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Governance of NETSOB



NETSOB objectives

The overall goal of the NETSOB is to **promote the sustainable use and conservation of soil biodiversity.**

To achieve this goal, the NETSOB:

- Provides the critical mass for the implementation/coordination of the GLOSOB;
- Provides reliable evidence to support better decision-making both in the field and at the policy level in sustainable use and conservation of soil biodiversity;
- Strengthens the knowledge about soil biodiversity;
- Contributes to the development of internationally accepted biological indicators;



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To achieve this goal, the NETSOB (continuation):

- Contributes to the monitoring of soil biodiversity status and loss;
- Contributes to promoting actions to increase the sustainable use of soil biodiversity and overall soil health;
- Contributes to the adoption of good practices that enhance availability and safety of food;
- Identifies knowledge gaps and fosters investment and cooperation in soil biodiversity research.



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NETSOB governance: Chair

- Ensure that the GSOBI21 Outcome Document is executed and the NETSOB is established;
- Maintain active communication between NETSOB and the GSP Secretariat, in relation to the execution of the NETSOB activities as documented in the work plan agreed upon at the launch of the NETSOB;
- Chair the NETSOB meetings, ensure its work objectives and deliverables are met in time, and update the workplan when necessary;
- Support the activities of each NETSOB technical working group;
- Oversee progress and link between NETSOB and other Networks (including maintaining active communication);



NETSOB governance: Chair (continuation)

- Oversee progress on downscaling NETSOB activities to the regional and national context;
- Report (jointly with the GSP Secretariat and ITPS Chair) to the GSP Plenary Assembly about the NETSOB progress;
- Attend meetings of other relevant networks and events of interest to the success and visibility of NETSOB;
- Facilitate the establishment and activities of the Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory (GLOSOB) in line with the GSOBI21 Outcome Document and the Plan of Action of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity;
- Advocate for the mobilization of resources to execute the NETSOB activities as foreseen by the NETSOB work plan.



NETSOB governance: Vice-chair

- Chair the corresponding technical WG meetings, ensure its work objectives and deliverables are met in time, and update the WG workplan when necessary;
- Maintain active communications between each technical WG and the GSP Secretariat, in relation to the execution of the technical WG activities as documented in the work plan agreed upon at the launch of the technical WG;
- Oversee progress and link between the NETSOB technical WGs and other Networks (including maintaining active communication);
- Report regularly about each technical WG progress to the NETSOB Chair;
- Report to NETSOB of progress made and changes in the work plan at the yearly NETSOB meetings;
- Assist the NETSOB Chair in the establishment and activities of GLOSOB;
- Support the NETSOB Chair in attending other relevant network meetings and events of interest when the chairperson cannot participate.



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NETSOB governance: candidatures

Chair	Vice-chair	WG	Name	Surname	Gender	Institution	Country
Yes			Peter	Ruiter	Male	Wageningen University, University of Amsterdam and Potsdam University (Germany).	Netherlands
	Yes	1	Xin	Sun	Female	Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences	China
	Yes	1	César	Marín	Male	Institute of Botany, Czech Academy of Sciences	Colombia
	Yes	1	George	Brown	Male	Embrapa	Brazil
	Yes	2	Partha Pratim	Chakravorty	Male	Raja Narendra Lal Khan Womens College	India
	Yes	2	George	Brown	Male	Embrapa	Brazil
	Yes	2	Simona	Di Gregorio	Female	University of Pisa	Italy
	Yes	2	Zoe	Lindo	Female	Western University	USA
	Yes	3	Gian Luca	Bagnara	Male	Agribusiness consulting and economics of territory	Italy
	Yes	4	Rosalina	González	Female	La Salle University	Colombia
	Yes	4	Zoe	Lindo	Female	Western University	USA



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