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Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly

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| **Eight session** |
| **Rome, 04-05 June 2020** |
| **Agenda and timetable** |

Green room (Building A, first floor)

**THURSDAY 04 June | *9.00 – 12.00***

8.30 – 9.00 Registration and market place

9.00 - Opening of the session

1. **Adoption of the Agenda** (GSPPA:VIII/2020/1)
2. **Status of the GSP, findings of its evaluation and the way forward** (GSPPA:VIII/2020/2)
3. **Report on the financial status of the GSP** (GSPPA:VIII/2020/3)
4. **ITPS main achievements and work plan** (GSPPA:VIII/2020/4)

**Side events and light refreshment | 12.00 – 14.00**

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**THURSDAY 04 June | *14.00 – 17.00***

1. **Highlights on the work of the GSP Pillars**: *for information and decision*
	1. Pillar 1 progresses on: (GSPPA:VIII/2020/5)
* Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management
* Protocol for the assessment of sustainable soil management
	1. Pillar 2 progresses on: (GSPPA:VIII/2020/6)
* World Soil Day, Glinka Award and World Soil Day Award
* SoilLex
* Global Soil Doctors Programme
	1. Pillar 3 progresses on: (GSPPA:VIII/2020/7)
* Report on the Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity
* Preparation of the Global Symposium on Soil Salinity
* Preparation of the Global Symposium on Nutrition-sensitive agriculture (Soil Fertility)
* Decisions on upcoming symposia
	1. Pillar 4 progresses on: (GSPPA:VIII/2020/8)
* Global implementation plan
* Global datasets
* Global Soil Information System and SOILSTAT
* International Network of Soil Information Institutions (INSII)
	1. Pillar 5 progresses on:
* Interoperability – exchange of digital soil information (GSPPA:VIII/2020/9)
* Global Soil Laboratory Network (GLOSOLAN) (GSPPA:VIII/2020/10)

**Side events | 17.00 – 19.00**

**FRIDAY 05 June | *9.00 – 12.00***

1. **Report on Regional Soil Partnerships and way forward on the promotion of inter-regional cooperation**: *for information and decision (GSPPA:VIII/2020/11)*
* African Soil Partnership
* Asian Soil Partnership
* European and Eurasian Soil Partnership
* Latin American Soil Partnership
* NENA Soil Partnership
* North American Soil Partnership
* Pacific Soil Partnership
* Inter-regional cooperation opportunities identified by Regional Soil Partnership Chairs on 3rd June 2020
1. **GSP work on soil threats**: *for information and decision*
	1. Soil organic carbon loss. Topics to be discussed: *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/12)*
* Global soil organic carbon (GSOC) map v1.6 and GSOC map interpretation
* RECSOIL tool kit:
	+ Feasible and regionally contextualized guidelines for monitoring, reporting and verification of SOC stocks and SOC changes (SOC-MRV).
	+ Advances on the Technical Manual on SOC Management.
	+ Advances on GSOCseq map.
* International Network of Black Soils (INBS)

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* 1. Soil pollution. Topics to be discussed: *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/13)*
* Global assessment of soil pollution
* Technical guidelines on assessing, mapping, monitoring and reporting soil pollution
	1. Soil erosion. Topic to be discussed:  *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/14)*
* Country guidelines for updating global information on soil erosion
	1. Soil biodiversity loss. Topics to be discussed:  *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/15)*
* Global Soil Biodiversity Assessment report
* Action plan for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of

Soil Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity)

* 1. Soil salinity. Topics to be discussed:  *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/16)*
* International Network of Salt-Affected Soils: progresses and way forward
* Global Soil Salinity map

* 1. Soil nutrient imbalance. Topics to be discussed:  *(GSPPA:VIII/2020/17)*
* Implementation of the International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers
1. **Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and appointment of the Rapporteur for the next period:** *for decision*
2. **Date and venue of the next Plenary session**
3. **Any other matters**