

International Year of Soils

In December 2013, the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 5 December as World Soil Day (WSD) and declared 2015 as the International Year of Soils (IYS). Both WSD and the IYS are essential platforms to raise awareness at international, regional and national levels about the fundamental role of soils for human life. A number of events take place:

Rome, FAO Headquarters, 4 December 2015: Celebration of the World Soil Day 2015 with closure event "[Soils: a solid ground for life](#)"

Brussels, 4 December 2015: European Commission, Brussels Capital, Flanders and Wallonia regions organize the event "[Healthy soil for a healthy life](#)"

Paris, 3 December 2015: Sous le Haut Patronage du MEDDE et MAAF, the event "[Les sols et le climat](#)"

Torino, 4 December 2015: IPLA, "[Suolo, impatto antropico e sostenibilità ambientale](#)"

Rome, 5 December 2015: Soil day: "[La vita sotto i nostri piedi](#)"

Vienna, 7 December 2015: FAO, IAEA and International Union of Soil Sciences celebrate the International Year of Soils 2015: "[Achievements and Future Challenges](#)"



International workshop and exhibition "Africa in Profile 2015" plus the launch of the French version of the Soil Atlas of Africa

Venue: 4-5 December 2015, Leuven, Belgium. The Congress is organised by KU Leuven and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. The event will: mark the International Year of the Soil 2015, launch the French version of the Soil Atlas of Africa and open the striking exhibition 'Africa in Profile': <http://ees.kuleuven.be/africa-in-profile/congress/>



EUROSOIL 2016 (17–22 July 2016, Istanbul, Turkey)

Abstract submission has been extended to **15 December 2015**. The JRC is organizing 5 sessions: "Soil Erosion modelling and climate change—policy scenarios", "Progresses toward the GlobalSoilMap", "Distribution of soil biodiversity and related ecosystem services", "2nd workshop on the extension of the European Soil Database in the Mediterranean" and "Soil awareness activities". <http://www.eurosoil2016istanbul.org/themes-and-topics/>



Spring school on mapping and assessment of soils (9 to 13 May 2016, ISRIC)

ISRIC - World Soil Information will organise a Spring School on digital soil mapping, classification and assessment for soil and environmental scientists, students, soil experts and professionals in natural resources management. The spring school will take place at the Wageningen Campus in the Netherlands and will consist of two five-day courses that are run in parallel. For more information and registration: <http://springschool.isric.org>



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