

5th Eurasian Soil Partnership Plenary Meeting

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Chisinau, Moldova



Chisinau communique

We, the Eurasian Soil Partnership focal points and representatives of 9 countries from Eurasia (Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) participated in the meeting of the Eurasian Soil Partnership, held in Chisinau, Moldova from September 30 to October 1, 2019. The meeting was held with the support of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), Eurasian Center for Food Security and of the N. Dimo Institute of Soil Science, Agrochemistry and Soil Protection, Moldovan Soil Science Society and the Ministry of agriculture, regional development and the environment of the Republic of Moldova. As active participants of the Eurasian Soil Partnership (EASP) we would like to summarize our work in this communique to share them with stakeholders in the partner countries of the EASP and the GSP.

Recognizing that the sustainable soil management (SSM) represents an important instrument to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those related to food security and nutrition, adaptation to climate change and mitigation, the achievement of the objectives of neutral land degradation and general ecosystem services.

Emphasizing the soil degradation (in its various forms, particularly salinization, erosion, loss of soil organic carbon and soil pollution) in the region is a serious problem that hinders the valuable development of the region.

We are committed to achieving the Implementation Plan of the Eurasian Soil Partnership for 2020-2023 in cooperation with various partners and stakeholders, and developing cooperation with similar initiatives of the global and regional level such as the ICARDA, ICBA, WOCAT, CIRCASA.






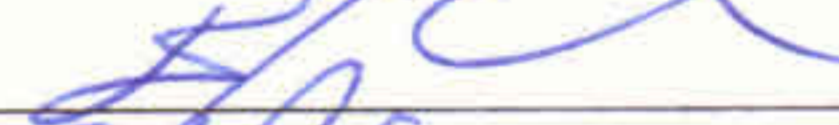

We, the participants of the 5th Plenary meeting of the EASP, hereby commit:

1. Support GSP activities of regional interest.
2. Implement the activities included in the EASP work plan 2020-2023 specified in Annex 1;
3. Implement the main objectives of the Voluntary Guidelines for SSM and International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers (CoCoFe) in the countries of the EASP, contributing to the prevention

- of soil degradation, creating a system of demonstration of successful projects (remediation and reproduction of soil fertility and management of irrigated soils);
4. Support and request to be prioritized the project proposals for the implementation of the regional work plan for 2020-2023;
 5. Support to the development of regional projects funding by GEF, FTTP, EC and other multilateral financial mechanisms.
 6. Develop a programme for the dissemination of knowledge about soil through the mass media, World Soil Day, thematic museums at the national and regional level as well as for kids and students;
 7. Develop a programme for dialog with farmers for identifying knowledge gaps and transfer of knowledge and best practices;
 8. Hold a next round of small research projects of SSM and support of publishing and disseminating their results;
 9. Participate in ongoing international and bilateral projects of SSM;
 10. Participate in creation of Global map of soil salinity and Global map of soil erosion;
 11. Organize / restore and maintain soil data centers in EASP countries;
 12. Provide support in the development of agro-ecological farmer-oriented Knowledge database on SLM researches, approaches and best practices and their mapping;
 13. Develop the manual for economic assessment of SSM approaches and technologies.
 14. Continue the work on harmonization of field and laboratory diagnostic methods.
 15. Use the WRB as a second classification system in addition to national soil classifications, as well as create a system of correlation tables and develop an instruction for users;
 16. Provide expert support to current and new initiatives of the GSP.

Finally, we commit ourselves to organize and participate in the next meeting of the EASP in 2021 in terms that will be determined in the future.

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Country	Position	Signature
Armenia	focal point	
Belarus		
FAO		
Kyrgyzstan	focal point	
Moldova	focal point	
Russia	alternate focal point	
Tajikistan	zau. focal point	
Turkey	alternate focal point	
Ukraine	National Focal Point	
Uzbekistan	focal point	