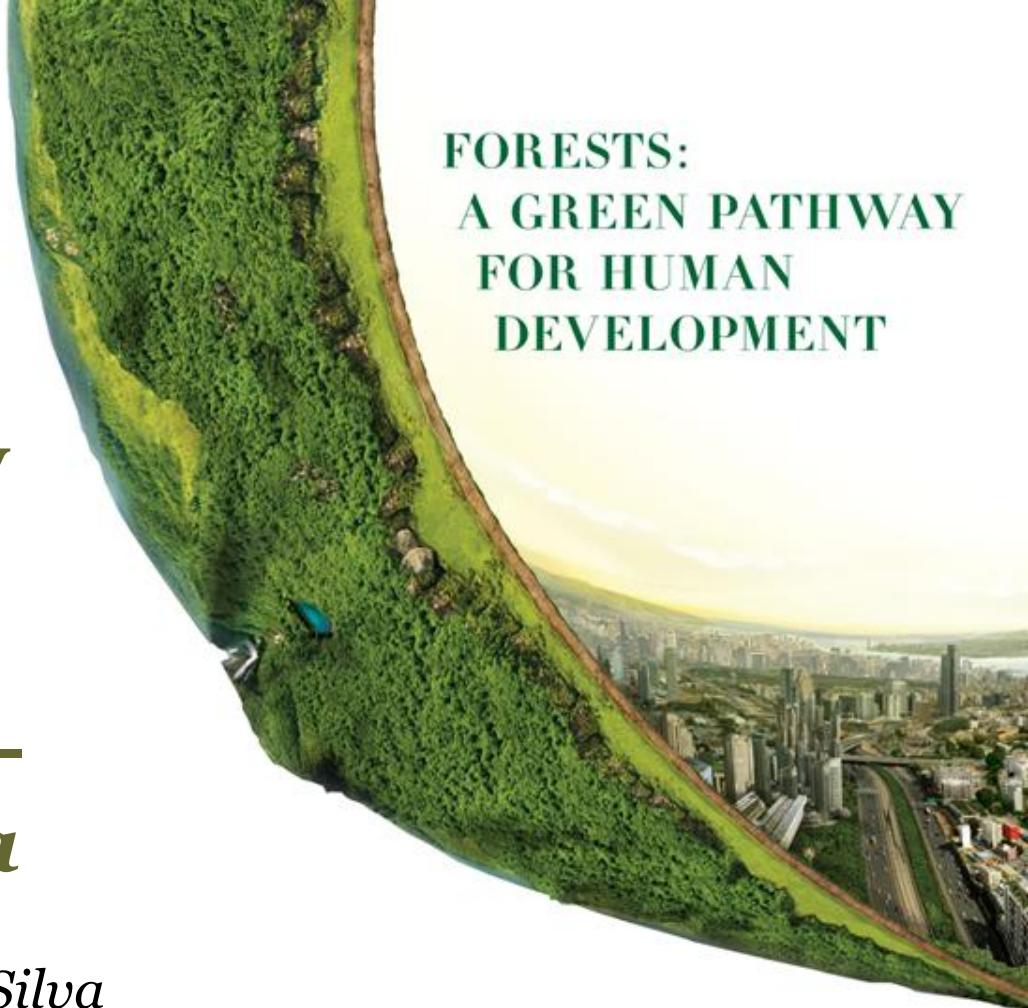


Road Map 2012-2016 for the Turkish Presidency of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*

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**FORESTS:
A GREEN PATHWAY
FOR HUMAN
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WORLD FOREST WEEK



21st Session of the FAO

Committee *Silva Mediterranea*

21st Session of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on Mediterranean Forest Questions-***Silva Mediterranea*** was organised in Turkey between 2-3 February, 2012.

At this session; Mr. Ismail Belen (Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs -Turkey) have been elected as the Chairman. Mr. Ameer Mokhtar (Tunisia) and Mr. Spas Todorov (Bulgaria) are the Vice-Chairman for the period 2012-2016.

Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* with the support of the representatives of Spain, Italy and Turkey were the reporter of this session.

The Enlarged Executive kept the current composition of the Enlarged Executive Committee (Bulgaria, France, Morocco, Portugal, Turkey and the coordinators of the Working Groups) with addition of Tunisia (Mr. Ameer Mokhtar);



Other meetings recently organized in Turkey

Together with FAO and TİKA, an international workshop on “Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes in drylands” was organized on *28-31 May* in Konya, Turkey.

Together with UNCCD and TİKA, another international workshop on “the role of CSO on combating desertification” was organized in Ankara, *13-18 June, 2012*. President of TİKA and Vice Minister of Ministry of Forests and Water Affairs participated to closing ceremony. As well as representative from FAO took part. Declaration of CSO’s Organization to Combat Desertification, **17 June 2012**, Ankara (<http://www.cem.gov.tr/erozyon/Files/bildirge%20001.pdf>)

01-15 August 2012, 40th International Forestry Students’ Symposium (IFSS) in Turkey (http://www.ifsa.net/events.php#event_2012-08-01)



Planned activities in the context of *Silva Mediterranea* by end 2013

- Participation in the **Organizing Committee of the III MFW** ;
- Involvement of the Turkish Presidency in the preparation of the **Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests** ;
- Involvement of the Turkish Presidency in the **Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests** (Signature by TIKA);
- Chair every year the meeting of the **Enlarged Executive Committee** of *Silva Mediterranea* and participate as a member at the **Steering Committee** of the CPMF;
- Launch of the first State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF);
- Involvement in the coordination of two new Working Groups.

Involvement in events scheduled in Turkey by end of 2013

3-5 October, 2012: EFI Annual Conference 2012 in Istanbul.

13-16 November 2012: MedForum 2012, together with MMFN Secretariat and the Turkish General Directorate in charge of Forests

December 2012: A workshop on dry zone forestry guidelines to be organized with the support of TIKA (Senegal, Dakar)

19-22 November, 2012: Third Steering Committee of the CPMF, Fourth Organizing Committee of the III MFW and Fourth EEC of SM in Tlemcen.

27 January-1 February, 2013: The Third Session of the Inter-governmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests3) will be organized in Antalya, Turkey

17-21 March, 2013: Third Mediterranean Forestry Week (Tlemcen).

8-19 April 2013: 10th Session of United Nations Forum on Forestry



We are also planning to include these activities to our work plan:

Organizing a side event on Mediterranean Forestry Questions during the **World Forestry Congress to be held in South Africa (2015)**.

Establishing “**Combating to Desertification and Research Center of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building in Asia**” in Turkey, together with TİKA and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Establishing the “**UNCCD Regional Office for Annex-IV Countries**” in Turkey.

Exchanging Students and Workers between Mediterranean Countries with the support of TİKA



More cooperation should be develop with key organizations

General Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean;

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Forest Europe) and the Liaison Unit in Madrid and the Bureau of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for European Forestry Convention (LBA);

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) ;

EU as an Observatory Member of *Silva Mediterranea*, African Union, ECO and Islamic Cooperation Organization.



More cooperation should be develop with key organizations

CSO's, Private sector and Universities.

Other relevant initiatives especially like NEFRC and EFC Working Party on Mountainous Watershed Management.

Development Organization like GIZ (German Cooperation), TIKA, AFD (French Development Agency) and UNDP

A special attention should be given to cooperate with Non Governmental Organization and Private Sector

Activities should be promote for making the current "silent members" as more active members of *Silva Mediterranea*



***Thank you for
your attention!***