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Speech Text
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At this roundtable my speech will be about two main issues;

- How this Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests can help us to determine the vision for Silva Mediterranea?
- How we determine a road map for Silva Mediterranea benefitting from this document?

The conditions required for implementation of a document, laws, legislation are as follows:

- The documents should be prepared jointly, with participation of all stakeholders
- Should be based on real data and realistic interpretations
- When launching it has to provide benefits to all parties.
- It has to have punishment and reward system

If we examine this document and the policies with in this perspective;

Stakeholders;

- **Members;** Silva Mediterranea has nearly 30 countries and an Regional Organisation
 - **State Agencies;** Different Ministries (Forestry, Agriculture, Tourism, Development, International Cooperation, Foreign Affairs, Environment, Cooperation Agencies like AfD, TIKA, GIS,..), National Assemblies,
 - **NGO's, Media ,Researcher-Academicians**
 - **Private Sector** (Paper, Paperboard and Woodpulp Industry, Wood Raw Material, Wood Based Panel Industry, Wood Energy, Furnishers, Carbon Traders, Small

Scale Forests Enterprises, Sawmills, Workforce, drinking water companies, mining companies, ecotourism companies, livestock companies, shepherds etc.)

- **Individuals;**

- The people who are using the forest for grazing,
- The people who are collecting non wood forest products from forest like mushrooms, chestnut, linden,
- The people who are needing forest for fresh air, sport, hunting, beautiful landscape.

*Forest without people like the house without people.
No need to palace, no need to pavilion without you.*

- **International Organisations;** (Official and Non Official) Plan Blue, CIHEAM, AIFM, CTFC, EFIMED, MMFN, FAO, UNFF, Forest Europe
- **Nature Itself:** (Forests, Animals, Flowers, Rivers, Birds, Squirrels etc.) There is not only man in the world.

Nature has no voice. But if we are not hearing the voice of a bird, if we are not seeing a beauty and sweetness of flowers and not smelling her fragrance what kind of people we are.

Real data and realistic interpretations

Benefits to all parties

Punishment and reward system

What can we do for this Strategic Framework?

- We can inform and invite all member countries? Some of us are silence.
- The secretariat and the chairmanship should be supported; the Directors of the projects should be more generous, open-handed!! ***Every country does so many things at the fields! We need more international actions to collect them! There are flowers everywhere, we need bees and beekeepers to collect them!***
- The working groups should work more closely.
- This Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forest should be sent to all member countries via the Permanent Representative of countries to FAO with a letter signed by the Director General of FAO and ask them to evaluate.

The next;

- Forest Europe Ministerial Conference or Extraordinary Ministerial Conference
- Next COFO,
- Next UNFF,
- Next World Forestry Congress could be a good option!

Thank you very much.