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With a focus on soil systems (status, properties, functionality, diagnosis, roles, assessment, conservation, knowledge, practices, productivity, management, policies, climate, biodiversity, etc.), this book addresses gaps pertinent to promoting sustainable humanenvironment in the Global South and beyond. The soil system is a complex and dynamic part of the lithosphere with flows, inputs, storage, and output that connects it with other Earth systems. It is a living unit whose physical, chemical, and biological characteristics are dependent on the process of its formation, parent material, age, organic and inorganic constituent, and climate and relief. From a systems standpoint, balancing the relationship between utilization and management will help maintain soil health and the provision of ecosystem services. A healthy soil system is capable of functioning as a living unit to support other life and life processes and contribute to sustainable development in the Global South. This book is of interest and useful to soil, biological and agricultural scientists, trainees and trainers, agricultural institutes, soil and food systems specialists, biodiversity and environmental managers, practitioners, activists, and

students (especially undergraduates and postgraduates) in the Global South and beyond.