

Save our Soils

Presentation & Toolkit



Topics

- 2015 – International year of the Soils
- The Save our Soils Campaign
- Soil Weeks and Event
- Save our Soils Toolkit



“A nation that destroys its soil destroys itself”
(Franklin D. Roosevelt)



“To forget how to dig the earth and tend the soil is to forget ourselves”
(Gandhi)



International Year of the Soil

The IYS 2015 (initiated by the FAO) aims to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions.

Furthermore IYS 2015 aims to:




- Educate the public about the crucial role soil plays in food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, essential ecosystem services, poverty alleviation and sustainable development;
- Promote investment in sustainable soil management activities to develop and maintain healthy soils for different land users and population groups






Why all this attention for Soil ?



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HEALTHY SOIL IS THE KEY TO FOOD
SECURITY AND NUTRITION FOR ALL



95%
OF OUR FOOD



COMES FROM OUR SOIL

Every minute we
lose the
equivalent of 30
soccer fields of
fertile soil




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THERE ARE MORE
ORGANISMS IN ONE
TABLESPOON OF
HEALTHY SOIL...




...THAN THERE ARE
PEOPLE ON EARTH




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SOIL IS TEEMING WITH LIFE



SOILS HOST A
QUARTER
OF OUR
PLANETS
BIODIVERSITY



World Soil Day
December



The Save our Soils Campaign

Together with the FAO, other partners and celebrities we have been campaigning for healthy soils since 2013.





THE SOIL IS THE LIMIT

According to the United Nations every minute 30 soccer fields of soil are lost, mostly due to irresponsible farming techniques. This is alarming particularly if you consider that more than 90% of our food comes directly and indirectly from the soil. On top of that soil acts as a water filter and helps to store carbon.

The United Nations, Nature & More and many other organisations around the world are now calling for action!

ORGANIC IS THE SOILUTION

Buy organic! Healthy food starts with healthy soils. Millions of organic farmers around the globe are turning the tide and saving soils by:

- restoring degraded soils and preventing erosion.
- fighting climate change by increasing carbon storage.
- making the soil more resistant to droughts and floods.
- stimulating biodiversity.



BECOME A SOILMATE

1. Become an urban farmer and help save soils.
2. Film it, Youtube it and above all make a buzz.
3. Win a trip to Greece to see how organic citrus growers are helping to restore soil!



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Three Key Campaign Messages

Under the Save our Soils umbrella more than 120 international partners are helping to share the important message of soil



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Soil Weeks and Events

Although Soil will be on our agenda throughout the year, there are four focus periods when we and our partners will give the subject extra focus and attention.



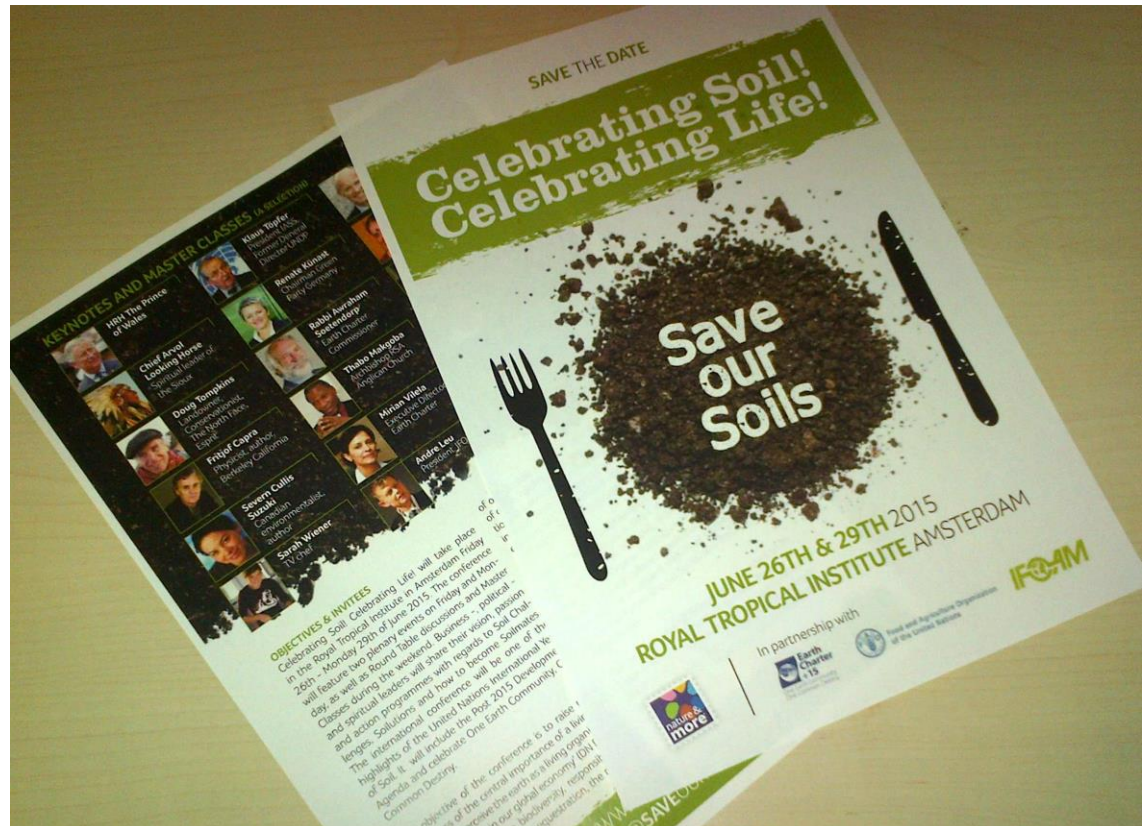
- Global Soil Week: 19 – 23 April
- Celebrating Soil Event: 26 – 29 June
- Healthy Soil Week: 5 – 12 September
- World Soil Day: 5 December



Celebrating Soil ! Celebrating Life !

The **Celebrating Soil ! Celebrating Life !** Conference (26 – 29 June) is one of the highlights of the International Year of the Soil.

It will feature two plenary events as well as round table discussions and weekend master classes.





SOS Customer Toolkit

In order to help you share the important soil message we have developed an SOS toolkit including:

Off Line Material

- Help growers save soils
- Soil Enhancing Placemats
- In store posters & flyers
- Soilmates
- Soil Recipes

On Line Material

- Website Banners & Infographics
- Soil Video's & Special SOS Rap
- Interview with FAO
- Website and Logo use





Help Nature More Growers save Soils

Collect SOS campaign logo's and help growers around the world to save soils. Through the campaign we hope to raise € 100,000 which we will invest in soil fertility training & advice & compost production.



A full Soil card with 5 logo's is worth € 25.
Every like on Facebook is worth € 2.50
Make a real difference !



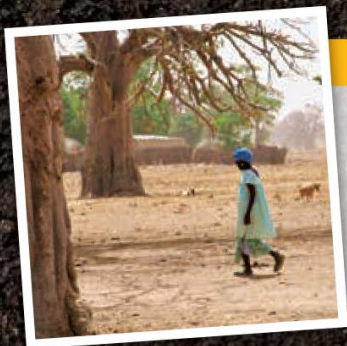
Soil Enhancing Place Mats

Soil Seed paper placemats full of organic seeds that (after use) help improve the soil structure and give beautiful flowers!





Campaign Flyers



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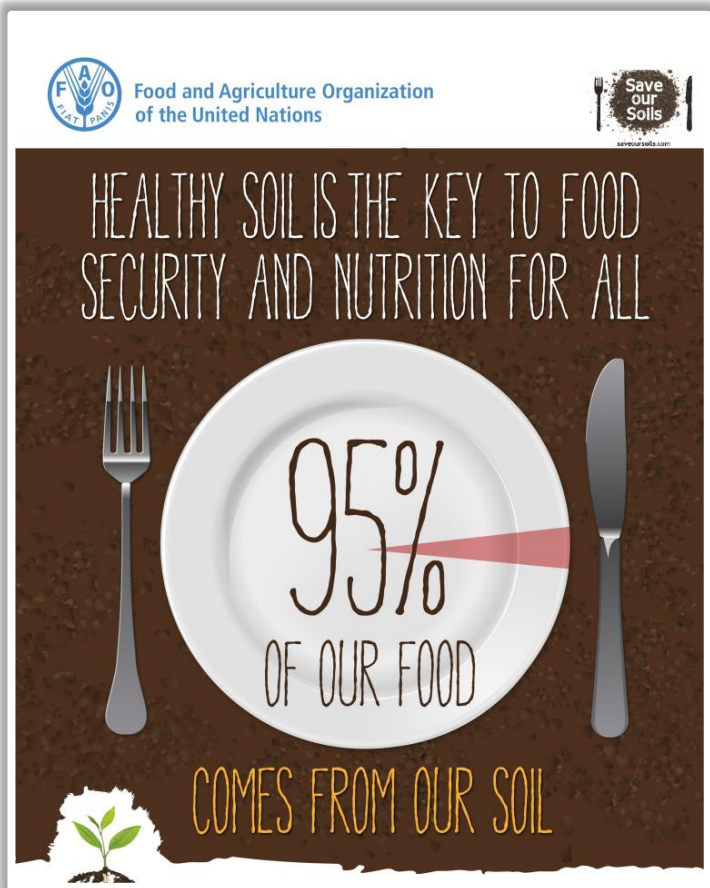
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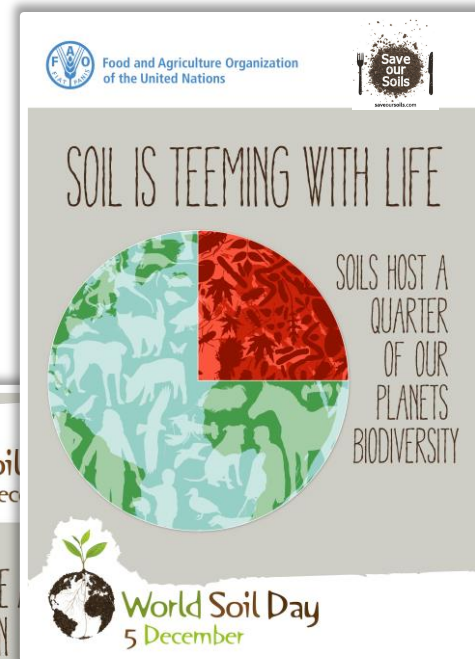




Infographics and Posters



Every minute we lose the equivalent of 30 soccer fields of fertile soil



The Soilmate

- Organic Tomatoes
- Bag of organic compost
- Organic Basil Seeds
- Information about the Soil issue and how organic farming is the Soilution
- Invitation to join the campaign



Soil Food Recipe Cards



12 Delicious "Soil Food" Recipes

Save our Soils Rap

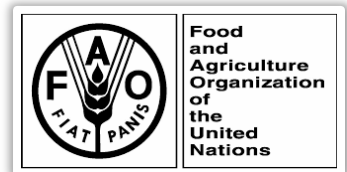
Earl Mentor (one of South Africa's most talented rappers) and his creative team have composed a rap for the Save our Soils campaign.

Check the following link or enter save our soils Earl Mentor on youtube.



Interview with Maria Helena Semedo (Deputy Director General FAO)

“The status of soil degradation is of global concern. The International Year of Soils (IYS) will hopefully will be the turning point as general public will be more enlightened about why we need to take care of our soils’ health. We are optimistic that IYS will trigger increasing investment on sustainable soil management and bring all stakeholders efforts towards healthy soils”.



Furthermore ...

we can supply

- website banners,
- links to soil video's
- Soil photographs,
- Press releases
- Facebook posts
- Soil studies
- And much more !





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