

# Promoting carbon sequestration in soils: *the 4 p 1000 initiative*

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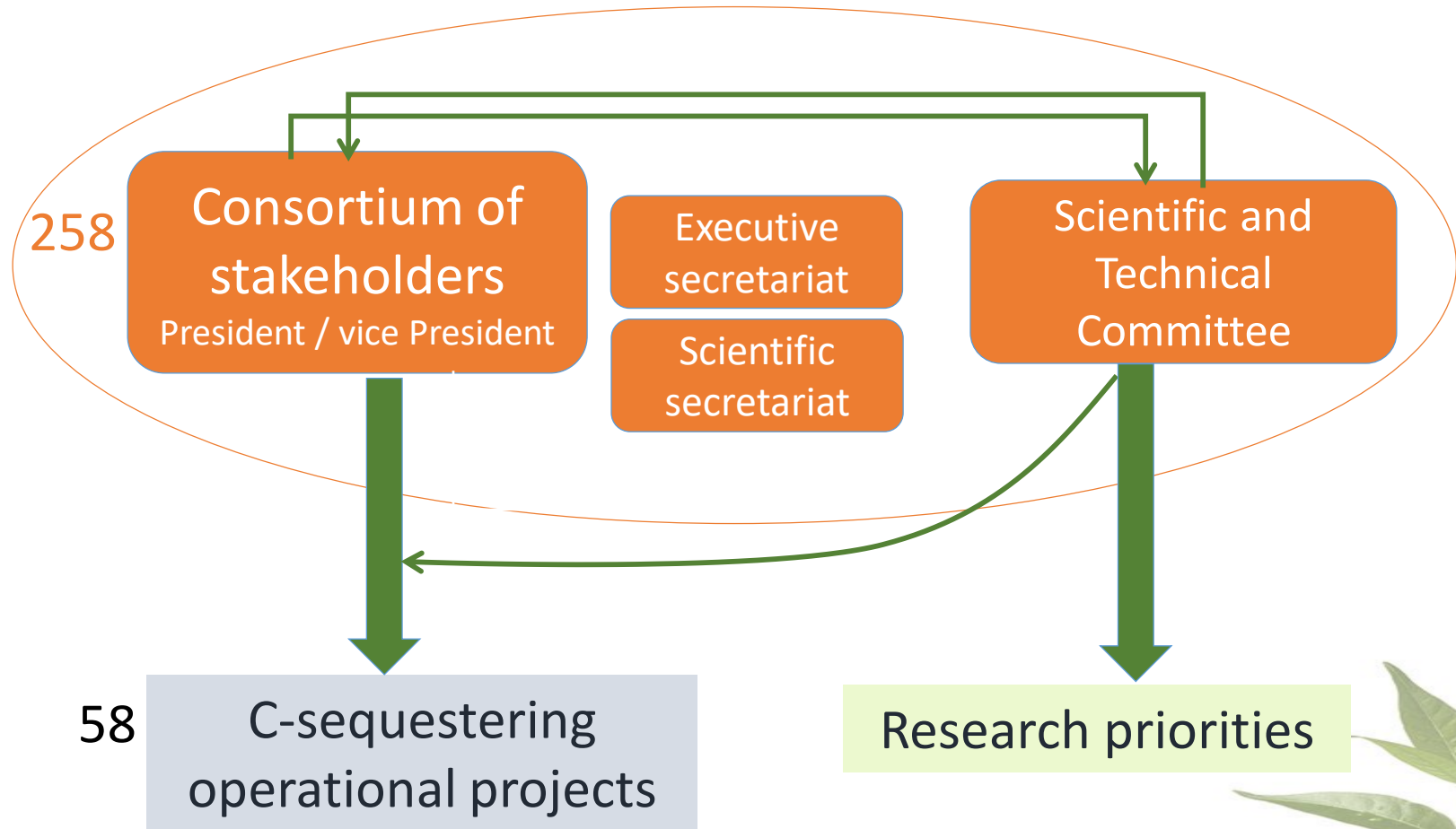


# What is it ?

- A political initiative at the COP 21
- General aim
  - « Increase organic matter and promote soil C sequestration, through the application of appropriate farming and forestry practices in order to contribute to food security, climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate change »



# How does it work ?



# Why a research program?

- Providing evidence-based options for countries, stakeholders and the private sector and supporting the multi-partner initiative
- Help answer high level policy questions

-> **action oriented**

-> **policy relevant**      **research program**



# Research priorities

## Four main pillars

- **Estimating the potential of soil carbon sequestration and associated benefits**
- **Developing practices adapted to specific conditions (soil, climate, socio-economy, institutional..)**
- **Define and strengthen the enabling environment**
- **Monitoring, reporting and verification of soil carbon**





# Projects : STC support to Forum members

- **Formative assessment : provide advice for the improvement of projects**

## Projects = Specific actions

- under defined temporal and spatial scales and ecosystems (e.g. arable, rangeland, forests..) ;
- Targeting retention or increase in soil carbon ;
- related to changes in land management and/or land use options ;

with expected benefits and possible trade-offs for local communities.





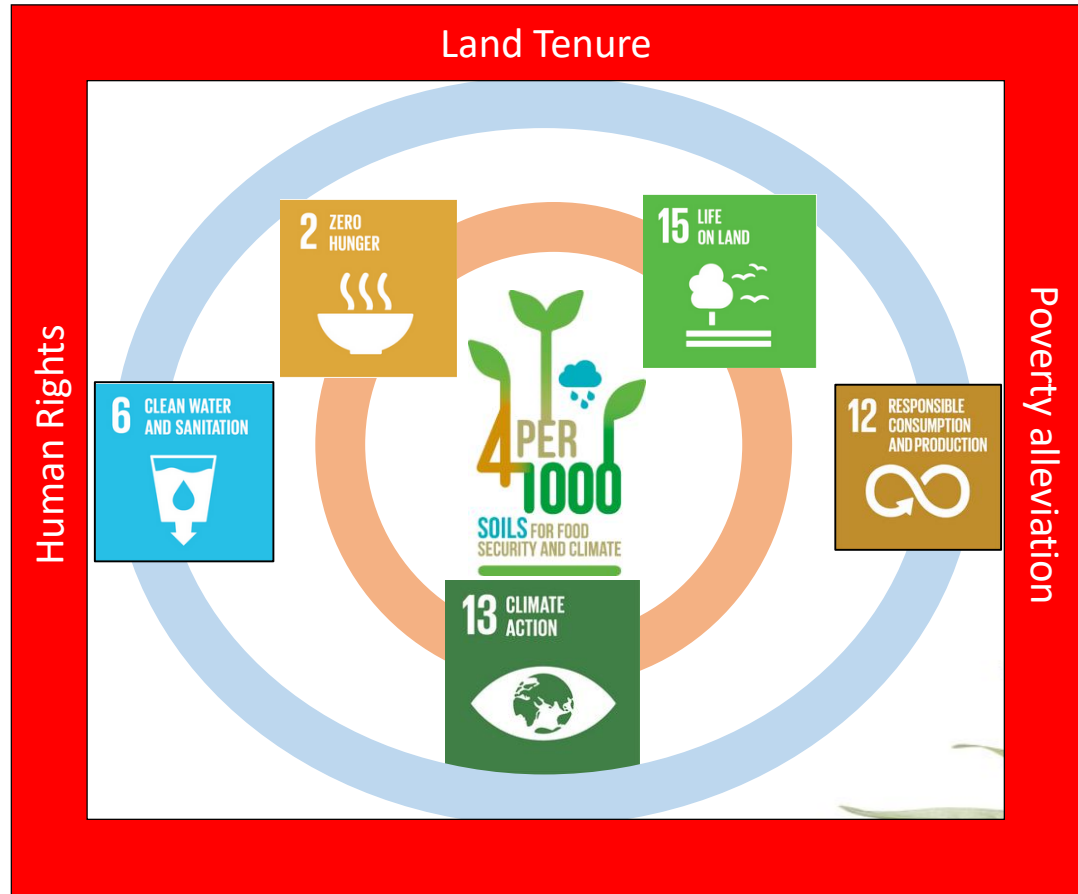
# Framework for assessment



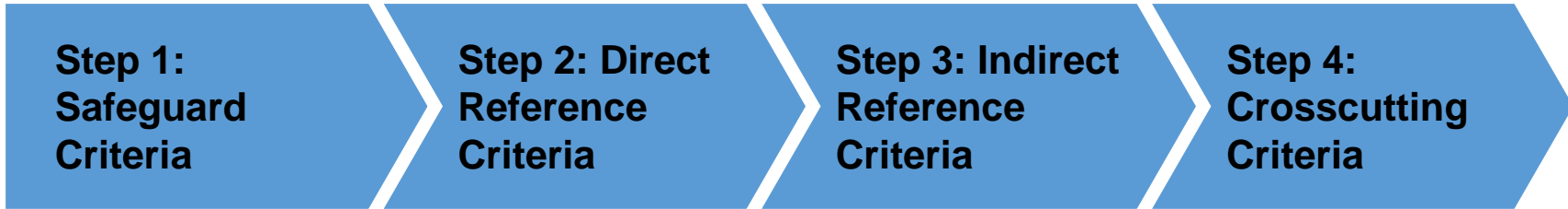
Direct targets

Indirect targets

Safeguard targets: avoid harmful impacts

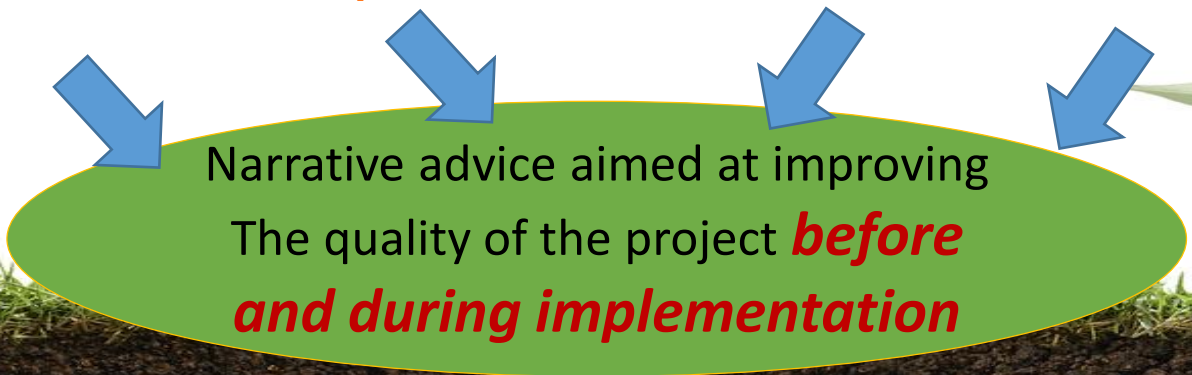


# Four “sequential” steps for SOC project assessment



Contents	Step 1: Safeguard Criteria	Step 2: Direct Reference Criteria	Step 3: Indirect Reference Criteria	Step 4: Crosscutting Criteria
	<p>Does not compromise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human rights</li> <li>• land rights</li> <li>• poverty alleviation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOC stocks and land degradation neutrality (SDG 15)</li> <li>• Climate change adaptation</li> <li>• Climate change mitigation (SDG 13)</li> <li>• Food security (SDG 2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welfare &amp; well-being (SDG 12)</li> <li>• Biodiversity &amp; ecosystem services (SDG 15)</li> <li>• Water and nutrients cycles (SDG 6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and capacity building</li> <li>• Participatory and socially inclusive approaches</li> </ul>

Requirements	Step 1: Safeguard Criteria	Step 2: Direct Reference Criteria	Step 3: Indirect Reference Criteria	Step 4: Crosscutting Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Need to meet them all</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Soil C + does not compromise others</b></li> </ul>		



Narrative advice aimed at improving  
The quality of the project **before**  
**and during implementation**