



International Year of Soils Closing event

Hosted by Brussels Environment



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

AGENDA

9:30	30'	Registration - Coffee
10:00	60'	Opening session
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
11:00	90'	Session 1 – International and EU context
		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