



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Terms of Reference for Intern *

Name:	
Job Title:	Intern Soil pollution
Division/Department:	Land and Water Division (CBL)
Programme/Project Number:	
Location:	Rome, Italy
Expected Start Date of Assignment:	ASAP
Duration:	6 to 11 months
Reports to:	Name: Ronald Vargas
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TASK(S) AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED

BACKGROUND

The United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) adopted in December 2017, during its third session (UNEA3), a declaration to jointly tackle pollution in all its forms to ensure a safe planet for all. One of the resolutions included in the mentioned declaration refers to the management of soil pollution to achieve sustainable development. This resolution is of great significance because it recognises that soil pollution is affecting the achievement of many of the Sustainable Development Goals set in the Agenda 2030.

FAO and the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), together with other UN agencies and international bodies, have received the mandate of the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) to prepare a report on the extent and future trends of soil pollution, considering both point-source and diffuse pollution, as well as on the risks that pollution is posing on human health, the environment and food security. This activity is also framed in the implementation plan of the recommendations obtained as a result of the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution. The report will be presented at the fifth session of the UNEA (UNEA5) and will provide a comprehensive analysis of the global situation regarding soil pollution.

TASKS AND OBJECTIVE

Under the overall supervision of the Global Soil Partnership Secretariat, the intern will support the preparation of the report on the global assessment of soil pollution and in close collaboration with the Strategic Objective mainly SP2, the intern will perform the following tasks:

- Collect the information send by countries in response to the questionnaire on soil pollution;
- Develop a database containing information provided by countries in a structured manner;
- Contribute to the mining of data on information available in various international agencies on aspects related to the impacts of soil contamination on human health, the environment and food security;
- Help in summarising in the report the information gathered;
- Provide support for the development and implementation of other activities mentioned in the outcome document of the Global Symposium on Soil Pollution;
- Participate in task forces/workshops etc. in relation to soil pollution
- Contribute to the development of communication material and raise the visibility of FAO's contribution to soil

pollution prevention, control and minimization;

- Research latest innovation in soil pollution management and remediation, putting especial attention to nature-based solutions;
- Perform other tasks as needed for supporting GSP activities.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Expected Outputs:

Required Completion Date:

- Database containing information provided by countries in response to the questionnaire on soil pollution.
- Report on the global assessment of soil pollution.

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