



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

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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 World Congress of Soil Science (23rd WCSS) will be held in Nanjing from June 7 to 12, 2026. Held once every four years, the congress is known as the “Olympics” of international soil science community. Its inaugural landing in China in 2026 marks not only a milestone in WCSS’s century journey in soil science, but also presents a key opportunity for global scholars to engage in dialogues around the theme of “Soils and the Shared Future for Humanity”.

Since its inaugural forum in Washington D.C. in 1927, the WCSS has evolved into the world’s most influential soil science gathering. China began its engagement with the WCSS in 1935. At the largest-to-date 2018 Rio de Janeiro Congress which attracted over 4,000 scholars worldwide, nearly 300 Chinese participants (or 7% of the total) participated and the SSSC successfully bid to host the 2026 event. The 2022 Glasgow Congress featured a speech by Prince Charles, while at the 2024 Centennial Congress of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), China fielded the largest non-host delegation (nearly 200 members) and chaired multiple sub-forums. These milestones signal China’s rise as a leading and innovative force in global soil science community, laying robust foundation for the upcoming 2026 congress.

This congress has received strong support from the State Council, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the China Association for Science and Technology, and the Nanjing Municipal People’s Government. It will be held in Nanjing International Expo Center at the foot of Zijin Mountain. It is expected to welcome 4,000 participants, comprising around 1,500 international representatives and 2,500 domestic representatives. The theme of the congress, which combines academic advancements with practical applications, is highly in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, as well as China’s strategies for national food security, ecological civilization development and rural revitalization. It represents not only an academic feast, but also a testament to humanity’s shift from “resource plundering” to protecting the “community of life” in terms of soil knowledge. In May 2025, the congress has received more than 120 session proposals, and in July, it opened global registration and abstract submission.

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 Exhibition Set-Up	Opening Ceremony	Parallel Sessions	Tours 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	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 Before March 7, 2026	Standard Fee Before May 7, 2026	On-Site Fee After May 8, 2026
Standard	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 800
SSSC Member	\$ 570	\$ 670	\$ 770
Farmers/Students/ Participants from Low- and Lower-Middle 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. 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.

