

## FORIS DUTY-TRAVEL BACK-TO-OFFICE REPORT

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### **Purpose:**

Participation to the "Operational Planning Workshop on Adapting forest policy conditions to climate change in the MENA region" organized in partnership by The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) & The General Directorate for Forestry of Turkey (See agenda and list of participants on Silva Mediterranea Website at the adress : <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/35411/en/>)

The main objectives of this GTZ project are :

Component 1: Strengthening the socio-economic importance of forest based ecosystem services in the policy of the national forest sector ;

Component 2: Strengthening the socio-economic importance of forest based ecosystem services in policies of relevant neighbor sectors ;

Component 3: Communication, information and awareness raising in the general public ;

Component 4: Mobilization of external support and partnership with the signature during this workshop of a Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

All the objectives of this GTZ regional project in the MENA region are coherent with the Agenda of Silva Mediterranea for the period 2010-2012. FAO/FOMC and the Secretariat of Silva mediterranea will be a very important partner of this project and probably several actions in the six beneficiary countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Syria, Lebanon and Turkey) would be managed by FAO.

The three main objectives of this workshop are :

1 ) to prepare the Plan of Operations 2010/2011 ;

2 ) to adopt this Plan of Operations ;

3 ) to sign the MoU for a new Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

### **Results:**

The regional workshop, organized by GTZ and the government of Turkey with direct involvement and input of FAO/Silva Mediterranea, was attended by more than 30 participants representing the beneficiaries (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey) and several partners of the new Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF).

During this workshop, the Secretariat of Silva Mediterranea presented Silva Mediterranea progress report 2010-2011 and the main support that would be provided by FAO for Adapting forest policy conditions to climate change in the MENA region (See attached powerpoint to this BTOR). The future activities and

programmes of Silva Mediterranea in 2011/2012, including the preparations for the second Mediterranean Forests Week in Avignon (April 2011 -France), were also presented and discussed during this inception workshop in Istanbul.

The Secretariat of Silva Mediterranea also supported the ceremony of signature of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF - See attached file with the CPMF).

This CPMF was signed by several partners (FAO, French Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, GTZ, Plan Bleu, WWF-Mediterranean Program, AIFM, ONF International and the Mediterranean Model Forests Network (MMFN). EFIMED signed later on the 7th of October during the side event organized by Silva Mediterranea during COFO2010 / WFW. IUCN and AFD (French Agency for Development) will sign in November 2010 during specific events taking place in Malaga and Paris.

The main outcome of the workshop was the identification of four work packages of the GTZ project for the period 2010-2011 (see attached file on GTZ Work Packages in 2011). During the workshop, the "bilateral" contributions of the several CPMF members were also discussed and it has been decided that each members will sent information on these contributions to the Secretariat of Silva Mediterranea .

***Recommendation(s)/Action to be taken:***

I) Follow up on the finalization of the work packages of the GTZ project with direct input from FAO/Silva Mediterranea on the following points :

1) Adapt and test the Practical Guide (Guidelines) on ‘Integrating Climate Change in National Forest Programmes’ in the six countries involved in the regional GTZ Project on Climate Change (NFP Facility – FOMC – WG5) ;

2) Provide expertise for regional/national workshop and regional/national training on forest issues in the context of adaptation to climate change and mitigation measures on REDD+ (UN REDD – FOMC/CC/FGR) ;

3) Provide supports for forest resources assessment (FRA) and monitoring (National Forest Monitoring and Assessment Team) in the context of the preparation of the first State of Mediterranean Forest (2011/2012);

4) Provide support on FGR issues in the context of the preparation of the SOW FGR and with the implementation of the Cost Action on FGR (WG4/FOMC) ;

5) Provide supports on Forests and Water in the context of Climate Change.

II) Follow up on the signature of the CPMF by IUCN (Malaga) and by AFD (Paris) - coordination of the several contributions of the partners through FAO/Silva Mediterranea.

III) Organize the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the CPMF during the second Mediterranean Forest Week in Avignon (8th April 2011)

IV) Promote the CPMF

***Documents/Web addresses:***

1 SilvaMedProg Report 2010 ISTANBUL.ppt (<http://foris.fao.org/duty-travels/download/public.jsf?ticket=-2697092390510307524&id=14290>)

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