 

# **CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS – 8th GSP Plenary Assembly**

The Global Soil Partnership (GSP) is a globally recognized mechanism established in 2012. It is our mission to position soils in the Global Development Agenda through collective action. Our key objectives are to promote Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) and improve soil governance to guarantee healthy and productive soils, and support the provision of essential ecosystem services towards food security and improved nutrition, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable development.

In the framework of the [8th Session of the Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly (PA)](http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/about/plenary-assembly/eight-session-2020/en/) to be held at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters (Rome, Italy) from 3-5 June 2020, the GSP is launching a Call for Side Events. The PA constitutes the decision making body of the GSP; it is the main venue where all GSP partners come together to make important decisions about the global soil agenda.

This year we are giving the possibility to external stakeholders and partners to present their current and future work on sustainable soil management. Share your experience and tell the world about the strategies, action plans and innovations on soil you are responsible of.

**WHO CAN SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR SIDE EVENTS**

This call is addressed to all stakeholders working on the promotion of Sustainable Soil Management (SSM). This includes FAO Member Countries, UN organizations, partners and stakeholders of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), regional organizations, associations, NGOs, research institutions, farmers, academia and the private sector.

**TOPICS**

Side events provide institutions with the opportunity to share their experiences, success stories and lessons learned. The GSP is particularly interested in hearing about:

         Cutting-edge technologies for sustainable soil management

         Advancements in soil research

         Public and private investment in soil conservation and restoration

         Policy development strategies on soil governance

         Innovative soil information systems

**SIDE EVENT FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS**

         Side events can only be held in English. If interpretation is needed, cost will be borne by the side event organizer. All applications should be submitted in English and cover the requirements outlined in the call.

         Ideal duration: 60-minute session lengths, with the possibility to provide light refreshments after the side event (costs will be borne by the side event organizer).

         The side-event can be co-organized and/or co-presented.

         Recommended format:

1.     Presentation with time for questions/discussion;

2.     Panel discussions and interactive sessions with the audience.

**SUBMISSION**

         Deadline for submissions is 30 March 2020.

         Send your side events proposals to gsp-secretariat@fao.org, indicating “Call for Side Events/Your full name” in the subject line.

         Remember to fill out and attach the registration form below with the requested relevant information.

         Selected side events will take place on 3-5 June 2020 at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy during the PA.

**EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

         The GSP Secretariat will select side events based on relevance to GSP mandate and innovation.

         A confirmation e-mail will be sent after your submission is received.

         Notification of selected side event (including logistical information, meeting set-up and equipment) will be provided by 10 April 2020

         Accepted side event proposals will be listed in the conference program, included in the PA agenda and described in related documentation.

**TIMETABLE**

         Submissions open: 31 January 2020

         Submissions close: 30 March 2020

         Notification of selected side events: 10 April 2020

Please send the form to [gsp-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:gsp-secretariat@fao.org)

# **Application form**

## **PART I**

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| **Title** (max 15 words)\*[[1]](#footnote-1): |
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| **Summary** (200 words)\*: |
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| **Details on the proposed content**\*: |
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| **Key learning objectives and comparative advantage**\*: |
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| **Expected/Target audience**\*: |
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| **Tentative names of presenter/s and affiliation of the speaker/s** \*: |
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| **Panelists (if any)**: |
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| **Methods/ Format/ Event type**\*: |
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| **Meeting set-up and equipment requirements\*:** |
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| **Key words**\*: |
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| **Topics:** | **Tick (X)** |
| Cutting-edge technologies for sustainable soil management |  |
| Advancements in soil research |  |
| Public and private investment in soil conservation and restoration |  |
| Policy development strategies on soil governance |  |
| Innovative soil information systems |  |
| Others: | (Please specify) |

## **PART II**

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| **Name and Surname**\* of the applicant: | | | | | | |
| Gender (if applicable): | | | | | | |
| Age (if applicable): | | | | | | |
| **Institution/ Organization/ Private company/ Affiliation**\*: | | | | | | |
| Co-organizers (if applicable): | | | | | | |
| **Title and Position**\*:  (on behalf of) | | | | | | |
| **Country**\*: |  | | | | | |
| Telephone (work): |  | Mobile phone: |  | Email\*: |  | |
| **Visa Requirements**: I need an invitation letter for the visa application\*: | | | | | YES | NO |
| Additional comments: | |  | | | | |

1. The mandatory fields are marked with a star ‘\*’ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)