GLOSOB) - Progress on soil salinity related activities (INSAS updates, Global assessment of salt-affected soils) - Progress on soil fertility related activities (launch of the International Soil Fertility and Fertilizer Network (SOILFER)) 	ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat
13:00 - 14:10	Lunch break and group photo	
14:10 - 15:40	Item 4: continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on sustainable soil management related activities (SSM Protocol, Soil Doctors) - Progress on mapping related activities (progress on GSERmap, GSNmap, GloSIS) - Progress on soil analysis and laboratories related activities (GLOSOLAN updates) 	ITPS working groups leaders and GSP Secretariat
15:40 - 16:00	Coffee break	
16:00 - 17:00	Item 5: Preparation for the Global Symposium on Soil and Water (GSOWA23)	Ms Lucrezia Caon, GSP Secretariat



Wednesday 22nd March		
09:00 - 10:00	Item 6: Brainstorming for topics to be addressed at the Global Symposium on Soil Sealing and Urban Soils	Ms Carolina Olivera, GSP Secretariat
10:00 - 10:30	Item 7: Preparation of ITPS Letters on soil pollution, soil biodiversity, soil awareness. Other proposals.	Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 13:00	Item 8: Final review and endorsement of the Protocol for assessing Sustainable Soil Management	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair GSP Secretariat
13:00 - 14:10	Lunch break	
14:10 - 15:30	Item 9: Discussion and proposal of soil health indicators and key performance indicators of the GSP Action Framework	Ms Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio and Mr Yusuf Yigini, GSP Secretariat
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Item 9: Continuation	Ms Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio and Mr Yusuf Yigini, GSP Secretariat
Thursday 23rd March		
09:00 – 10:30	Item 10: Preparation of the 2 nd edition of the Status of the World's Soil Resources Report	Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 13:00	Item 10: Discussion on the regional chapters of the SWSR2025	Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Item 10: Continuation	Mr Dan Pennock, Chief Editor
15:00 - 15:30	Item 11: Development of ITPS work plan 2023-2024 and document to the GSP Plenary Assembly	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
15:30 - 16:00	Item 12: Any other business Item 13: Date and venue of the next meeting Item 14: Closure of the meeting	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat



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