



World Soil Day celebration

KEEP SOIL ALIVE, PROTECT SOIL BIODIVERSITY | 4 DECEMBER 2020 | 13:00 - 14:30 CET

World Soil Day celebrates the importance of healthy soils for healthy food and a healthy life. This year, under the motto "**Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity**", the campaign focuses on soil biodiversity as a nature-based solution to achieving food security, mitigating climate change, improving human health and reducing poverty. During the celebration, the **State of Knowledge of Soil Biodiversity** will be officially launched while the **Glinka World Soil Prize** and the **King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award** will be awarded.

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms Thin Lei Win, Thomson Reuters Foundation

- 13:00 - 13:05 Opening by **Dr Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- 13:05 - 13:10 Opening remarks by **Ms Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Biodiversity (CBD), video message
- 13:10 - 13:20 Opening remarks by **H.E. Victor Vasiliev**, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO, delivery of the Glinka World Soil Prize
- 13:20 - 13:30 Keynote presentation by the **Laureate of the Glinka World Soil Prize 2020**
- 13:30 - 13:40 **H.E. Thanawat Tiensin**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to FAO, announcement of the King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award 2020
- 13:40 - 13:45 "Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity" (video)
- 13:45 - 13:55 Launch of the report "State of knowledge of soil biodiversity: status, challenges and potentialities", **Ms Rosa Cuevas Corona**, FAO's Global Soil Partnership (GSP)
- 13:55 - 14:05 Soils in the hands of future generations: announcement of the winners of the Booklet contest on soil biodiversity for children, **Ms Laura Bertha Reyes Sanchez**, President of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS)
- 14:05 - 14:15 An interactive **Soil quiz**: test your knowledge of soil biodiversity!
- 14:15 - 14:20 Launch of the Armenian Soil Information System: better information for decision making, **Mr Kostiantyn Viatkin**, FAO's Global Soil Partnership (GSP)
- 14:20 - 14:25 An artistic perspective on soil biodiversity (video)
- 14:25 - 14:30 Conclusions and closure of the event, **Mr Eduardo Mansur**, Director Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish

