



OFFICIAL LAUNCH PROGRAMME

***“Towards a Global Soil Partnership for Food Security and Climate Change
Adaptation and Mitigation”***

7 - 9 September 2011

FAO Headquarters

Rome, Italy

DAY 1	Wednesday 7th September	Presenter
13:00 – 14:00	Registration	
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome and opening by FAO'S DG	Dr. Jacques Diouf FAO Director General
14:15 – 14:45	Current global policies towards soil protection	Dr. Janez Potocnik European Commissioner for Environment
14:45 – 15:10	Introduction to the Global Soil Partnership	Dr. Alexander Müller FAO-NR Department Director
15:10 – 16:30	Soils and Global Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coping with food insecurity and climate change simultaneously. - Regional soil policies and future of soil science - A Global Instrument for Soil Protection 	Prof. M.S. Swaminathan MSSRF, India Dr. Martin Yemefack President of African Soil Science Society Dr. Jochen Flassbarth Federal Environment Agency, Germany (UBA)
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 18:00	Plenary discussion about the Global Soil Partnership – rationale and how could it be established?	Facilitator (Constance Neely, ICRAF and Heifer International)
18:30 – 20:00	Cocktail	
DAY 2	Thursday 8th September	Presenter
09:00 – 09:20	- Soils and desertification, global challenges and perspectives.	Dr. Luc Gnacadja, UNCCD Executive Secretary
09:20 – 09:40	- The global importance of soil resources for climate change mitigation and adaptation.	Dr. Christiana Figueres UNFCCC Executive Secretary
09:40 – 10:00	- Biodiversity and Soils; Agenda for action in United Nations Decade for Biodiversity	Dr. Ahmed Djoghla CBD Executive Secretary
10:00 – 10:20	- Soil resources for Food Security in Africa: Globalsoilmap Project - Lessons from the Global Water Partnership	Dr. Pedro Sanchez Coordinator Globalsoilmap.net

10:20 - 10:45		Dr. Ania Grobicki Executive Secretary GWP
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
DAY 2 (cont) 11:00 – 13:00	<p>Linking National priorities to Global Imperatives through sustainable Soil policies and management : An introduction to thematic Working Groups.</p> <p>Discussion and agreement in plenary on the Working Groups on the Global Soil Partnership by Region</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Objectives and activities of GSP (priorities) 2) Roles, responsibilities of key partners and implementation process 3) Organization, structure and terms of reference (ToR). 	<p>Dr. Parviz Koochafkan, FAO NRL Division Director</p> <p>Facilitator</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Regional Working Groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Objectives and activities of GSP 2) Roles, responsibilities of key partners and implementation process 3) Organization, structure and implementation plan 	Facilitator
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 18:30	<p>Regional Working groups (cont):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Objectives and activities of GSP 2) Roles, responsibilities of key partners and implementation process 3) Organization, structure and implementation plan 	Facilitator
DAY 3	Friday 9th September	
08:30 – 09:30 09:30– 10:15	<p>Plenary session:</p> <p>Presentation of reports by working groups</p> <p>Discussion and revision of implementation, main activities and components of the GSP.</p>	Facilitator
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 13:00	<p>Summary of the outcomes of the GSP launch event</p> <p>Conclusions: Establishment of the GSP</p> <p>Closure of the event</p>	<p>Prof. M.S. Swaminathan</p> <p>Dr. Parviz Koochafkan, Mr. Alexander Mueller</p>