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Some regional activity highlights (from report)

- Australian Government has invested
 - \$20 million in 2023-24 with the states and territories to address priorities of the National Soil Strategy
 - \$6 million over 5 years to continue development of the Australian National Soil Information System (ANSIS)
 - \$22 million over 5 years to implement a National Soil Monitoring Program (NSMP)
 - \$8 million over 4.5 years to continue the Regional Soil Coordinators Program and National Soil Extension Community of Practice
- The National Soils Advocate continues to be Australia's independent champion for soil health and sustainability, raising awareness of the value of soil, and the economic and environmental benefits soil delivers, contributes advice to the government and other national decision-makers.
- The Pacific Soils Portal delivers the best available legacy soil data and knowledge for Fiji, Kiribati, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu
- New Zealand, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research large soil mapping programme with 42 surveys underway
- NZ new legislation to protect the most versatile soil from urban and rural-residential expansion
- NZ national programme of soil health monitoring is ongoing
- Tonga 12 soil management training events including the use of the Palintest kit had over 200 participants
- Tonga analysis of the ash from the volcanic eruption and the subsequent tsunami



PSP recognised as the regional soil network

Eighth Regional Meeting of Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (PHOAFS) at the Pacific Week of Agriculture on 6-10 March 2023, endorsed:

- SPC to serve as the Secretariat for PSP to coordinate the resourcing and implementation of its activities across the Pacific region and consider options for resourcing a regional soil coordination role.
- PSP governance and strategic priorities to support soil research and capacity development needs be in line with the GSP Action Framework 2022-2030.

PSP workshop in Darwin, NT Australia 22-24 June with representatives from Aust, NZ, SPC, Solomons, Tonga, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, Tuvalu and PNG

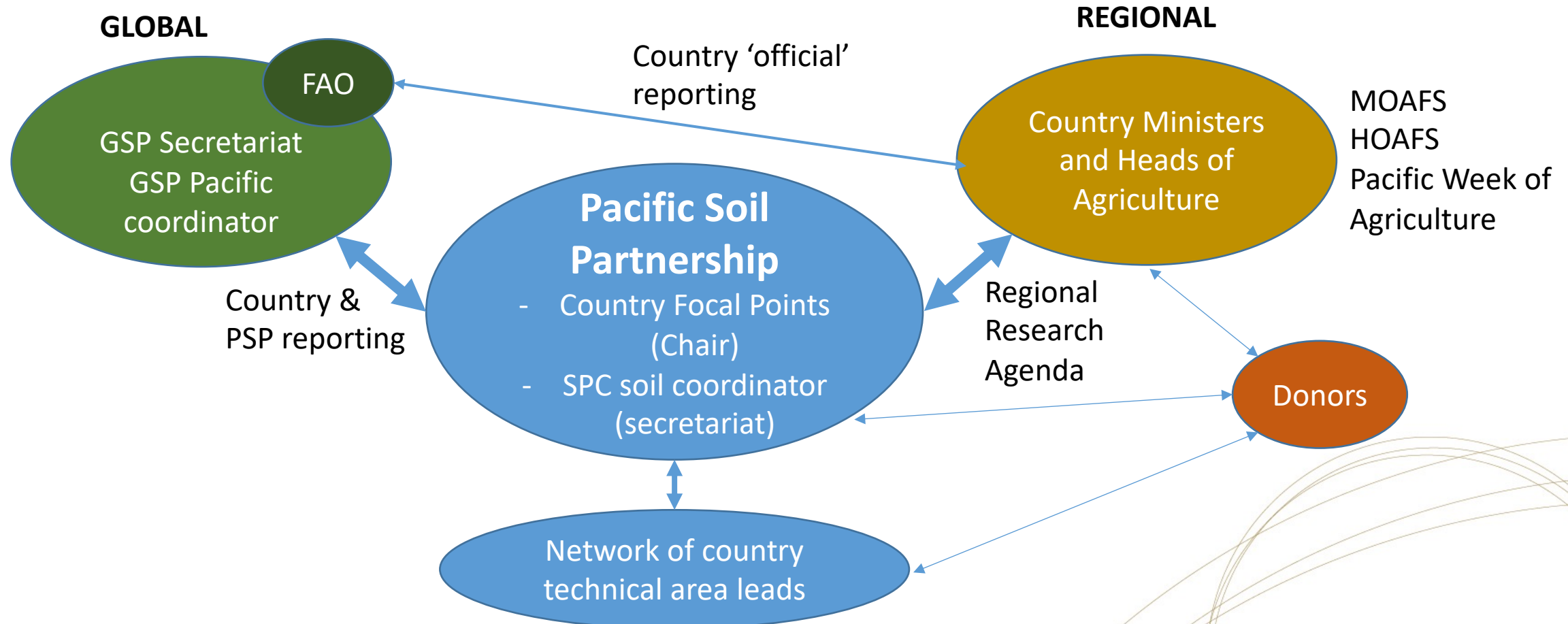
Regional issues and priorities –

- soil fertility and nutrient management
- erosion and acidification
- soil testing capacity and extension
- soil monitoring
- data and information
- capacity building and networking

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Progressing PSP as the regional soil network



Soil Policy, Mapping/Monitoring, Laboratories, Research, Data/Info, Extension....



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