



# Virtual Policy Roundtable – Integrating Soil Organic Carbon into the Nationally Determined Contributions

**21** October 2022 | **Friday** | 10.30-12.00 | EAT



## Background

### Including soil organic carbon (SOC) in climate policies

Soil provides the basis of multiple ecosystem services, including the supply of food, cycling of water, biodiversity and storage of carbon, contributing to human well-being. Maintaining and increasing soil organic carbon is one of the land-based adaptation and mitigation response option which is applicable across a broad range of land use types.

Appropriate design of policies, institutions and governance systems at all scales can contribute to land related adaptation and mitigation while facilitating the pursuit of climate-adaptive development pathways<sup>1</sup>. Mutually supportive, climate and land policies have the potential to save resources, amplify social resilience, support ecological restoration, and foster engagement and collaboration between multiple stakeholders.

The Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research in Africa (AICCRA) project undertook a review of existing evidence on the integration of soil organic carbon into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) including key engagement interviews with national focal points across Ethiopia, Zambia, Mali, Ghana, Senegal and Kenya. This roundtable will highlight key insights from across these engagements.



## Roundtable Discussion

At this policy roundtable meeting, AICCRA will facilitate a dialogue based on a unique engagement process led by CIFOR-ICRAF across six countries in Africa. Through engagement interviews with policy experts involved in the development of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) the roundtable will reflect on the inclusion of Soil Organic Carbon and make clear recommendations from the panel discussion.



## Programme

- 10.35 am Welcome and Introductions**  
**Laura Cramer**  
AICCRA Theme 1 Leader  
**Leigh Ann Winoweicki**  
Soil Systems Scientist  
CIFOR-ICRAF Theme Leader: Soil and Land Health
- 10.40 am Reflections on key findings from across the six countries**  
**Ermias Betemariam**  
CIFOR ICRAF  
**Endalkachew Wolde-meskel**  
CIFOR ICRAF
- 11.00 am Expert panel of national perspectives from policy and research**  
**Panel - moderated by Leigh Ann Winoweicki**  
**Vincent Onguso Oeba**  
Principal Research Scientist & Coordinator  
Climate Change in Forestry & Biometry  
at Kenya Forestry Research Institute  
**Liesl Wiese-Rozanov**  
International consultant in  
agricultural science and policy  
**Morton Mwanza**  
Principal Vegetable Production Officer,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia  
**Manyewu Mutamba**  
Acting Head of Agriculture - African Union  
Development Agency New Partnership  
for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)
- 11.40 am Discussion and Feedback**
- 11.55 am Closing remarks**
- 12.00 pm Close**



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ipcc.ch/srccl/>