



## Invitation

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am honored to extend our heartfelt invitation for you to attend the 23rd World Congress of Soil Science (23rd WCSS), to be held from June 7 to 12, 2026, in Nanjing, China. We warmly look forward to your presence at this landmark global academic gathering.

Since its inception in 1927, the WCSS has convened every four years and has grown into the world's most influential academic platform in soil science. In 2018, the Soil Science Society of China (SSSC) was granted the honor of hosting the 2026 Congress—marking the first occasion the event will be held in China. It is a proud milestone to bring this international forum to Nanjing, a city rich in history and cultural heritage.

The Congress is expected to bring together a diverse array of participants, including researchers, practitioners, corporate representatives, policymakers, regulatory agencies, academic institutes, students, and all stakeholders committed to the sustainable management of soils. It will provide an unparalleled platform for scientific exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration to address pressing challenges concerning soil and the environment.

Located on the western edge of the Yangtze River Delta, Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu Province, is one of China's four great ancient capitals. Today, it stands as a vibrant hub of politics, education, culture, industry, economy, and tourism in the region.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you to 23rd WCSS in Nanjing and joining hands to further the global cause of soil science.



Official URL

**Venue:** Nanjing International Expo Center (No.300 Middle Jiangdong Road)

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## Soil and the Shared Future for Humanity

## 23rd World Congress of Soil Science

June 7–12, 2026 Nanjing, China

Hosted by: International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)  
Soil Science Society of China  
Organized by: Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences  
Nanjing Municipal People's Government



## Congress Overview



The 23rd WCSS, dubbed the “Olympics of Soil Science”, will take place in Nanjing, China for the first time from June 7 to 12, 2026. This marks a historic milestone in China’s century-long journey in soil science and provides a pivotal opportunity for global scholars to engage in a shared dialogue on “Soil and the Shared Future for Humanity”.

Since its inception in 1927, the WCSS has evolved into the world’s most influential academic platform in soil science. Its focus has broadened over the past century to include interdisciplinary subjects such as climate change, food security and biodiversity—reflecting humanity’s cognitive shift from “conquering nature” to “revering nature”.

China first participated in the WCSS in 1935. At the 21st Congress in Rio de Janeiro (2018), a delegation of nearly 300 Chinese scholars, representing 7% of total attendees, took part, and the SSSC successfully secured the bid to host the event in 2026. At the 2024 centennial celebration of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), China dispatched a delegation of nearly 200 participants—the largest among non-host countries—and chaired multiple sessions. These achievements lay a solid foundation for the forthcoming 23rd WCSS, and underscore China’s rise as one of the largest and most dynamic soil science communities globally.

The 23rd WCSS will take place at the Nanjing International Expo Center, nestled at the foot of Purple Mountain and near the site of China’s earliest soil research institute. The Congress is expected to yield several breakthroughs that bridge traditional wisdom with contemporary soil management practices, such as the launch of thematic forums “The Civilizational History of Soil”, “Entrepreneurship”, and “New-Generation Farmers”. It will also see the signing of the “Soil Health Declaration”, marking the beginning of deepened soil science cooperation among the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) countries. This Congress is more than just a global academic gathering; it symbolizes a fundamental shift in human perspective from viewing soil as a resource to be exploited, to embracing it as a living community that needs to be cared for.

In June 2026, let us gather in Nanjing to unlock the soil code for a sustainable civilization!

## Agenda

|             | June 2-6             | June 7                                    | June 8                           | June 9                           | June 10                          | June 11                          | June 12                          |
|-------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9:00-10:00  | Soil Judging Contest | Registration<br><br>Exhibition Set-Up     | Opening Ceremony                 | Parallel Sessions                | Tours<br><br>Exhibition Open Day | Plenary Sessions                 | Parallel Sessions                |
| 10:00-11:00 |                      |   | Plenary Sessions                 |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| 11:00-11:20 |                      |   | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition |                                  | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition |
| 11:20-12:00 |                      |   | Plenary Sessions                 | Parallel Sessions                |                                  | Parallel Sessions                | Parallel Sessions                |
| 12:00-13:00 |                      |   | Lunch                            | Lunch                            |                                  | Lunch                            | Lunch                            |
| 13:00-15:00 |                      | Parallel Sessions                         | Parallel Sessions                | Parallel Sessions                |                                  | Parallel Sessions                |                                  |
| 15:00-15:20 |                      | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition          | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition |                                  | Coffee Break / Poster Exhibition |                                  |
| 15:20-16:00 |                      | Social Event<br><br>Young Scientist Forum | Parallel Sessions                | Parallel Sessions                |                                  | Parallel Sessions                | Plenary Sessions                 |
| 16:00-17:00 |                      |   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | Closing Ceremony                 |
| 17:00-18:00 |                      |   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| 18:00-19:00 |                      |   | Welcome Reception                |                                  |                                  | Gala Dinner                      |                                  |
| 19:00-20:00 |                      |   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

## Registration Information

### Registration Fees

| Category  | Early-Bird Fee<br>Before March 7, 2026 | Standard Fee<br>Before May 7, 2026 | On-Site Fee<br>After May 8, 2026 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Standard  | \$ 600                                 | \$ 700                             | \$ 800                           |
| SSSC Member   | \$ 570                                 | \$ 670                             | \$ 770                           |
| Farmers/Students/<br>Participants from Low- and<br>Lower-Middle<br>Income Countries | \$ 400                                 | \$ 500                             | \$ 600                           |
| Companion   | \$ 300                                 | \$ 300                             | \$ 300                           |
| Gala Dinner   | \$ 100                                 |                                    |                                  |

### Note:

- (1) Students/SSSC Members/Farmers must provide valid supporting documentation to verify their status in the registration system.
- (2) Accompanying persons are granted access only to the social event, welcome reception and exhibition hall. This category is intended only for the family members of a delegate.
- (3) All deadlines and time references follow Beijing Time (GMT+8).

### Cancellation and Refund Policy:

- (1) All cancellation requests must be made in writing via email to [wcss2026@issas.ac.cn](mailto:wcss2026@issas.ac.cn). Only written requests will be accepted.
- (2) No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after May 7, 2026.
- (3) Cancellations made on or before May 7, 2026 will incur a 20% cancellation fee.
- (4) All refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the Congress.