Global Soil Partnership Program
Tuesday, September 29, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. or 15:30 to 17:00
Konza Prairie Room
Larry E. Erickson and Jason White, Co-chairs

Global Soil Partnership - Chuck Rice
The Global Soil Partnership was established in 2013 under auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with sustainable soil management as a primary goal. There are regional partnerships and the United States is part of the North American Regional Soil Partnership.

Five Pillars of Action - Chuck Rice and Jon Hempel
The five pillars of action are:

1. Promote sustainable management of soil resources for soil protection, conservation, and sustainable productivity
2. Encourage investment, technical cooperation, policy, education awareness and extension in sustainable soil management
3. Promote targeted soil research on sustainable soil management and development focusing on identified gaps and priorities and synergies with related productive environmental and social development actions
4. Enhance the quantity and quality of global soil data and information: data collection (generation), analysis, validation, reporting, monitoring, and integration with other disciplines
5. Harmonization of methods, measurements, and indicators for the sustainable management and protection of soil resources

State of Soil - Jon Hempel
Panel Discussion and Audience Participation - Panelists are Jon Hempel, Valentina Pidlisnyuk, M.N.V. Prasad, Chuck Rice, and Mark Walker