

Sustainable Soil and Land Management for Climate Smart Agriculture: Preventing and Mitigating Land Degradation



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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Present the impact of climate change on soil and land resources assessment
- Combine land management practices to tackle land degradation
- Share tools to support the implementation of sustainable soil and land management measures

SPEAKERS

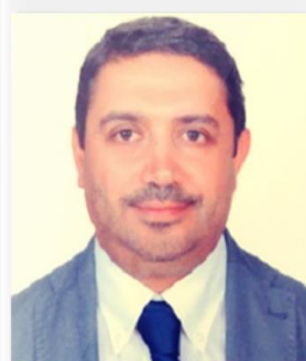
This international technical webinar will be delivered by **Mr Pandi Zdruli**, Professor of Soil Science and Natural Resources (CIHEAM), **Ms Claire Chenu**, Research Director at INRAE and Associate Professor at AgroParisTech, and moderated by **Mr Feras Ziadat**, Land Resources Officer (FAO).



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Feras Ziadat is a Land resources Officer (UNFAO), focusing on land resources planning tools and approaches to support integrated land and water management, participatory land use planning, combating land degradation and desertification, and sustainable land management. Previously a senior scientist on soil conservation and land management at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and an associate professor at the University of Jordan. His activities are centered on the assessment, planning, scaling out and monitoring of land and water

of many professional organizations dealing with soil and land management and has actively contributed to various international landmark publications and reports, such as the latest UN Environment Global Environment Outlook 6th Assessment (GEO6) where he was Lead Author of the Chapter 15 Land and Soil Policy.

H2020 European Joint Programme SOIL: “Towards climate-smart management of agricultural soils”.

sustainable management practices and exploring the enabling environment and tools/approaches to enhance the wide-scale adoption and uptake of sustainable options to enhance food security and livelihoods. BSc on soil and irrigation from the University of Jordan, MSc on land management and soil conservation from the University of Jordan and a PhD from Cranfield University (UK) on land resources management, GIS and remote sensing.

HOW TO ATTEND

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