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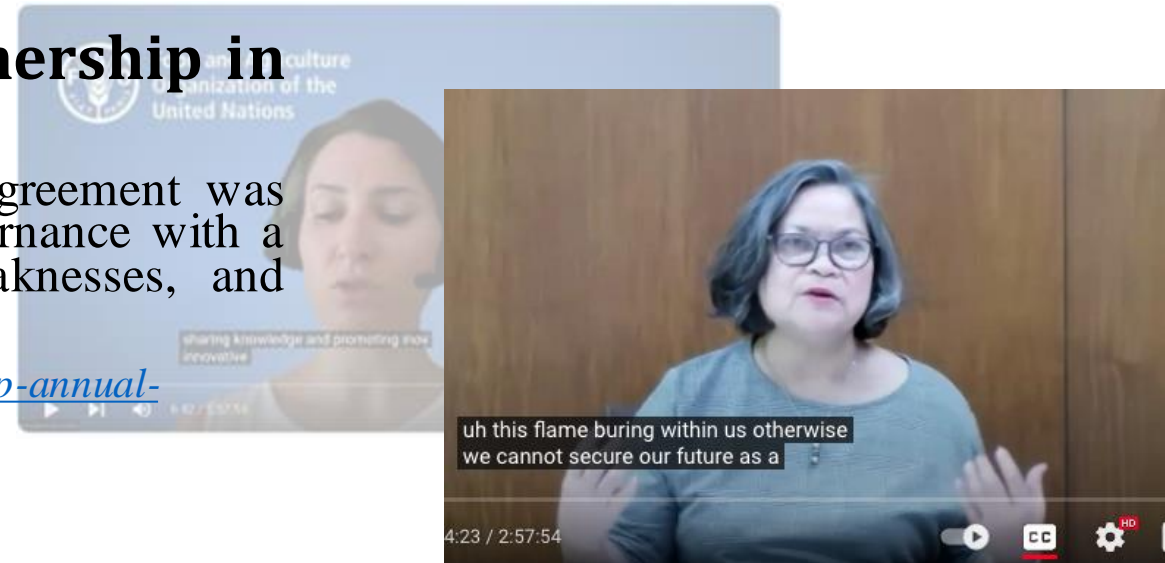


2023-2024 ASP highlights of activities

9th Plenary Meeting of the Asian Soil Partnership in attendance are

Was held on 23 and 24 April 2024. At the meeting, an agreement was reached on writing and published policy briefs on soil governance with a focus on national legal frameworks and their gaps, weaknesses, and strengths, and make recommendations for improvement.

<https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/regional-partnerships/asia/asp-annual-meetings/en/>



07/09/2023-22/11/2023 Virtual, Bangkok, Thailand



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WEBINAR SERIES

Asian knowledge hub on sustainable soil and land management

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Series of webinar on the Asian Knowledge Hub on Sustainable Soil and Land Management

The use of the Hub has been promoted through the organization of a series of webinars starting in September 2023. Designed to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences on sustainable soil and land management in the Asian region.

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Centre of Excellence for Soil Research in Asia (CESRA)

ASP in collaboration with Thailand, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCo), is executing the project titled:

"Improving Local Communities' Livelihoods and Engagement in Sustainable Forest and Land Management in Thailand through Forest Landscape Restoration" (2023-2024)

The project focuses on implementing measures to meet the targets of National Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) and addresses concerns about greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from the agricultural and forestry sectors in Pa Leaw Luang sub-district, Nan Province, Thailand. In November 2023, CESRA developed a new e-learning course on the topic *"Thriving Soil, Thriving Thai Nation: Combating Soil Threats with Regenerative Practices"*.

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FAO's Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu visit in Thailand



FAO Director-General visits Thailand's Land Development Department and "Bangkok's Green Lung"

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11/01/2024 Bangkok FAO Director-General QU Dongyu today visited Thailand's Land Development Department (LDD) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, underlining the country's key role as a proponent of sustainable soil management in the Asia and Pacific region as he began a three-day visit to Bangkok.

This visit aims to strengthen the cooperation between Thailand and FAO that has continued throughout the past 72 years.

During his visit, Dr QU proposed to organize an International Soil, Land, and Water Forum to serve as a global platform to raise awareness for sustainable soil and water management.

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| ACTIVITIES | OUTPUT |
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| Involvement of national focal points from Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Thailand for the implementation of the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAORAP) | FAORAP is a number of small projects aiming to assess the impacts of different sustainable soil management (SSM) practices in different agroecological zones with a focus on cash crops. |
| Partnership with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, United States of America, | Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam have initiated a partnership to assess cropping systems where potassium (K) is currently constraining crop yields, particularly in paddy fields. |
| Thailand as backstopping support partner for the Global Soil Doctors Programme in South-East Asia | The Land Development Department (LDD), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, will act as implementing partner to cover the implementation of the programme in Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam |

ASP Proposals Call for Action (Presented during the 11th Plenary Assembly of the GSP)

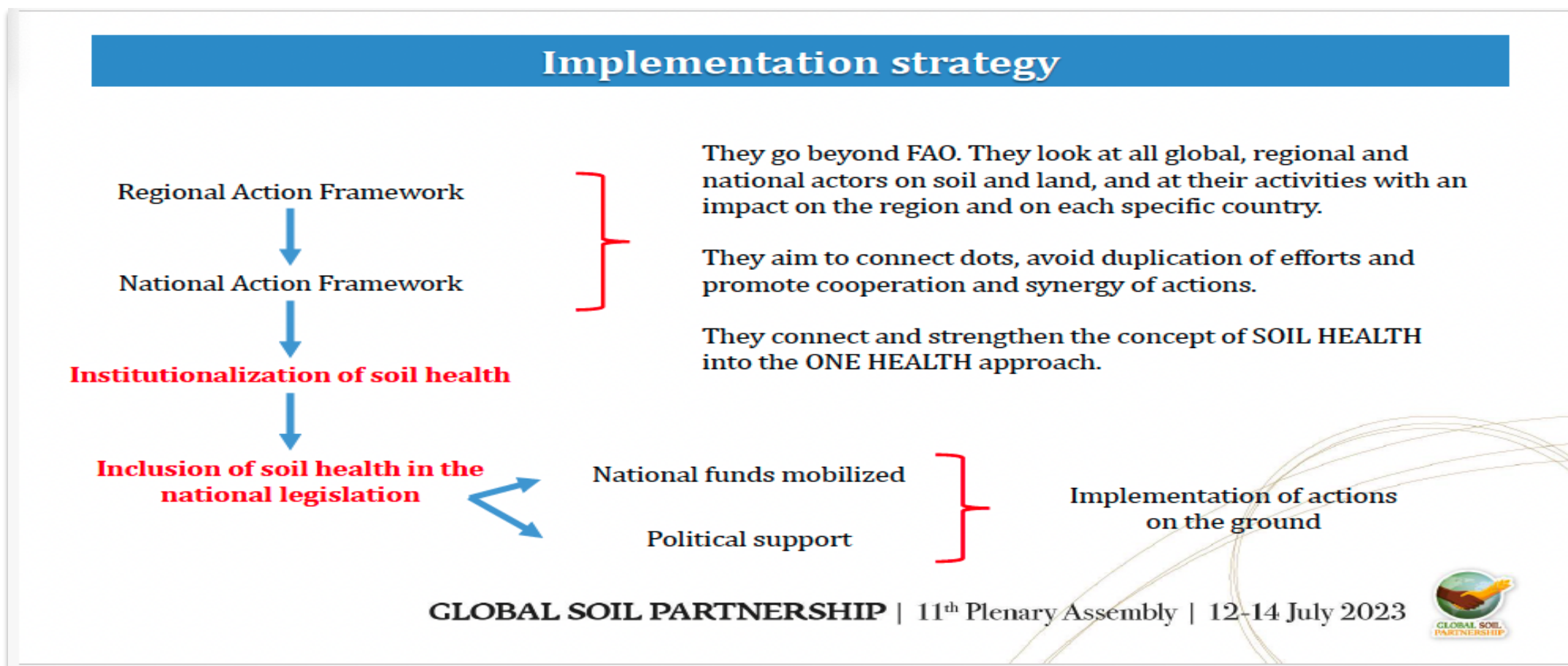
1. The ASP proposed to the 11th GSP Plenary Assembly to identify a highly competent soil testing laboratory in the region to act as a FAO Centre of Excellence for Soil Laboratories (CESLab)

Proposed Criteria in Selecting FAO-CESLab

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| <p>a) Attainment of scientific, technical and active engagement in fields of expertise relevant to the FAO's mandate;</p> <p>b) Contributions to the implementation of FAO's programmatic priorities and a commitment to strengthening capacity development in areas relevant to GLOSOLAN specific programmes or projects);</p> <p>c) The ability to carry out one or several of the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. standardization of testing methods, transfer function and other substances, and of methods/procedures;ii. provision of reference substances and services such as quality control and quality assurance;iii. participation in collaborative research of a GLOSOLAN scientific, technical or policy nature;iv. contribution to capacity development through, inter | <p>alia, the provision of training;</p> <p>v. coordination of activities carried out by other GLOSOLAN members;</p> <p>vi provision for host for the international, regional, and national training</p> <p>vii evidence of the accreditation of the quality system ISO 17025 (optional)</p> <p>viii evidence of the performance of the laboratory either the precision and accuracy</p> <p>d) A willingness to use its own resources or co support fund to implement joint collaborative activities, with the understanding that FAO is not a funding organization and limited in the financial support it can provide;</p> <p>e) The submission of a "Declaration of Interest", to be completed by the head of the concerned institution.</p> |
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ASP Proposal Call for Action

2. Establish an Action Framework on Soil Health in Asia (AFSHA) to overcome the obstacles to the implementation of sustainable soil and land management at the field level in the region, avoid duplication of efforts, make a better use of the financial resources available, and set the basis for establishing regional policies on soil.





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