



Oficio SG-SLCS/28 de Nov./005/19

Ms.

CAROLINA SCHMIDT
Minister of Environment
President-elect of COP-25
CHILE

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

The LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY of SOIL SCIENCE-SLCS is a scientific society of great tradition in our continent (founded in 1954) and represents 21 associated National Societies. Its career has always been involved with the advances of science towards the sustainable use of the natural resource **Soil**. These advances, over the last decades, were responsible for the increase in public perception regarding the essential role of the Soil as regards the balance of terrestrial systems and, more strongly, in Climate Change due to its ability to store and reduce the carbon content of anthropogenic origin in the atmosphere.

Since the United Nations Conference for Sustainable Development / RIO + 20 in 2012, as well as in the COPs on Climate Change, notably those in Paris and Katowice, Soil scientists have tried to draw the attention of participants and decision makers to the meetings, so that the topic could be an integral part of the environmental agenda because of its obvious importance. Fortunately, the latest special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change-IPCC, called “Climate Change and Land: Summary for Policymakers”, recognized the fundamental role of the natural resource **Soil** in the great processes of climate change.

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On the other hand, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations-FAO created in 2012 the World Soil Alliance (AMS), a gigantic effort against the degradation of this resource, and had the opportunity to make a very profitable conversation with the IPCC in 2016, in which the two organizations decided to act more synergistically. Our society is an integral part of the aforementioned Alliance and continues to act for the success of these actions.

The Latin American Society of Soil Science comes to the presence of the distinguished Minister, Ms. Carolina Schmidt, to request that, based on what mentioned above, the **Soil** resource be an integral part of the COP-25 agenda and the resulting discussions lead there to concrete and sustainable solutions in the big issue of Climate Change.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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