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SOIL STORIES RECONNECTED: From Regeneration to Action

Discover soil as a vital foundation of agriculture, biodiversity, and human life, seen through scientific, policy, industrial, and artistic perspectives!

Join us for an open dialogue on how regenerative practices and new ways of thinking can shape more sustainable and resilient futures.



Thursday
March 26, 2026
4:30-8:30 PM, KST



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16:30 - 16:35	Opening	<i>Alessandra Apicella</i> Science & Technology Office Seoul
	Welcome Remarks	<i>Nadine Olivieri Lozano</i> Embassy of Switzerland in South Korea

Session 1

Regenerative Soil & Sustainable Agriculture: Public & Private Approaches

16:35 - 16:50	National pathways for regenerative soil: Korean public-sector strategies, research and international collaboration	<i>Hyun Young Hwang</i> Rural Development Administration (RDA)
16:50 - 17:05	Regenerative agriculture in practice: Integrating innovation, soil health, and climate-resilient farming	<i>Thierry Querol</i> Syngenta AG
17:05 - 17:20	Swiss strategies for sustainable agriculture: Soil, climate, and the future of public sector research	<i>Lutz Merbold</i> Agroscope
17:20 - 17:30	Q&A and discussion (SLIDO)	

Session 2

Adapting in the Anthropocene: Soil, Biodiversity, and New Pathways of Innovation

17:30 - 17:45	Cultivating rice paddies with oriental storks: Biodiversity-friendly farming in South Korea	<i>Hanah Sung</i> KAIST
17:45 - 18:00	Understanding soil-atmosphere interface: Ammonia, precursors of particulate matter	<i>Sang-Ryong Lee</i> Dongguk University
18:00 - 18:15	Metabolic media & planetary metabolisms: Ecologies of technology, agriculture and eating	<i>Jamie Allen</i> University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW)
18:15 - 18:30	Regenerating agriculture from the ground up: Young company pathway to ecological innovation	<i>Johnson Penn</i> EcoLinks
18:30 - 18:40	Q&A and discussion (SLIDO)	

Special Session

Soil as Memory: Art, Sound & Sensory Relations

18:40 - 18:55	Sound performance - Performance on soil, listening, ecosystems, and human-earth relationships	<i>Marcus Maeder</i> Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU)
18:55 - 20:30	Networking aperitif	

