

King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award: Call for application until 30 September 2020

Starting from 2018, the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) supported by the Kingdom of Thailand would like to give recognition to individuals or institutions that organize successful and impactful World Soil Day (WSD) celebrations.

If you organized an exciting World Soil Day event for the campaign 2019 'Stop soil erosion, Save our future', don't miss the chance to compete. Download and fill out the application from <http://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/about-wsd/en/> and submit to GSP-Secretariat@fao.org by 30 September 2020.

About the award

The 6th GSP Plenary Assembly endorsed the establishment of the annual King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award (WSDA), as a recognition tool for individuals and/or institutions that have made an effort to organize successful celebrations.

The **objective of the WSDA** is to encourage organizers of WSD events at all levels to facilitate challenging and outstanding celebrations around the globe.

The Award is **sponsored by the Kingdom of Thailand**, the champion country in the establishment of the now-famous World Soil Day. The UN General Assembly decided in December 2013 to officially designate 5 December as World Soil Day to acknowledge the lifelong work and commitment of His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand who has significantly contributed to improving the quality of lives of millions through sustainable soil management.

Who can apply?

- The Award may be granted to individuals, institutions, NGOs, academia, colleges and universities, private companies or any other entities;
- A wide range of WSD events can be considered for the award. The event has to follow the WSD theme of the year and has to take place between 1 – 15 Dec.

How to apply?

- Download and complete the report template of the World Soil Day Celebration (<http://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/wsd-award/en/>) and submit it to the Global Soil Partnership Secretariat in any of the official UN languages(GSP-Secretariat@fao.org)
- The report can be completed with any relevant material supporting the candidature (photographs, videos, communication material or any related publications, digital coverage, press releases etc.)
- Pictures taken throughout the event must be shared on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn) with the hashtags **#WorldSoilDay** and **#GlobalSoilPartnership #UNFAO**.

Award of the prize to the World Soil Day Laureate.

The Ceremony will take place every year on 5 December in Thailand, during which the WSD Laureate is presented with the World Soil Day Medal, a prize of 15,000 USD and a paid trip to Thailand.

Read more about the Prize: <http://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/world-soil-day-award/en/>
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ABOUT WORLD SOIL DAY

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.

An international day to celebrate Soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002. Under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand and within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, FAO has supported the formal establishment of WSD as a global awareness raising platform. The FAO Conference unanimously endorsed World Soil Day in June 2013 and requested its official adoption at the 68th UN General Assembly. In December 2013 the UN General Assembly responded by designating 5 December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day. [source: <http://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/about-wsd/en/>]