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TWENTY FIRST SESSION

ANTALYA, TURKEY, 2-3 FEBRUARY 2012

SECRETARIAT NOTE 15: THIRD MEDITERRANEAN FOREST WEEK

Proposals of the first preparatory meeting for the III Mediterranean Forests Week (III MFW) Algiers – From 11 to 12 January, 2012

Location: Maison du Parc National de Tlemcen – Accommodation of participants in hotels of Tlemcen

Proposed dates: Sunday, March 17, 2013 to Thursday, March 21, 2013 (International Day of the Forest).

Languages of the sessions of the III MFW: Arabic, English and French

Title proposed for the III MFW: Forests for Sustainable Development of rural areas: What strategies for mitigation and adaptation to global changes in Mediterranean wooded lands.

Objectives of the III MFW (*Without any order of priority for the Organizing Committee*)

- Strengthening exchanges and synergies between stakeholders involved in the integrated management of Mediterranean woodlands (local people, civil society organizations, national administrations, forest owners, policy makers and scientists) in particular on the proposed theme of the Third MFW;
- \checkmark Launch of the state of Mediterranean forests (SoMF) and presentation of guidelines for good practices for managers of Mediterranean woodland areas;
- \checkmark Presentation and discussion of the draft Integrated Strategy on Mediterranean Forests with participants of the III MFW and request to the High Level Ministerial Segment to sustain this ISMF (21/03/2013);
- Presentation and discussion of a roadmap on innovative mechanisms for funding in recognition of the multiple values f goods and services provided by Mediterranean wooded lands;
- \checkmark A Declaration of Tlemcen incorporating key elements of the ISMF and the findings and key directions from the discussions of the III MFW, will be proposed for adoption to the high-level ministerial segment;
- Consultation with partner sectors of the forest sector (*water, energy, agriculture, tourism, economy, etc.*.) \checkmark in order to incorporate their expectations about the role, functions and strategic direction of the forest sector in Mediterranean countries.
- Prepare a presentation of the Mediterranean regional dynamics and the outcome of the III MFW for the 1 United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF) - 10 UNFF to be held in Turkey in Istanbul from April 9 to 18, 2013 (Regional sessions and side events);

Organizational arrangements for the preparation of the III MFW:

- 1) Establishment of an Organizing Committee (Algiers January 2012)
- 2) Provisional Composition of the Organizing Committee (January 2012):

Algerian authorities (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and General Directorate in charge of Forests, Secretariat of Silva Mediterranea and FAO representative in Algiers, GIZ, Plan Bleu, EFIMED, Mediterranean Model Forests Network, AIFM and two volunteers Member States of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions, Silva Mediterranea (to be nominated during the 21st session of Silva Mediterranea). New members will be involved later depending on their interest and resources mobilized by the new partners for the Third Mediterranean Forests Week (III MFW).

3) Meetings of the Organizing Committee: All 3 / 4 months to March 2013

- Second meeting scheduled on 24 and 25 April 2012 in Algiers;
- Third meeting scheduled during COFO in Rome (24 to 28 September 2012);
- Fourth meeting scheduled at the occasion of the meetings of the Third Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) and the Second Steering Committee of the regional project funded by FFEM (Tlemcen second half of November 2012);
- *Fifth meeting during the second half of January 2013.*

Expected audience at this III MFW

At least 200 participants:

- ✓ Decision makers from the different sectors in the Mediterranean;
- ✓ National and local authorities from different sectors;
- ✓ Technical Organizations and experts (forestry and other sectors);
- ✓ Managers of Forest lands ;
- ✓ Organisations of civil society.

Terms of Reference of Sessions /blocks of the III Mediterranean Forests Week:

Preparing terms of reference of sessions/blocks for discussion at the second meeting of the Organizing Committee scheduled in Algiers on 24/25 April 2012.

Responsibilities for the preparation of terms of reference of Sessions/Blocks:

- Opening session of Sunday, 17/03/2013: Organizing Committee of 24/25 April 2012;
- Presentation of the State of Mediterranean Forests Sunday 17/03/2013 : FAO and Plan Bleu
- Session on the SIMF Sunday afternoon 17/03/2013 : Silva Mediterranea and AIFM ;
- **Block 1** named "Contribution of Mediterranean forests to Sustainable Development of rural areas" on Monday morning, 18/03/2013: **AIFM/MMFN and Algeria**;
- **Block 2** named "The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean woodland ecosystems" on Monday afternoon, 18/03/2013:GIZ and Plan Bleu;
- **Block 3** named "Vulnerability of forest lands and impacts of global change Drivers of degradation and desertification" on the early morning of Tuesday, 19/03/2013: (9H00-10H45): **FAO/Plan Bleu and EFIMED**;
- **Block 4** named "Example of responses to global change by Mediterranean territories at different scales to face global changes' on Tuesday, 19/03/2013: **Plan Bleu/AIFM/MMFN**;
- Bloc 5 named "Presentation and discussion of the Tlemcen Declaration" in the afternoon (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Tuesday, 19/03/2013: Organizing Committee of 24/25 April 2012;
- Field trip on Wednesday 20/03/2013 around and in the Park of Tlemcen : Algeria ;
- Official diner on Wednesday 20/03/2013 evening at Maison du Parc de Tlemcen : Algeria ;
- Plantation of trees on Thursday 21/03/2013 for the International Day of Forests : Algeria ;
- Round tables and press conference of the ministerial segment of Thursday morning and afternoon 21/03/2013: Organizing Committee of 24/25 April 2012

Provisional Agenda proposed by the Organizing Committee for the III MFW

Reception and registration of participants will begin Saturday, 16/03/2013 afternoon and will continue on Sunday morning, 17/03/2013

	Sunday 17/03/2013	Monday 18/03/2013	Tuesday 19/03/2013	Wednesday 20/03/2013	Thursday 21/03/2013 Ministerial Segment
Morning 9H00-10H45	Opening session(60 mn with presentation of the whole agenda of III MFW)Presentation of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF – 45 mn)FAO/ Plan BleuPress Conference 1	Block 1 Contribution of Mediterranean forests to Sustainable Development of rural areas AIFM/MMFN/Algeria	Block 3 Vulnerability of forest and other wooded lands and impacts of global change – Main drivers of degradation and desertification ? FAO/Plan Bleu/EFIMED		Plantation of trees at the occasion of the International Day of Forests 2013 To be organized by Algerian Authorities
Coffee Break (30 mn)				Visite de Terrain	
Morning 11H15-13H00	Presentation and discussion of the Draft Integrated Strategy on Mediterranean Forests AIFM/Silva Mediterranea	Block 1 Contribution of Mediterranean forests to Sustainable Development of rural areas AIFM/MMFN/Algeria	Block 4 Example of responses by Mediterranean territories at different scales to face global changes Plan Bleu/AIFM/MMFN	Parc de Tlemcen Réserve de faune Chêne liège	Table ronde 1Presentation of theDraft ISMF andrequest to Ministers tosustain this process
Lunch (90 mn)				Sites culturels	
Afternoon 14H30-16H00	Round table and discussion of the Draft Integrated Strategy on Mediterranean Forests . AIFM/Silva Mediterranea	Block 2 The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean woodlands GIZ / Plan Bleu	Block 4 Example of responses by Mediterranean territories at different scales to face global changes Plan Bleu/AIFM/MMFN	Organisation par les autorités algériennes	Table ronde 2Discussion andadoption of ''TlemcenDeclaration'' byMinisters
Coffee Break (30 mn)			Ι		
Afternoon 16H30-18H00	Round table and discussion of the Draft Integrated Strategy on Mediterranean Forests . AIFM/Silva Mediterranea	Block 2 The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean woodlands GIZ / Plan Bleu	Block 5 Conclusions and main recommendations of III MFW Tlemcen Declaration		Press Conference of Ministers from countries of the Mediterranean
	Free Diner	Free Diner	Free Diner	Official Diner	Free Diner

ISMF: Integrated Strategy on Mediterranean Forest