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**Invitation to the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon and launch of the
International Network of Black Soils, FAO, Rome, Italy
21-23 March 2017**

Dear Mr Han,

It is my pleasure to invite you and your delegation (details below) from Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences (HAAS) to attend the Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon that will take place at FAO premises in Rome on 21-23 March, 2017.

- Mr Guiqing Han, Senior Researcher of HAAS and President of Heilongjiang Society of Agronomy.
- Ms Dan Wei, Director, Senior Researcher, Institute of Soil Fertilizer and Environment Resources, HAAS.
- Mr Yuxin Tong, Associate Professor, Institute of Soil Fertilizer and Environment Resources, HAAS.
- Mr Liang Jin, Associate Professor, Institute of Soil Fertilizer and Environment Resources, HAAS.
- Ms Xingzhu Ma, Associate Professor, Institute of Soil Fertilizer and Environment Resources, HAAS.

The Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon aims to review the role of soils and soil organic carbon in the context of climate change and sustainable development. With this bold action, we are pursuing the benefit of unlocking the potential of mitigating and adapting to a changing climate.

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Noting the importance of conserving black soils, during the Symposium and under the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, the International Network of Black Soils will be launched. We expect your active participation in this launch and especially the implementation of activities after its establishment.

Please note that all costs related to your and colleagues participation shall be borne by your institution. Please register your participation following this link:
<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/soil-organic-carbon-symposium/en/>

Looking forward to your active participation in this important event,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Mansur', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eduardo Mansur
Director
Land and Water Division