

Dear Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health,

On behalf of the **institution of country X**, we would like to express our interest in becoming a member of the Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH)

The main objective of the Coalition is to improve soil health globally by addressing critical implementation, monitoring, policy, and public and private investment barriers that constrain farmers from adopting and scaling healthy soil practices. Here is the link to the CA4SH website: <https://www.coalitionforsoilhealth.org/>.

Soil health is not only the foundation of our food systems and critical for the achievement of the SDGs, but soil functions as a major carbon reservoir and water regulator, which makes it one of the most valuable resources to address climate change. Rising temperatures and increasing frequencies of droughts and floods further accelerate soil degradation making the call for improved soil management even more urgent.

The Coalition is committed to raise awareness about the central role of soils and elevate the global recognition of soil health among state and non-state actors to build increasing momentum and improve global adoption of improved soil management practices. Acknowledging the important role of farmers as agents of change and innovation, the Coalition aims to work with the multiple stakeholders to facilitate transparent and equitable economic incentives that reach the farmer, and reward farmers for implementing practices that improve soil health.

With this in mind, the Coalition has four main targets:

1. Integrate soil health in policy across the development, environment, agriculture and climate change domains;
2. Expand research in development on soil health practices and monitoring;
3. Significantly increase the number of hectares of land under healthy soil practices;
4. Increase investments in soil health by a margin of 5-10 fold above current financing commitments.

The Coalition intends to focus on the following principles: 1) Accessible and inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships that empower smallholder farmers; 2) Transparent and accountable business solutions and public and private sector investments that promote equity; 3) Evidence-based policy as an enabler for all, at all scales; 4) Capacity building for on-ground implementation and monitoring.

The Coalition intends to link closely with existing initiatives to avoid duplication of ongoing efforts and to operationalize activities through regional hubs to support the specific needs and priorities of stakeholders in different geographies. We are convinced that restoring soil health is an essential solution for the transformation of our food systems.

Members of the Coalition have the opportunity to

- Participate in global events and access speaking opportunities
- Participate in policy advocacy and influence the global soil health agenda

- Provide expert input to help achieve the Coalition's four main targets
- Access and exchange knowledge with key stakeholders
- Connect and collaborate with key stakeholders to drive healthy soil health practices

CA4SH membership is open and non-legally binding. There is no financial commitment, though there may be opportunities for interested members to fund activities. Members can have their logo displayed on the website as well as share their flagship initiatives, events, and other updates that are elevated through CA4SH communication channels. Members are invited to join the Quarterly CA4SH Meetings and are encouraged to engage through the Thematic Working Groups.

Please complete this form and send it to Leigh Ann Winowiecki: L.A.Winowiecki@cifor-icraf.org and Coalition Coordinator: coordination@coalitionforsoilhealth.org

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