Dear Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health,

On behalf of the institution of country X, we would like to express our interest in the Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH).

The main objective of the Coalition is to improve soil health globally by addressing critical implementation, monitoring, policy, and public and private investment barriers that constrain farmers from adopting and scaling healthy soil practices. Here is the link to the CA4SH website: https://www.coalitionforsoilhealth.org/.

Soil health is not only the foundation of our food systems and critical for the achievement of the SDGs, but soil functions as a major carbon reservoir and water regulator, which makes it one of the most valuable resources to address climate change. Rising temperatures and increasing frequencies of droughts and floods further accelerate soil degradation making the call for improved soil management even more urgent.

The Coalition is committed to raise awareness about the central role of soils and elevate the global recognition of soil health among state and non-state actors to build increasing momentum and improve global adoption of improved soil management practices. Acknowledging the important role of farmers as agents of change and innovation, the Coalition aims to work with the multiple stakeholders to facilitate transparent and equitable economic incentives that reach the farmer, and reward farmers for implementing practices that improve soil health.

With this in mind, the activities of the Coalition has four main targets:

1. Integrate soil health in policy across the development, environment, agriculture and climate change domains;
2. Expand research in development on soil health practices and monitoring;
3. Significantly increase the number of hectares of land under healthy soil practices;
4. Increase investments in soil health by a margin of 5-10 fold above current financing commitments.

The Coalition will focus on the following principles: 1) Accessible and inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships that empower smallholder farmers; 2) Transparent and accountable business solutions and public and private sector investments that promote equity; 3) Evidence-based policy as an enabler for all, at all scales; 4) Capacity building for on-ground implementation and monitoring.

The Coalition will link closely with existing initiatives to avoid duplication of ongoing efforts and will operationalize activities through regional hubs to support the specific needs and priorities of stakeholders in different geographies. We are convinced that restoring soil health is an essential solution for the transformation of our food systems.

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