



Global Soil Partnership's 12th Plenary Assembly

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The **Global Soil Partnership (GSP)**, established in **December 2012** to position soils on the Global Agenda and promote inclusive policies and soil governance has initiated a pivotal meeting urging immediate action amid global crises.

- The [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#) of the [United Nations](#) hosts the partnership, including FAO Members and over 700 partners.
- The GSP is committed to improving and maintaining the **health of at least 50% of the world's soils by 2030**, by ensuring sustainable soil management based on the three “Rs”: reduce, re-use, and renew.
- **Key Initiatives of GSP:**
 - **VACS Initiative:** Under the VACS initiative, **FAO is implementing the Soil Mapping for Resilient Agrifood Systems (SoilFER) project** in Central America and African countries.
 - **Other Initiatives:** Include Measuring, Reporting, and Verifying soil health, **Global Soil Laboratory Network quality certificates, Conservation Agriculture**, and the role of healthy soils in agrifood systems transformation.
- **Achievements:**
 - **Implementing [World Soil Day \(5th December\)](#)**
 - International Year of Soils 2015
 - Revised World Soil Charter

Read more: [World Soil Day](#)

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