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## 14<sup>th</sup> Working Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS)

11, 12 and 13 May 2021, 13:30 – 15:30 CEST, Zoom meeting

1. Opening of the meeting
  - Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
  - Election of Rapporteur
2. Cooperation with SPI, 4per1000, CIRCASA, others (*for information*)
3. World Soil Day 2021 (*for information and decision*)
4. Report of the work performed since the 13<sup>th</sup> working session (*for information and decision*)
  - Report of the SOC working group (SOC Manual – way forward, new developments of RECSOIL)
  - Report of the soil pollution working group (GASP report, way forward)
  - Report of the soil erosion working group (implementation of the GSER outcome document)
  - Report of the soil biodiversity working group (way forward)
  - Report of the soil salinity working group (Global Assessment of Salt-Affected Soils, role of ITPS on Global Symposium on Salt-Affected Soils, INSAS)
  - Report of the soil fertility working group (Global Symposium on Soil Fertility, Implementation plan of the Fertilizer Code)
  - Report of the black soils working group (Report of the Global Status of Black Soils)
  - Report of the mapping working group (progress on GSSmap, GSOCseq, GBSmap, and GSERmap)
5. Future ITPS Letters (*for information and decision*)
6. Protocol for Sustainable Soil Management and Soil Doctors Programme (*for information*)
7. Discussion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the SWSR Report (*for information and decision*)
8. ITPS report to the GSP Plenary Assembly (*for information*)
9. Any other business
10. Date and venue of the next meeting
11. Closure of the meeting



Tuesday 11 May 2021		
<b>13:30 - 13:45</b>	Item 1: Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable</li> <li>• Election of Rapporteur</li> </ul>	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Secretariat
<b>13:45 – 14:00</b>	Item 2: Cooperation with SPI, 4per1000, CIRCASA, others	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>	Item 3: World Soil Day 2021	Ms Isabelle Verbeke, GSP Sec.
<b>14:10 – 15:30</b>	Item 4: Report of the work performed since the 13th working session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SOC working group (14:10 – 14:30)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOC Manual – status and way forward</li> <li>• New developments of RECSOIL: inclusion of N, financial part and implementation plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Soil pollution working group (14:30 – 14:50)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of GASP report</li> <li>• Technical manuals on hold since 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Soil erosion working group (14:50 – 15:10)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil Erosion Special Issues</li> <li>• Way forward</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Soil biodiversity working group (15:10 – 15:30)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome of GSOBI</li> <li>• Way forward</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ITPS WG coordinators (10' per topic plus 10' discussion)
Wednesday 12 May 2021		
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	Item 4: Continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Soil salinity working group (13:30 – 13:50)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Assessment of Salt-Affected Soils</li> <li>• Role of ITPS on Global Symposium on Salt-Affected Soils</li> <li>• INSAS</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Soil fertility working group (13:50 – 14:10)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Symposium on Soil Fertility 2022</li> <li>• Implementation plan of the Fertilizer Code</li> </ul> </li> <li>g. Soil mapping working group (14:10 – 14:40)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress on Global Soil Salinity Map (GSSmap)</li> <li>• Progress on Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map (GSOCseq)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ITPS WG coordinators (10' per topic plus 10' discussion)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress on Global Soil Erosion Map (GSEmap)</li> <li>• Progress on Global Black Soil Distribution Map (GBSmap)</li> </ul> <p>h. Black soils working group (14:40 – 15:00)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Global Status of Black Soils</li> </ul>	
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<p>Item 5: ITPS Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters under development (soil governance)</li> <li>• New letters</li> </ul>	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
<b>Thursday 13 May 2021</b>		
<b>13:30 – 13:40</b>	Item 6: Protocol for Sustainable Soil Management and Soil Doctors Programme	Ms Carolina Olivera, GSP Sec.
<b>13:40 – 14:40</b>	<p>Item 7: Discussion on the 2nd Edition of the SWSR Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editorial Board</li> <li>• Inviting authors</li> <li>• How to use the information of the Global Assessments</li> </ul>	Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Sec. Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
<b>14:40 – 15:00</b>	<p>Item 8: ITPS report to the GSP Plenary Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITPS workplan for 2021-2022</li> <li>• Introduction of the new ITPS Russian member and his involvement in ongoing tasks</li> </ul>	Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Sec. Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<p>Item 9: Any other business</p> <p>Item 10: Date and venue of the next meeting</p> <p>Item 11: Closure of the meeting</p>	Ms Rosa Poch, ITPS Chair Mr Ronald Vargas, GSP Sec.