The need for global and regional cooperation

- **Global level:**
  - International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)
  - Global Soil Forum (Germany)
  - Soil Security (Australia - USA)
  - Global Soil Partnership (FAO)
  - UNCCD (Rio + 20 development goals)

- **Regional level (Eurasia):**
  - Dokuchaev Soil Science Society
  - Eurasian Association of Soil Scientists
  - European Confederation of Soil Science Societies
  - European Society for Soil Conservation
- In 2009 the external High-Level Expert Council (HLEC) presented to the Director General of FAO a report that notes certain underestimation of soil resources for food security.

- On 7-9 of September 2011 the program of Global Soil Partnership (GSP) was launched in the FAO Headquarters in Rome. The program was fully endorsed by the representatives of member countries.

- The FAO Council on Agriculture on 21-26 of May 2012 decided to support the initiative.

- On 5 of December 2012 the program was adopted at the 145 session of FAO Council.

- On 11-12 of June 2013 the first Plenary Assembly of Global Soil Partnership took place.
The structure of Global Soil Partnership

GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP

Composed by

Guided/Advised by

Facilitated by

Partners

Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils

GSP Secretariat

Regional Soil Partnerships
The regional partnerships are supposed to follow the FAO classification of the regions.

Up to the moment the following partnerships has been launched:

- Latin American
  - Subregional Central American and Carribbean
- East and South African
- West and Central African
- Asian
- North African and Near East
- European
  - Subregional Eurasian
The subregional Eurasian Soil Partnership was launched 20 of November 2013 in Moscow.

The inaugural conference was attended by the representatives of Ministries, other governmental bodies, research institutes, universities and NGOs of Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

Among Russian participants there were representatives of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Dokuchaev Soil Institute, academic institutes and universities of Nizhni Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Novosibirsk, and Ulan-Ude.

Other participants include the head of the GSP Secretariat Ronald Vargas, the ITPS Chair Luca Montanarella, the representatives of the World Bank, FAO, ICARDA, IFPRI and other international organizations.
The Moscow Communiqué on the Eurasian Soil Partnership

After an active discussion, participant partners decided to:

Establish the Eurasian Soil Partnership (EASP) whose secretariat is based in Moscow (Russian Federation).

Establish an ad-hoc Steering Committee for the Eurasian Subregional Soil Partnership comprising the following members:

• Lomonosov Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia)
• Dokuchaev Soil Institute (Moscow, Russia)
• Institute of Land Management (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
• Sokolovski Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry (Kharkiv, Ukraine)
• Ministry of Agriculture (Ankara, Turkey)

Appoint the Eurasian Center for Food Security as the Secretariat to the EASP.

Hold the next meeting of the EASP in May of 2014.

Prepare appropriate working documents for the next meeting to inform the debate. Such documents, if at all possible, be sent four weeks in advance of the respective meeting.
Eurasian Soil Partnership

In the framework of the International Conference “Eurasian Network on Food Security and Eurasian Soil Partnership” on 20 of November in Moscow, Russian Federation, Eurasian partners to the Global Soil Partnership met to discuss the perspectives for establishing a sub-regional Eurasian Soil Partnership (EASP) in the frames of Global Soil Partnership supported by FAO.

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  - Institute of Land Management, Kyrgyzstan
  - National Research Center Sokolovsky Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry
  - Ministry of Agricultural Turkey
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E-consultations on the Plan of Action for the Eurasian Soil Partnership

WELCOME TO AN E-CONSULTATION ON COMBATING SOIL SALINIZATION IN EURASIA! (MAY 12 - MAY 30, 2014)

The ECFS is pleased to invite you to participate in the e-Consultation on Combating Soil Salinization in Eurasia.

Salinity is a growing problem in the region. In Central Asia 47 percent of irrigated area is estimated to be affected by salinity. In the Aral Sea Basin, the problem is most acute in the downstream countries, while upstream countries are much less affected. The economic losses attributed to the degradation of arable lands in the region are significant and through its negative impacts on crop production, salinity poses a serious threat to food security.

Sponsored by the Eurasian Center for Food Security (ECFS) and the World Bank, the objective of this e-consultation is to generate a discussion on how best to promote sustainable management of soils subject to salinization in the Eurasian region (Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus). The discussion also aims to identify research gaps and strategies to increase awareness of the issue of soil salinization and attract investments for soil reclamation and improvement. The outcome of this discussion will inform the current and future work program of the ECFS, and will also contribute to the activities of the Eurasian Soil Partnership.

ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ НА ОНЛАЙН КОНСУЛЬТАЦИЮ, ПОСВЯЩЕННУЮ ПРОБЛЕМЕ ЗАСОЛЕНИЯ ПОЧВ В ЕВРАЗИИ! (12-30 МАЯ 2014 ГОДА)

JOIN THE E-CONSULTATION BY CLICKING ON TOPIC(S) OF INTEREST:

Topic 1: How should soil management be improved to reduce soil salinization? What approaches and methods should be recommended for their efficiency, cost, and technical simplicity?

Тема 1: Каким образом можно оптимизировать управление почвы для борьбы с засолением? Какие подходы и методы являются наиболее эффективными, недорогими и простыми в применении и должны быть использованы для достижения поставленной задачи?
The tasks and calendar of the Eurasian Soil Partnership

• The EASP Secretariat collected the proposals for the Plan of Action until the 1st of February.
• The zero draft of the Plan of Action was sent to the members of Steering Committee 15 of February.
• The feedback from the members was received to the beginning of April.
• The Plan of Action is actually discussed in the form of online consultations (web forum) until the 31st of May.
• The Secretariat will prepare the draft version of the Plan of Action and other related documents to the Plenary Session of the EASP: the date is still under discussion, and the venue would be Bishkek or Tashkent.
• The Steering Committee of the EASP will be extended during the Plenary Session.
Thank You for your attention

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