

# The contribution of the GSP Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils for boosting healthy soils and a land degradation neutral world

The protection, conservation and rehabilitation of global soils is the main aim of the Global Soil Partnership. Sustainable development will not be reached unless the sustainable soil management is widely implemented. The concept of a Land degradation neutral world sets an opportunity for placing efforts towards the protection and sustainable use of healthy land and soil resources and rehabilitation of those already degraded. This significant challenge would require sound advice and guidance that is based on scientific based evidences. A global scientific authority such as the just established Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) is working towards the provision of this scientific guidance in order to provide sound elements for implementing the land degradation neutral world concept. This side event will bring the ITPS chair, GSP Secretariat and various stakeholders to discuss the needs in terms of global scientific advice on soils and the potential contribution of the ITPS to the strive for a land degradation neutral world and how it could contribute to the objectives and 10 year Strategy of the UNCCD.

**Because it is everywhere, we tend to overlook the fact that soil is a limited natural resource.**



**Global Soil Partnership Side Event at COP11**

**When: 25 September 2013, 18:00-20:00**

**Venue: MET07**

**Dinner provided!**

## **Agenda**

18:00-18:10 Opening of side event (Luc Gnacadja, UNCCD)

18:10-18:30 Introduction to the side event and GSP (Eduardo Rojas/Sally Bunning, FAO)

18:30-19:00 Needs of a scientific guiding body: Chencho Norbu, (Chair IWG), Jaroslava Sobocka (Focal Point Slovakia-ITPS Member), Jeff Herrick (USDA), Antonio Micha Ondo (Focal Point Equatorial Guinea), Representatives from Latin America and Asia.

19:00-19:15 Introduction to the ITPS, Luca Montanarella, ITPS Chair

19:15-19:40 Open Debate

19:40-20:00 Closure and Dinner



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