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to the United Nations

World Soil Day celebration & Closure of the International Year of Soils 2015

“Soils: a solid ground for life”

Friday, 4 December 2015, 01.15 - 02.30 pm.
Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters, New York

The Permanent Missions of Italy, Qatar, and Thailand to the United Nations have the honour to invite you to the event "Soils: a solid ground for life", marking the 2015 World Soil Day and the closure of the 2015 International Year of Soils.

Agenda

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| 1:15 - 1:30 | Welcoming remarks by the <i>Permanent Representative of Thailand</i> (chair)
Remarks by Permanent the <i>Representative of Italy</i>
Remarks by Permanent the <i>Representative of Qatar</i> |
| 1:30 - 1:35 | Remarks by the <i>Director of the FAO Liaison Office in New York</i> |
| 1:35 - 1:40 | International Year of Soils Video animation “Soils and the SDGs” |
| 1:40 – 1:55 | Launch of the “Status of the World Soil Resources Report”
<i>Professor Dan Pennock</i> , lead author of the report |
| 1:55 - 2:20 | Interactive Dialogue “Soils: beyond the International Year”
<i>Dr Maurizio Sciortino</i> , Researcher, Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (NENA)
<i>Dr. Aunnop Puffaso</i> , Soil Surveyor, Department of Land Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand
<i>Dr. Harold Van Es</i> , President Elect of the Soil Science Society of America
<i>Ms. Elizabeth Henderson</i> , <i>Peacework Farm</i> , <i>Organics International (IFOAM)</i>
<i>Ms Erika Joergensen</i> , Director of the WFP Office to the United Nations
<i>Mr. Zachary Bleicher</i> , IFAD New York Office (moderator) |
| 2:20 - 2:30 | Comments/ Questions and Answers |
| 2:30 - 2:35 | Closing remarks |



For more information and to RSVP please e-mail Ms. Mita Monzon : mita.thaimission@gmail.com.

All persons who have a UN Pass can attend the event. If a pass is needed please contact Ms. Mita Monzon no later than December 2.

A light lunch will be served at 12:45 near the Vienna Café.



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