



5 DECEMBER

WORLD SOIL DAY

"To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves."
- Mahatma Gandhi -



Why do We Mark This Day?



Soil is the home of billions of microorganisms and also a habitat for 25% of everything alive on Earth. Aside from animals, plants also live on soil. Because of the interdependence of living creatures to the soil components, the soil is considered an essential component to keep us alive.

Therefore, we need to protect the soil to protect life on earth. To emphasize the importance of restoring and maintaining soil fertility and biodiversity, UN General Assembly declared the 5th of December 2014 as the first official World Soil Day. WSD aims to focus the world's attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources.



Questions for Discussion

<How can you be the solution to soil pollution>



<Stop soil erosion, keep soil where it belongs!>

- ✓ In our own little way, how can we help to conserve and protect our soil against biodiversity loss and erosion?
- ✓ How important are the methods mentioned in the video in keeping the soil fertile?
- ✓ What will be the possible outcomes if we prevented and combatted the bad effects of soil erosion? Explain your answer.



Meet Today's Global Citizens



Shahidur Rashid

He is a Senior Research fellow from International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) who promotes the importance of soil in honor of World Soil Day. His passion and commitment to agriculture and food policy issues resulted in positive changes in South Asia and East African regions.



Karen Wynne

She is a soil mapper and organic farm planner who worked with small farmers to develop alternative production and marketing options that support more sustainable approaches to farming. She is the founder of Rosita's Farm, which promotes Alabama's sustainable agriculture community.

