



# Panel of Experts for Soil Protection 2019 Report

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## Main activities in 2019

- Follow-up conferences and meetings on the external review (contribution) on IPBES report on land degradation and restoration.
- Participation in 2 working groups (WG) from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on soil contamination and remediation:
  - WG-1 is developing technical guidelines for the evaluation, cartography, monitoring and reporting on soil contamination.
  - WG 2, works on the development of a database that contains information on the existing remediation/restoration technologies based on contaminants properties, evidence/scientific results, others.





## Challenges

It is still a panel with a very low level of participation. The best response I have had has been in relation to the FAO initiative. Therefore, the greatest challenge is to find initiatives with a high level of international recognition that involve at least 50% of the panel members.





# Outlook

Continue searching for new opportunities to engage the panel members. On top of the list:

- Follow-up FAO's initiative and IPBES report on land degradation
- The Economics of Land Degradation
- Natural & Social Capital with WBCSD, IUCN and Capitals Coalition (among others)





Thank you for your attention!

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