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# Dr. Gina Nilo, ASP Chair Asian Soil Partnership's report 2022-2023

## GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP

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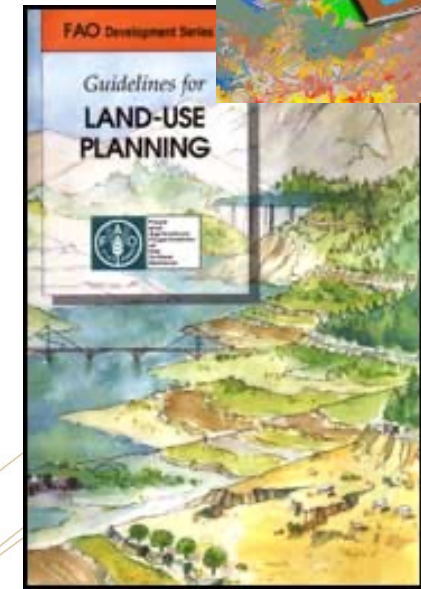
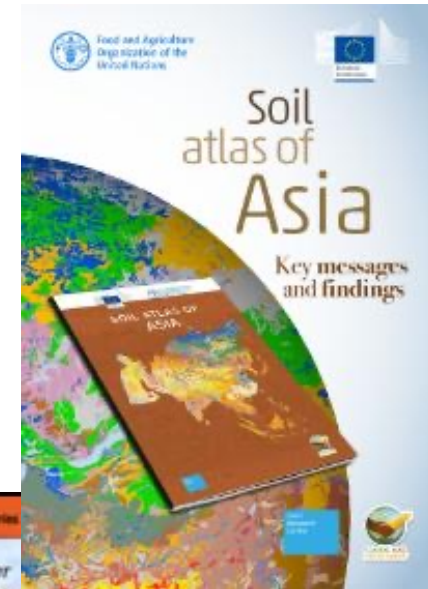
# Main ASP achievements in 2022-2023

| MEETINGS                                       | OUTPUT   |
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| Extraordinary ASP meeting on 2 August 2022     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the GSP Action Framework 2022–2030 and its impact on the region; For decision to the 11th Plenary Assembly</li> <li>• Chairs of the RSPs to agree on a common approach to the implementation of the GSP Action Framework.</li> <li>• ASP governance meetings were held every three months to discuss regional priorities</li> </ul>   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> ASP meeting on 2 May 2023      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This aims to discuss regional priorities and needs, agree on the ASP governance for 2023–2025 and the ASP work plan 2023–2025</li> <li>• ASP support the preparation of the regional chapter of the Status of the World’s Soil Resources Report 2025.</li> <li>• This Meeting also aimed to discuss and agree on the implementation of activities included in the workplan of the Center of Excellence for Soil Research in Asia (CESRA)</li> <li>• ASP agreed on the proposal to develop an Asian Soil Health Action Framework to guide countries in developing National Soil Health Action Frameworks.</li> </ul> |
| ASP governance meeting are regularly organized | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discuss relevant issues and concern of the region</li> <li>• Included in the agenda for consideration the appointment of ASP Vice-Chair</li> </ul>   |

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## Publications

- Finalization of the Soil Atlas of Asia (launch at the 11<sup>th</sup> GSP Plenary Assembly)
- Contribution to the Integrated Land Use Planning guidelines by FAO (review and provision of case studies from e.g. Thailand and Mongolia)
- Status of the World's Soil Resources report 2025: ITPS-Asia is leading the work
  - Leading and contributing authors identified
  - Countries submitted inputs to rank and assess the national and regional extent of soil threats
  - Work advertised at several events like the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on research and development of CESRA to motivate research institutions and centers to produce data for the report



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## Center of Excellence for Soil Research in Asia (CESRA)

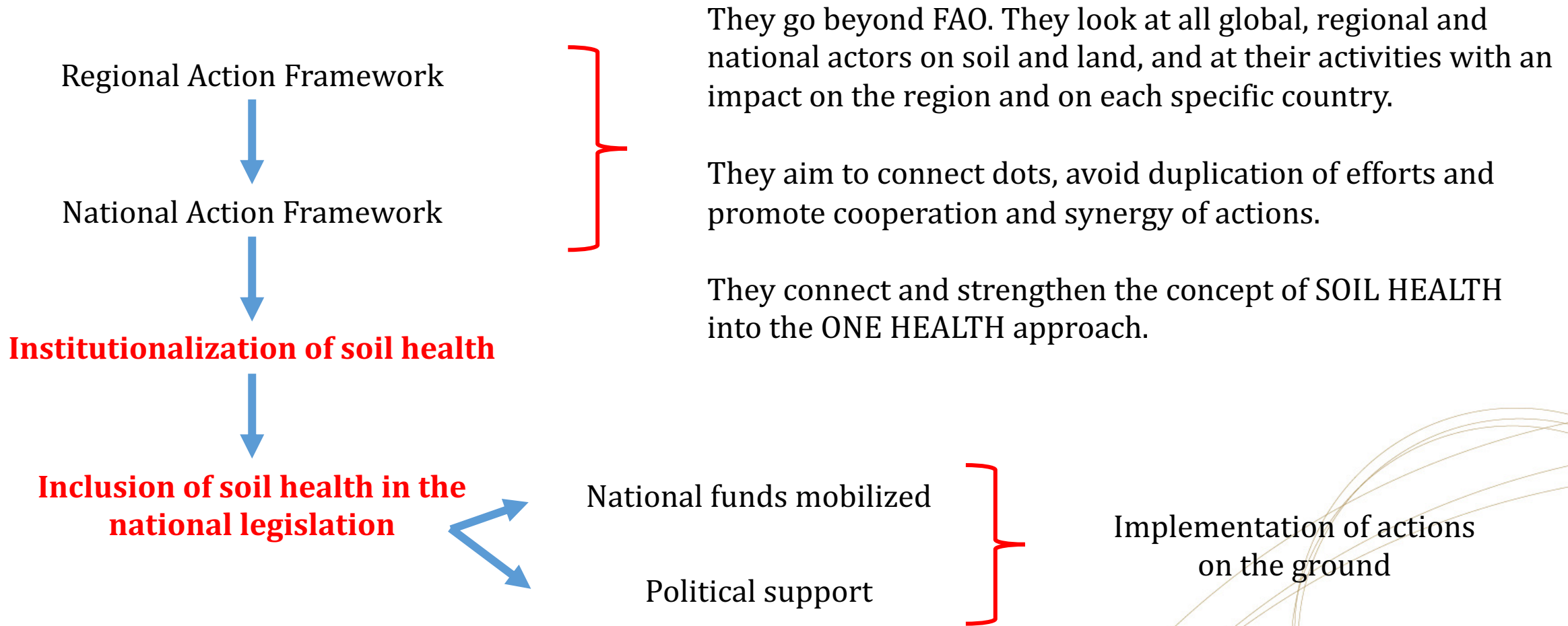
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Soil Research and Development in August 2022: writing of 3 concept notes on salt-affected soils, soil erosion and soil organic carbon management
- 1<sup>st</sup> CESRA Forum (annual meeting) in September 2022
- 1<sup>st</sup> CESRA's Steering Committee meeting on 14 June 2023: revision of the CESRA TORs, decision on how to make CESRA more inclusive towards its members in terms of decision making and projects' formulation and implementation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Soil Research and development in June 2023: development of matrixes for the formulation of projects
- Launch of the CESRA's e-learning platform: CESRA members are now invited to contribute to it with lectures
- Launch of the CESRA's database on best practices: CESRA members are now invited to contribute to it with best practices on soil and land management

# ASP proposals

- 1. The ASP is proposing GLOSOLAN to identify a highly competent soil testing laboratory in the region to act as a Centre of Excellence for Soil Laboratories (CESLab).** CESLab will complement CESRA in soil data quality assurance, harmonization of methods, measurements and indicators for sustainable management and protection of soil resources, and training.
- 2. The ASP proposed to establish an Action Framework on Soil Health in Asia (AFSHA) to overcome the obstacles to the implementation of sustainable soil and land management at the field level in the region, avoid duplication of efforts, make a better use of the financial resources available, and set the basis for establishing regional policies on soil.** Proposal endorsed at the 8<sup>th</sup> ASP meeting on 2 May 2023. FAORAP prepared the first draft of the document that will undergo an inclusive review.

**AFSHA's CORE OBJECTIVE:** To create enabling socio-economic and political environments for the best and long-term implementation of sustainable soil and land management activities on the ground

# Implementation strategy





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