

SIS Framework: Roadmap for building a soil information system.

Empower the soil data community with best practice tools and lessons learned for a sustainable SIS!

The SIS Framework by CABI and ISRIC offers practical, phased guidelines for developing soil information systems, addressing financial, institutional, and technological aspects with tools and resources.



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This technology is **pre-validated**.

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Scaling readiness: idea maturity 9/9; level of use 8/9

Gender assessment 3

Climate impact 7

Problem

- SISs often fail after project funding ends due to the absence of sustainable transition plans.
- Limited technical capacities hinder the development of data-driven products and system maintenance, leaving user needs unmet.
- Poor understanding of target users and use cases leads to unclear objectives and weak SIS planning.
- Inconsistent data formats and poor governance complicate data analysis and sharing.

Solution

- Co-develop financial sustainability plans to ensure long-term viability.
- Build technical capacity and identify roles for SIS design, development, and maintenance.
- Conduct needs assessments for users, beneficiaries, and data producers.
- Track the impact of the SIS and adapt to evolving user needs.

Key points to design your project

The SIS Framework, provides a structured approach to designing and developing sustainable Soil Information Systems (SIS). It ensures long-term viability by integrating financial, institutional, capacity, and technological aspects.

Key steps include:

- Defining clear objectives aligned with national priorities.
- Developing a financial sustainability plan beyond project funding.
- Building technical capacity for SIS maintenance and growth.
- Conducting user needs assessments for practical impact.
- Implementing FAIR data governance for accessibility and reliability.
- Monitoring impact to ensure continuous improvement.

100,000—200,000 USD

SIS roadmap development workshops, depending on needs.



Open source / open access

Commodities

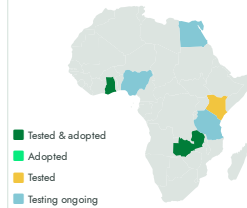
Sustainable Development Goals



Categories

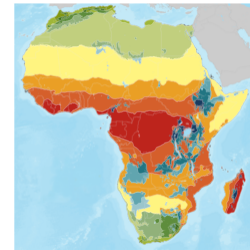
Digital applications,
Advisory and information service

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



Target groups

Development institutions, Governments,
Researcher center, Soil scientists



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