



« 4 per 1000 Initiative: Soils for food security and climate »

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Roadmap for 2018

In line with the actions carried out in 2017 by the Executive Secretariat of the Initiative, it is proposed that the following activities be undertaken during the year 2018.

1) Continuation of the work of the Scientific and Technical Committee

a) Research orientations

- With the support of partners from the College "Research and Education Institutions", make a **precise inventory of research actions currently conducted** in terms of carbon sequestration in soils and the results available to have an overall vision of researches still to be conducted;
- Follow projects such as CIRCASA, SOCa and all other programs, initiatives and collective projects of scientific cooperation in the field of soil carbon sequestration in order to have a **global vision of "who does what and where", to establish Thematic and geographical mapping of these partnerships** (synthesis document and mapping to be posted on the Initiative website and the collaborative platform);
- On the basis of these elements, develop the **proposal for the research orientations** presented to the Consortium n° 2 and n° 3, and ensure that it is translated and disseminated as widely as possible.

b) Work on the set of indicators for projects evaluation

- Practical implementation of a **multi-stakeholder working group to test the STC proposals**, setting out the specifications of the expected results of this work, as well as a precise timetable and granting a major role to the project leaders and donors;
- Development of the **guide of procedures** defining the work of the STC on the evaluation of "projects" in the broad sense;
- Development of **specifications for the development of an Ex-Act type tool** to facilitate self-assessment by project holders before consideration by the STC.

c) Other works

- Production of **synthesis documents on the scientific aspects of the "4 per 1000" Initiative**;

- **Active contribution to the elaboration of documents concerning the implementation or the elaboration**, with the participation of the actors in the fields (farmers, foresters, etc ...), **of good practices** making it possible to increase the quantity of carbon stored in the soils, in accordance with the objectives of the "4 per 1000" Initiative;
- Active contribution to the **drafting of a global book on the "4 for 1000" Initiative**.

2) Continued work on the collaborative platform and its operation

After its official launch on 16th November, 2017, and an active test phase involving representatives of each of the Forum's colleges, the Collaborative Platform will have to be developed to meet the expectations of the users, and be dynamically animated by the Executive Secretariat (person to be recruited).

During the first year of operation, this platform should develop along the following lines.

a) Identification of all partners in the Initiative

All partners and consequently the members of the Initiative will need to have a descriptive sheet describing its activities and interests, in order to enable the most efficient networking possible. The posters having been prepared for the meetings of the Consortium in Montpellier (June 2017) and Bonn (November 2017) can be used to feed these sheets.

b) Maps with geographic location of members and partners

A mapping tool accessible from the Initiative's website will be set up to easily locate partners and members of the Initiative.

c) Establishment of a place for collecting information on practices

The objective will be to establish the most exhaustive inventory of existing agricultural and forestry practices around the world, in lines with the objectives of the "4 per 1000" Initiative. A standardized descriptive sheet (which can be inspired by the work developed in collaboration with the GSP following the GSOC 2017) will be developed including a precise description of the practice, its conceptual bases (field experience or scientific), the results obtained, and the surfaces concerned.

d) Development of work within college

Within each college of the Forum, and if validated by the actors concerned, a list of reflections to be carried out for the preparation of the next meeting of the Forum will be established, and a leader of the animation of these reflections will be identified.

3) Specific work to be done with public and private funders

The 4 per 1000 Initiative is not intended to manage funding or funds for the development of practices, projects or policies to achieve its objectives. On the other hand, it is imperative that it acts in favor of the widest possible mobilization of public and private funds to support the actions implemented by the project promoters in the field. In this respect, it will be necessary to conduct the following actions.

a) Inventory of existing funds consistent with the objectives of the Initiative

In order to have a global vision of the intervention capacities of the donors in favor of the "4 for 1000" Initiative, an inventory work will have to be conducted, the most

exhaustive possible and by clearly identifying the potential targets of the financing (type of project, level of funding available, etc.), as well as the procedures and requirements specific to each.

b) Development of a donor awareness campaign

Although a growing number of donors are aware of the Initiative and its objectives, substantive work to increase their awareness will need to be conducted. Beyond this, special attention should be paid to the expectations of these funders in terms of evaluation and project indicators.

In general, and whenever possible, it will be presented and promoted the interest of the donor to adhere to the "4 per 1000" Initiative.

c) Work on taking into account the Carbon Markets Initiative

Carbon offsetting markets are a potential source of funding for the "4 for 1000" players in the field. A reflection work based on the existing will be conducted to consider the possibility to have access to such funding mechanisms.

d) Seeking funding for the Executive Secretariat of the Initiative

The leadership of the Executive Secretariat is vital to the Initiative and is only possible with the allocation of funding for its day-to-day operations. Beyond the support of the members and partners of the Initiatives, support by international foundations will be sought to secure and sustain this operation from year to year.

4) Establishment of a regional level within the Initiative

The partners and members have a particular action in the region or regions in which they are located. By working with the local relays they constitute, different actions can be taken.

a) Promotion of the Initiative

With the support of the Executive Secretariat, each partner and member can promote the Initiative and build membership around it. The process and the necessary documents are online on the Initiative's website. A proactive action by everyone can significantly increase its overall impact.

b) Organization of meetings at regional level

At the level of large regions (North, Central and South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Central and Southern Africa, North Africa and Middle East, Europe, Central Asia, South-East, Oceania, etc.), the exchange of experiences, projects and knowledges could be promoted through the organization of regional forums. Synergies could be found with existing regional networks (eg those of the GSP) to build such gatherings.

The identification of voluntary local relays among partners and members of the Initiative could be a starting point for this local organization. The aim would be to organize regional forums regularly every two to three years.

5) Contribution to international debates on carbon sequestration in soils

Other initiatives, programs and partnerships include promoting the sequestration of carbon in soils. It is imperative, in order not to duplicate their respective actions, to create synergies in participating and contributing to cross-exchanges.

- Participation in meetings, symposia and other conferences on this subject (targeting should be done to avoid dispersal, as well as the establishment of a calendar);
- Open the meetings of the Initiative Forum to other actors thinking about joining the "4 per 1000" Initiative;
- Address the issue of exchanges and synergies to be put in place during the other statutory meetings of the Initiative (Consortium and STC).