



Permanent Mission of  
Lesotho to the UN



## World Soil Day 2016

### Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life and for halting soil degradation

Friday 2 December 2016, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York

#### Programme

9:30 - 9:35 am	<p><b>Welcoming remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations</li> </ul>
9:35 - 9:45 am	<p><b>Tribute to His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of the Kingdom of Thailand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Kobsak Chutikul, former Ambassador and former member of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Thailand</li> </ul>
9:45 - 10:00 am	<p><b>World Soil Day Messages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand (video message)</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (delivered by Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs)</li> </ul>
10:00- 11:00 am	<p><b>Panel discussion on Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life and for halting soil degradation</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The challenge of degraded soils: a view from Lesotho</i> - H.E. Mr. Kelebone Maope, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Nations</li> <li>- <i>From soils to pulses: a path to sustainability and adequate nutrition</i> - Mr. Güven Begeç, Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations</li> <li>- <i>Healthy soils as a foundation for sufficiency economy: lessons from Thailand</i> - Dr. Pisoot Vijarnsorn, Senior Specialist on Land Development, Chaipattana Foundation</li> <li>- <i>Combating desertification and land degradation: a global commitment to achieve land degradation neutrality</i> - Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief of the Liaison Office of the UNCCD to the United Nations in New York</li> <li>- <i>Bringing pulses to the center of the diet</i> - Mr. Ron Pickarski, Founder, Eco-Cuisine</li> <li>- <i>Presentation of the book "Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life"</i> - Ms. Lucrezia Caon, Global Soil Partnership, Land and Water Division, FAO Headquarters</li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:45 am	<p><b>Open discussion</b></p>
11:45 - 11:50 am	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> </ul>



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