



## International Year of Soils Closing event

Hosted by Brussels Environment



**4<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Commission, Brussels Capital, Flanders and Wallonia regions

### AGENDA

<b>9:30</b>	<b>30'</b>	<b>Registration - Coffee</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>60'</b>	<b>Opening session</b>
15'		Welcome and introduction by Mrs Céline Frémault, Minister of Environment, Energy and Housing, Brussels Capital Region
15'		Keynote speech – European commission – M. Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General, DG Environment
30'		Panel with the Minister of Brussels Capital, the Director General of DG Environment, and Representative of the Flemish - Joke Schauvliege- and Walloon Region – Sylvie Meekers
<b>11:00</b>	<b>90'</b>	<b>Session 1 – International and EU context</b>
		International Context: 2015 a new momentum on soil Presentation of the global context (the Agenda to 2030 Sustainable Development and SDGs, COP21, UNCCD activities)– <i>Ms Monique Barbut, Executive Secretary of UNCCD (United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification)</i>
		EU context: soils in the context of EU priorities, state of play and new developments of EU Soil policy, integration of soils in EU policies –



*Presentation by the European commission, DG ENV*

*Presentation of the publication "Success stories of contaminated sites" from the European Information and Observation Network's National (EIONET), Ana Paya Perez, European Commission, JRC*

- 12:30 90'** ***Ceremony World Soil Day closing the IYS - In Duplex with FAO, Roma***  
***Lunch***
- 14:00 90'** ***Session 2 – the Belgian context: the Belgian activities and policies regarding protection and sustainable management of soil.***

### **Brussels Capital Region**

10 years management of contaminated soils in the Brussels Capital Region: history, purpose and balance.  
Presentation by Brussels Environment (Saïd El Fadili)

### **Flemish Region**

How to brand soils, A campaign and action program of the Flanders Region in the context of the United Nations International Year of Soils.  
Presentation by Public Waste Agency of Flanders OVAM (Jan Verheyen) & Environment, Nature and Energy Department (Brigitte Borgmans)

### **Walloon Region**

Soil protection and policies: from ideas to actions  
Presentation by Walloon Region Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment Department (Esther Goidts) & Advisor of the Walloon Minister (Delphine de Brogniez).

- 15:30 90'** ***Session 3 – Activities in other Member States***  
Panel with four MS representatives from Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and UK
- Debate
- 17:00** Reception - cocktail