**Soil Carbon Sequestration:**

**for Climate, Food Security and Ecosystem Services**

*International Conference*

May 26-29, 2013

Grand Hotel, Reykjavík

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**Links science, policy and action**

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**How to get there?**

By plane to Keflavik airport and then Flybus to Reykjavik. Detailed information at: scs2013.land.is

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**Sessions**

**Session 1: Setting the stage**


**Session 2: SOC sequestration - potential of different soils and habitats**

State of the art in research on SOC sequestration in: forests, revegetated land, wetland, cropland, and range-land/grassland.

**Session 3: LULUCF - cross cutting issues**

Status and future of Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF), verification and permanency of SOC sequestration, as well as its multi-beneficial effects.

**Session 4: Synergies and policy**

Identification of tools and policies for enhancing SOC sequestration and linking science, policy and action.

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**Venue**

The conference will take place at Grand Hotel Reykjavik, close to the city center. Accommodation will be at Grand Hotel and Hotel Cabin, 5 min walking distance from Grand Hotel.

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**Hosts and partners**

Soil Conservation Service of Iceland and Agricultural University of Iceland in partnership with international and Icelandic organisations.
Invitation

The organising committee of the conference: Soil Carbon Sequestration: for Climate, Food Security and Ecosystem Services, welcomes you to an international forum on the potential effects of Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) sequestration on the global environment and human well being.

Conference objectives

Highlight the potential of SOC sequestration as a key option in mitigating climate change, and how this can benefit ecosystem functioning, food security, and human societies.

Review the state of science and identify knowledge gaps. Among topics to be discussed are land use and land restoration practices that increase SOC, how to verify C sequestration and linkages with UN-FCCC and post-Kyoto goals.

To identify tools and policies for enhancing SOC sequestration, analyse incentives and disincentives, and recommend further steps.

To recommend means to bridge the gap between science, policy and action in restoring SOC for multiple benefits.

Conference tour - Sunday 26th May

Trip around the southern part of Iceland. You will experience the country, visit forest on a tropical soil, wetland bird sanctuary, land restoration areas and restored native woodlands (see: scs2013.land.is). Price: €130, all included.

Declarations

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Further information will be announced through e-mail and the website (scs2013.land.is). Please subscribe to the newsfeed e-mail list.

Registration

Registration will be open from 15 October on the homepage: scs2013.land.is

Conference fee, € 335, includes scientific program, conference materials, lunches, coffee and conference dinner.

For further information visit: scs2013.land.is or contact Iceland Travel at conferences@icelandtravel.is

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