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Sixth Pacific Soil Partnership meeting

21 and 22 August 2024

From 6 to 8AM GMT+7 (Bangkok time)

OR

from 11AM to 1 PM GMT+12 (Fiji time)

Virtual meeting

With simultaneous interpretation in English and French

21 August, 2024

6:00 – 6:10

| Opening remarks, endorsement of the agenda and group picture

Siosuia Halavatau, Pacific Soil Partnership Chair ad interim

Li Lifeng, Director of the Land and Water Division, FAO and Secretariat ad interim of the Global Soil Partnership (video message)

Raushan Kumar, Forestry Officer, FAO Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands

Karen Mapusua, Director of Land Resources Division, Pacific Community (SPC)

6:10 – 7:20

| Countries progresses and news on sustainable soil management and soil health (SPC member countries and territories to take the floor in alphabetical order) *3 minutes per country/territory*

American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna

- **Australia** | Rowena Yates, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- **Cook Islands** | William Wigmore, Ministry of Agriculture
- **Fiji** | Rozleen Deo, Ministry of Agriculture & Waterways
- **Kiribati** | Karoti Toto, Ministry of Environment Lands and Agricultural Development
- **Marshall Islands** | Randon Jack, Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce
- **Nauru** |
- **New Zealand** | Sam Carrick, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research
- **Papua New Guinea** | Patrick Nimiago, Forest Research institute, PNG Forest Authority
- **Samoa** | Md. Abdul Kader, University of the South Pacific
- **Solomon Islands** | Marvin Baekisapa, Solomon Islands National University
- **Tonga** | Viliami Manu, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests
- **Tuvalu** | Matio Lonolona, Ministry of Agriculture

Moderator: Siosuia Halavatau, Pacific Soil Partnership Chair ad-interim

7:20 – 7:45

| Partners interventions

- Australasian Soil and Plant Analysis Council (ASPAC)

Nell Peisley, Deputy-Chair, ACT Rep, Workshop Coordinator

- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
Uta Stockmann, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research (MWLR) and Plant and Food Research New Zealand (PFR)
Sam Carrick, Portfolio Leader Characterising Land Resources, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research & Craig Anderson, Soil Scientist, Plant and Food Research, New Zealand

Moderator: Lucrezia Caon, Land Management Officer, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific

7:20 – 8:00

| News from the region

- Decisions of the Pacific Week of Agriculture and Forestry (PWAf 2023)
- Definition of SPC role in PSP

Rohit Lal, Soil Scientist, SPC Land Resources Division

- New Zealand Society of Soil Science and Soil Science Australia Joint Conference, 2-5 December 2024

Pierre Roudier, Senior Scientist at Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research in New Zealand

- Plans for Pacific Week of Agriculture and Forestry 2024

Siosiu Halavatau, Pacific Soil Partnership Chair ad-interim

Moderator: Uta Stockmann, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

8:00

| Closing of the day

22 August, 2024

- 6:00 – 6:15** | **Status of the world’s soil resources report 2025: updates and way forward**
Megan Balks, SWSR25 Review Editor and former South-West Pacific representative in the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils
- 6:15 – 6:35** | **Global Soil Partnership: group discussion on regional representation at the GSP**
- Summary of the actions coming out of the GSP Plenary Assembly
Natalia Rodriguez Eugenio, Global Soil Partnership, FAO
 - Achieving equitable representation of the region within the GSP and at FAO Headquarters
 - Regional representation on GSP networks
Moderator: Siosuia Halavatau, Pacific Soil Partnership Chair ad-interim
- 6:35 – 7:10** | **Technical work being undertaken in the Pacific**
- Pacific work plan on soil analysis (*for information and decision-making*)
Lucrezia Caon, Land Management Officer, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific
 - Pacific Soil Portal
James Barringer, GIS Scientist and International Consultant, Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research (MWLR)
Moderator: Rohit Lal, Soil Scientist, SPC Land Resources Division
- 7:10 – 7:50** | **Open discussion: burning issues and way forward**
- Regional overview of burning soil issues
Siosuia Halavatau, Pacific Soil Partnership Chair ad-interim
 - Pacific knowledge hub on sustainable soil and land management
Lucrezia Caon, Land Management Officer, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific
Moderator: Nell Peisley, Deputy-Chair, ACT Rep, Workshop Coordinator
- 7:50 – 8:00** | **PSP governance**
- Terms of Reference
 - Announcement of the candidates to the PSP Chair and vice-Chair
Moderator: Lucrezia Caon, Land Management Officer, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific
- 8:00** | **Closure of the meeting**