



## Side Event During the Wageningen Soil Conference August 29, 2017

You are kindly invited to participate in the Fertile Grounds Initiative side event:

### Towards a circular Economy for Soil Nutrient management in Sub-Sahara Africa: from Concept to Business Case

Re-using soil nutrients is one of the keys towards sustainable agricultural intensification. However, to implement and scale nutrient re-using processes, viable business cases are essential. The Fertile Grounds Initiative (FGI) aims to close soil nutrient cycles at several levels of scale. Although the potential is there, prevailing technical, social and policy barriers hamper the adoption of more efficient soil nutrient management systems.

In this side event existing and potentially successful business cases are discussed. We wish to stimulate business cases and partnerships that can take part in the active development of the FGI concept and become involved in making the circular nutrient management reality.

We have developed an exciting programme including an investors view on selected business cases and look forward to meeting you during our event.

14.00 Welcome: introduction to FGI and main findings

14.30 Presentation of business cases at global, regional and local scale

15.00 Get to work....are these cases viable for financing?

16.00 The investor's view

16.30 Partnerships and the role of the private sector

17.00 Closure

FGI will publish a statement paper about the major findings of this workshop.

The Fertile Grounds Initiative (FGI) aims to contribute to improved soil fertility management and nutrient trade in African countries. The paradigm behind the FGI is that there are additional sources of organic nutrients, both locally and regionally available than currently being used and that optimization of the use of such organic resources can lead to a more efficient use of inorganic nutrients. To make use of these 'hidden' resources FGI brings together various actors at different levels of scale. FGI supports two case studies in Ethiopia and contributes to networks at several levels of scale.

To attend, please send a message to Jennie van de Kolk at [jennie.vanderkolk@wur.nl](mailto:jennie.vanderkolk@wur.nl). Your registration before August 1 is highly appreciated. For more information about FGI please visit [www.fertilegroundsinitiative.info](http://www.fertilegroundsinitiative.info).

