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Asian Soil Partnership

Engr. Pablo M. Montalla

Asian Soil Partnership Chair

GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP
9th Plenary Assembly



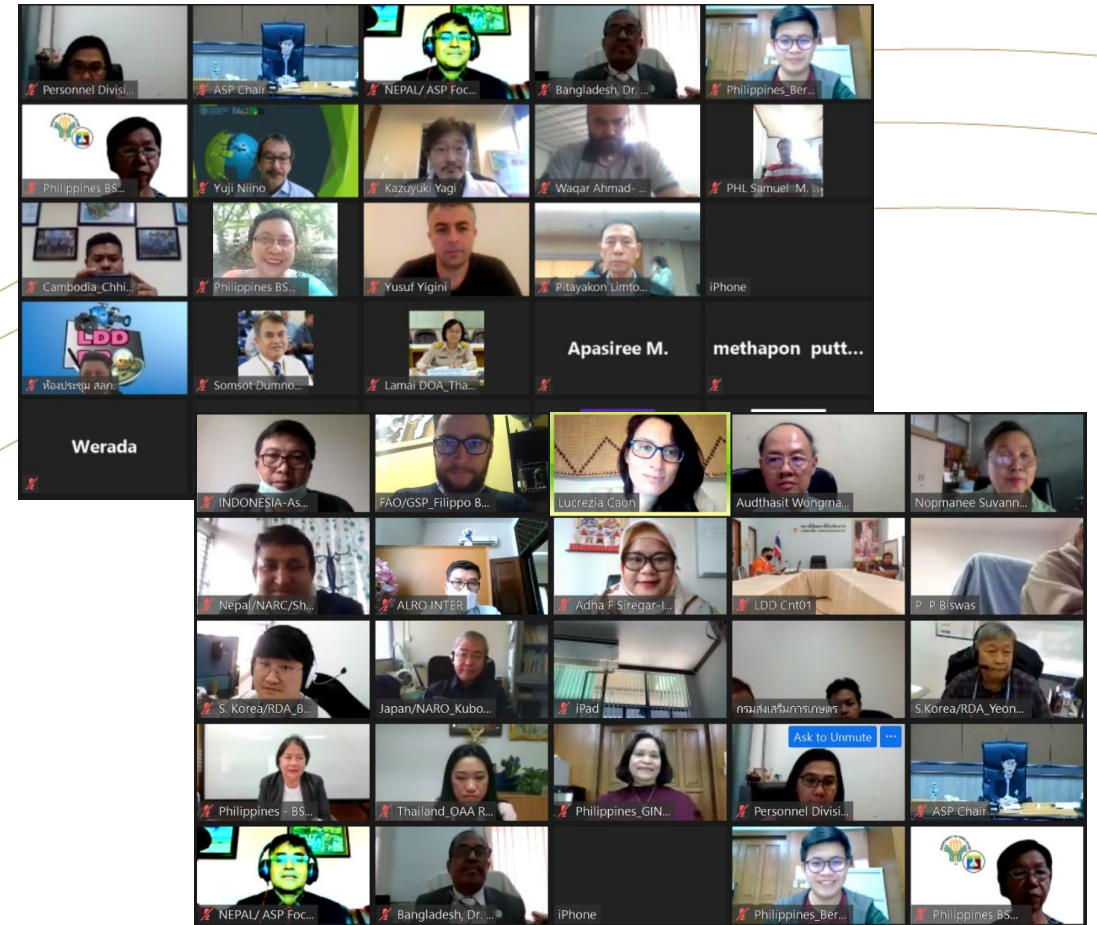
Asian Soil Partnership | Established in February 2012

Member countries (24)

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam

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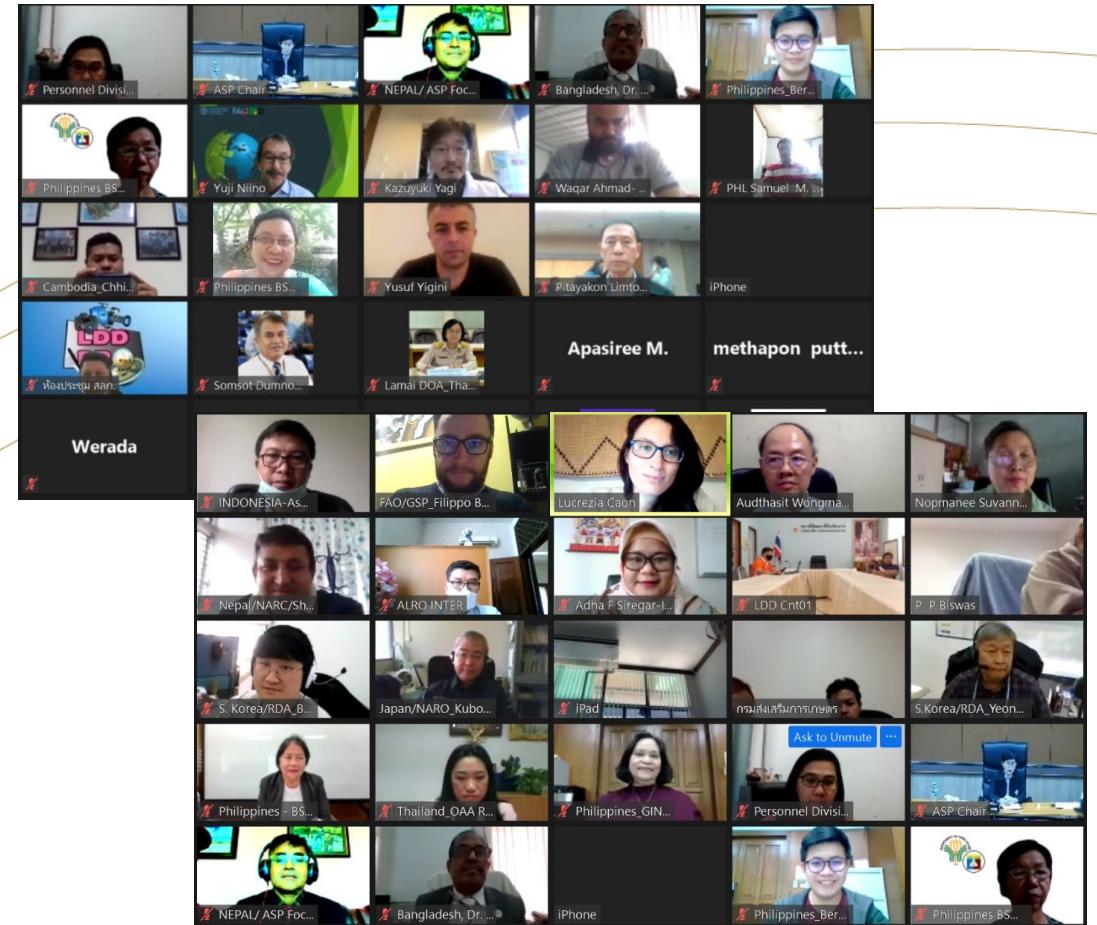
Decision on the activities on the five GSP pillars of action to implement in the region in 2021

- Writing of a policy brief on the multi-faced role of soil in Asia **[Status: ongoing]**
- Regional database on research and development **[Status: first version ready for publishing]**
- Writing of the Soil Atlas of Asia to be published in December 2021 **[Status: writing ongoing]**
- Continue the preparation and update of the national soil organic carbon, salinity and carbon sequestration potential maps **[Status: ongoing]**
- Implementation of the Global Soil Doctors Programme : the programme should not be implemented in the same way in all countries. National stories should be shared at the annual ASP meetings
- Continue to support the Asian Soil Laboratory Network (SEALNET)
- Celebration of the World Soil Day – 5 December 2021
- Strong support in the implementation of the Resolution for the International Exchange of Soil Samples for Research
- Identification of Center of Excellence for Regional Soil Laboratories

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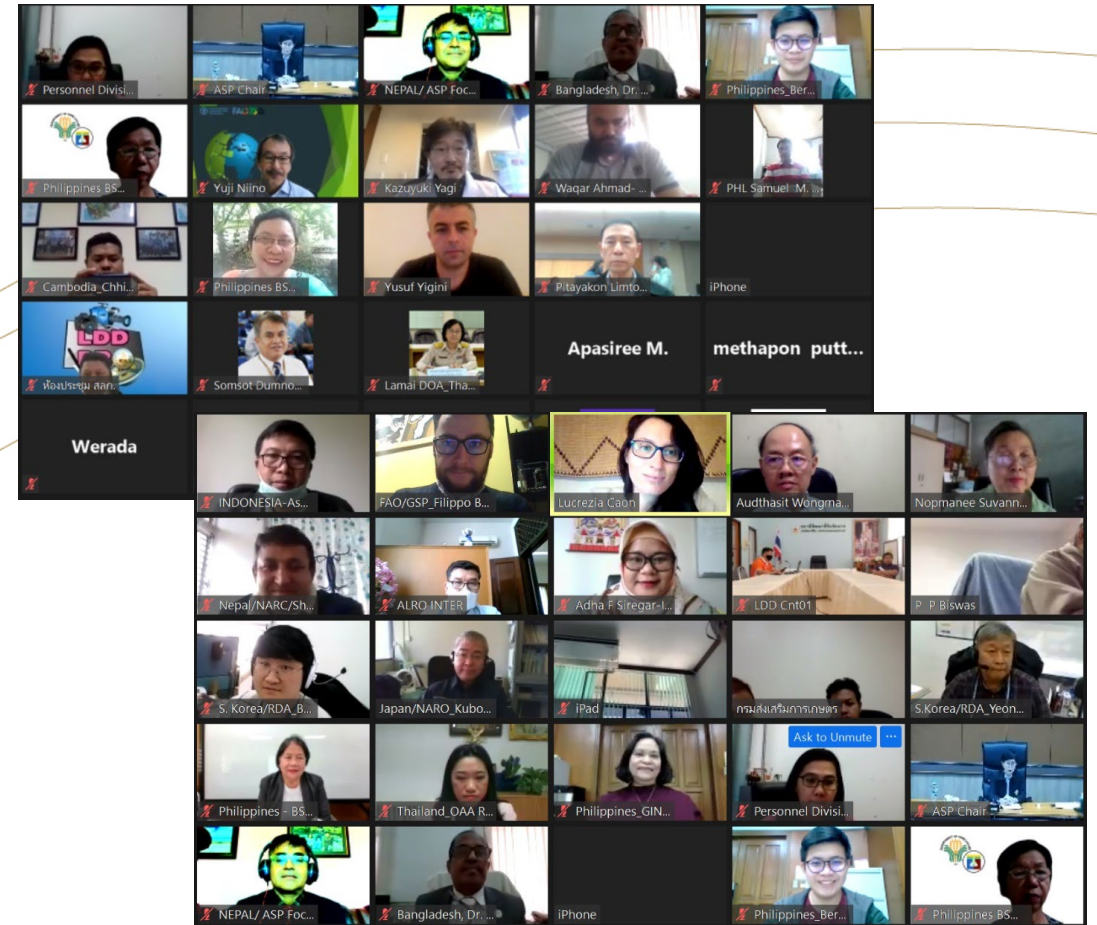


Participation of countries in the activities of the Center of Excellence on Soil Research in Asia (CESRA)

- All national focal points to spread the voice on CESRA and to identify national centers and institutions to join CESRA. No limit to the number of CESRA members per each country.
- All countries to contribute to the implementation of the CESRA's work plan 2021 developed by Thailand.
- Need to establish a Steering Committee to define CESRA's work plan from 2022 onwards.
- Countries to contribute to the development of the database on research and development that will be hosted on the CESRA's website
- All ASP and CESRA members should contribute to the writing of project proposals and to the mobilization of financial resources. Possibility to use policy brief for fund raising.

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- **To elect the new ASP Chair and Pillar Chairs**





ASP governance May 2021 – May 2023

ASP Chair: Engr. Pablo M. Montalla, Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (Philippines)



Pillar 1 Chair: Ms. Junling Zhang (China)



Pillar 2 Chair: Mr. Munir Hussain Zia (Pakistan)



Pillar 3 Chair: *vacant*



Pillar 4 Chair: Mr. Jalal Uddin Md. Shoaib (Bangladesh)



Pillar 5 Chair: Ms. Gina P. Nilo (Philippines)



Call for Action

1. Intensify the promotion and demonstration of best practices in the sustainable use and management of soil through the establishment and demonstration of the network of best practices across Asian countries. Consequently, documentation at country level best practices (Pillar 1).
2. Work together in the identification of priority programs and investment for the Asian region and funding support (Pillar 2).
3. Intensify and expand the Soil Doctor Program (Pillar 2).
4. Promote participation among member countries to the Center of Excellence for Soil Research in Asia (CESRA) (Pillar 3). Likewise, promote the establishment of the Center of Excellence of Soil Laboratories (CESLAB) in the region (Pillar 5).
5. Sustain mapping and monitoring of key soil parameters (Pillar 4) such as organic carbon, pH, among others, making use of harmonized test methods developed under Pillar 5 to ensure intercomparability and exchangeability of data across locations (Pillars 4 and 5).



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Proposed Theme for International World Soil Day 2022

“Soil Resiliency: Providing Safe and Healthy Food, a Recovery Strategy from the Pandemic”

Soil recovery can be achieved through soil rejuvenation, while supporting the needs of the population for a safe and healthy food.

As we say, “Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.”

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