



## **The role of soils in delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

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The year 2015 was momentous for a number of reasons. It was the year in which the world defined and committed itself to striving toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in which the historic Paris Climate Agreement was signed under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and was also the UN International Year of Soils. In this brief presentation, I will outline how the legacy of the UN International Year of Soils might be delivered by the soil science community, particularly with respect to the direct and indirect roles in which soils can help to deliver a number of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including and how soils can help to deliver on Sustainable Development Goal 13 (climate), to meet our targets under the Paris Climate Agreement.