



International Union of Soil Sciences



Joint FAO/IAEA Division
of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture

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**Celebration of the
International Year of Soils 2015
Achievements and Future Challenges**

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IAEA, Vienna International Centre

Austria



2015

International
Year of Soils

Organized in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Provisional Programme

08:00 – 08:45 Security check and Registration

Chair: Representative from FAO/IAEA

09:00 Welcome addresses

Yukiya Amano, IAEA Director General (tbc)

Jose Graziano da Silva, FAO Director General (tbc)

Andrä Rupprechter, Austrian Minister of Agriculture and Environment (tbc)

09:20 Opening addresses

Prof. Rainer Horn, IUSS President

09:25 Honorary address

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Member of the Royal Family of Thailand (tbc)

09:50 Country impact statements – nuclear techniques in food and agriculture

Thailand (tbd)

Sudan (tbd)

Latin America (tbd)

10:20 Coffee (parallel to press conference)

Chair: Jae Yang, IUSS Past President

10:45 International Year of Soils – achievement reports

IUSS

Rainer Horn

Regional soil science societies

Carolyn Olson, Soil Science Society of America

Ahmed Mermut, European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (tbc)

Evgeny Shein, Federation of Eurasian Soil Science Societies

Takashi Kosaki, East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Sciences

Gustavo Bernal, Latin American Soil Science Society (tbc)

Mamadou Traore, Africa Soil Science Society

Ian Hollingsworth, Soil Science Australia

12:10 Future challenges

Representative of FAO/IAEA (tbd)

Representative of the European Commission (tbd)

12:30 Lunch (canteen of Vienna International Centre)

Chair: Rattan Lal, IUSS President Elect

13:30 Workshop on future challenges in Soil Science

Introduction

Distribution in parallel working groups (related to IUSS Divisions 1 – 4 and international cooperation)

Working group deliberations and draft recommendations

15:30 Coffee

16:00 Workshop on future challenges in Soil Science (contd.)

Presentation of working group recommendations

Discussion

17:00 Closing Statement

Prof. Rainer Horn, IUSS President (tbc)