



Healthy productive soils in organic agricultural cultivation systems

Webinar to World Soil day: 6 December 2021 From 10:00 to 11:30 CET

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Background

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on the 5 of December to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. World Soil Day 2021 campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human wellbeing by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, fighting soil salinization, increasing soil awareness, and encouraging governments, organizations, communities, and individuals worldwide to commit to proactively improving soil health.¹

Organic agriculture is considered a key element to keep agricultural soils healthy, fertile and productive. Soils under organic management often have better soil structure, higher organic matter contents, higher biological activity, and higher water holding capacity.



Objectives

- Raise awareness about the key roles of soils.
- Recognize the contribution of organic agriculture to healthy soils.
- Visualize practical and successful measures that keep soils fertile (in organic tea, coffee, and sugar cane cultivation).

¹ World Soil Day | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (fao.org)

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Agenda

- 1) Introduction To World Soil Day and The Link To Organic Agriculture (Team International) (5-10 minutes)
- 2) Manage Soils In a Holistic Approach To Mitigate Drought (15 minutes) Organic tea production in India (Krishnendu Chatterjee, Darjeeling Organic Tea Estates)
- 3) Boosting Soil Productivity/Fertility In Agroforest Systems (15 minutes) Organic coffee cultivation in Uganda (Nicodemus Bamuhangaine; Ankole Coffee Producers Cooperative Limited – ACPCU)
- 4) Keeping Soils Healthy and Productive (10-15 minutes) Organic sugar cane production in Paraguay (Manduvira)-Video presentation
- 5) Question and Answer Session Including Polls (20 minutes)

The webinar will be conducted in English. For more information please contact <u>e.kohlschmid@naturland.de</u>