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Professional Background

- ❖ Forest and Water Affairs Expert, General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Parks (September 2015)
- ❖ Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, 2011-2015
- ❖ Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Forests, 2007-2011
- ❖ Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007
- ❖ Head of the Department, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, 2003-2005
- ❖ Division Director at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
- ❖ Engineer, 1999-2001
- ❖ Forest Ranger at the Field, 1992-1998

Education

- ❖ Special Program for Senior Managers in Government, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston, the USA, 2013
- ❖ Master of Science in Public Management, Public Administration Institute for Turkey And The Middle East, Turkey, 2006-2010
- ❖ Master of Science in Applied Science, Karadeniz Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1996-2002
- ❖ Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering, Karadeniz Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1986-1991

Languages

- ❖ Turkish, Native
- ❖ English, Master Level
- ❖ *French, Basic Level*
- ❖ *Arabic, Basic Level*

International Experience

- ❖ Candidate in Short List for Executive Secretary of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, 2013
- ❖ Elected President of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranean, FAO, 2012-2016
- ❖ Member of “Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe”, 2011
- ❖ Member of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
- ❖ Vice Chair of the European Forestry Commission, 2010-2011
- ❖ Vice Chair of the UNECE Forest and Timber Committee, 2010

Relevant Experience

- ❖ Founding President of “Association of the People Caring for the Future ”
- ❖ Member of “Forest Engineers Chamber ” Member of “Green Turkey Foresters Association
- ❖ Member of the Aid Foundation for the Members of General Directorate of Forestry and Chairman of the Board of Representatives, 2009-2010

International Projects

- ❖ Chair of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria” Project, 2010-2011
- ❖ Member of the “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region” (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey), 2009-2011.
- ❖ Member of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States, 2004
- ❖ TCDC Consultant of Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds In Central Asia and the Caucasus GCP/SEC/002/TUR, 2013-2014
- ❖ National Coordinator for Alignment of Turkey's National Action Plan with UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and reporting process” GCP/TUR/060/GFF, 2014-2015
- ❖ Member of Advisory Committee Enhancing FOREST RESEARCH in the MediTERRANEAN through improved coordination and integration
- ❖ International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests, 2007-2010
- ❖ Integrating Forest Fire Protection and Sustainable Wood Pellet Production in Turkey, 2010 (Not completed)

Awards and Honors

- ❖ 2010, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- ❖ 2007, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- ❖ 2006, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- ❖ 1996, Given by the Director General of Forests

Some of International Conferences, Meeting and Visits

- ❖ 2015, **Morocco**, Capacity Development Workshop on National Forest Funds (NFF)- Steering Committee of Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests
- ❖ 2015, **Kyrgyzstan**, Expert Workshop on Restoration and Adaptation of Mountain Forests in Central and Northeast Asia
- ❖ 2015, **Turkey**, UNCCD COP12
- ❖ 2015, **Switzerland**, The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Liaison Delegate Annual Meeting Montreux,
- ❖ 2015, **Spain**, Mediterranean Forest Week

- ❖ 2015, **Morocco**, Committee Meeting of Silva Mediterranean
- ❖ 2014, **the USA**, International Seminar on Disaster Management
- ❖ 2014, **Kyrgyzstan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- ❖ 2014, **Azerbaijan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- ❖ 2013, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF10)
- ❖ 2013, **Tunisia**, Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
- ❖ 2013, **Senegal**, International Workshop on Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes
- ❖ 2013 **Algeria**, Third Mediterranean Forestry Week
- ❖ 2012, **Niger**, Establishing Turkish-Niger Brotherhood Forest
- ❖ 2012, **Greek**, Regional workshop of experts to develop a Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests
- ❖ 2012, **Austria**, First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests)
- ❖ 2012, **Algeria**, Fourth Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
- ❖ 2011, **USA**, UNFF 9
- ❖ 2011, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests, First Meeting of the Bureau of the Tenth Session (UNFF10 Bureau)
- ❖ 2011, **South Korea**, UNCCC COP10
- ❖ 2011, **Norway**, Forest Europe Ministerial Conference
- ❖ 2011, **Germany**, Study visit to the plants producing electric from forest biomass
- ❖ 2011, **Germany**, Regional Meeting Preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) for Annex IV
- ❖ 2011, **France**, Second Mediterranean Forestry Week
- ❖ 2011, **Egypt**, Regional workshop on “Forest policy and Integrating Climate change in NFPs in the Near East Region
- ❖ 2011, **Czech Republic**, Preparatory meeting for INC

- ❖ 2011, **Brussels**, Preparatory meeting for INC
- ❖ 2010-2012, **Italy**, Committee on Forestry of FAO
- ❖ 2010, **Slovak Republic**, European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
- ❖ 2010, **Hungary**, Climate Change impacts on Forest Management in Europe and Central Asia
- ❖ 2010, **Hong Kong**, Study visit and conference on Mobile Government,
- ❖ 2010, **Belarus**, International Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS Countries
- ❖ 2009-2010, **Syria**, Project implementation
- ❖ 2009, **Turkey**, Forest Europe Workshop on Forest and Water
- ❖ 2009, **Turkey**, 5th World Water Forum
- ❖ 2009, **Spain**, Climate meetings for the preparation of UNFCCC
- ❖ 2009, **Germany**, Bonn Climate Change Conference
- ❖ 2009, **Denmark**, UNFCCC COP 15,
- ❖ 2008, **Turkey**, COST Strategic workshop, "Forest Ecosystems in a changing environment"
- ❖ 2008, **Switzerland**, MCPFE Expert Level Meeting
- ❖ 2008, **South Africa**, Study visit to Pilanesberg National Park
- ❖ 2008, **Russia**, International Conference on Forest and Climate and International Forest Forum
- ❖ 2008, **Norway**, Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting
- ❖ 2008, **Jordan**, Study visit for the preparation of World Water Forum
- ❖ 2008, **Israel**, Study visit on dry zone forestry activities
- ❖ 2008, **Canada**, International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Global Forum
- ❖ 2007, **Germany**, Steering Committee Meeting for the COST workshop "Forest ecosystems in a changing environment"
- ❖ 2006, **Kazakhstan**, Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation Organization
- ❖ 2006, **Austria**, European Union Ministerial Meeting on Environment

- ❖ 2005, **USA**, UNFF5
- ❖ 2005, **USA**, International Seminar on Watershed Management
- ❖ 2005, **Italy**, Study visit for “forest reproductive materials”
- ❖ 2005, **France**, Study visit for mountainous area management
- ❖ 2005, **Cyprus**, Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of Watersheds in the Middle East Region
- ❖ 2005, **Brussels**, EU Basics Module- Euro Med Training of Public Administrations
- ❖ 2003, **Switzerland**, Second Workshop for Northern Mediterranean focal points on regional cooperation activities within Annex IV
- ❖ 2003, **Netherlands**, Study visit for nurseries and seedlings
- ❖ 2003, **Cuba**, UNCCD COP6
- ❖ 2000, **Finland**, Training Courses on Remote Sensing