



Meeting and 6th Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests Terms of references

Rabat, Morocco, 12-13 November 2015

Venue: Golden Tulip Hotel, Rabat

1. Context

The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) is a non-binding agreement between different institutions working on Mediterranean forests, with the aim to improve the political frame conditions for sustainable management of forests and related ecosystem services in the context of climate change in six countries of North Africa (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) and Middle East (Lebanon, Syria, Turkey). It was signed between eight founding members in September 2010 in Istanbul, and now includes seventeen members: AIFM, MAAF, Plan Bleu, WWF-MedPo, ONF International, MMFN, FAO, GIZ, EFIMED, IUCN-Med, AFD/FFEM, COFOR International, CIHEAM, CTFC, TIKa, Global Mechanism, and UNDP Turkish Bureau.

Two main regional projects have been implemented within the framework of the CPMF, resulting in outputs in five of the beneficiary countries: the GIZ project “Adaptation of the framework conditions of forest policy to climate change within the MENA region” and the FFEM project “Maximize the production of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forest ecosystems in a context of global changes”. The CPMF has also been the framework where several results regarding the Mediterranean as a whole have been obtained, such as the Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests, the 2013 edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests, and several editions of the Mediterranean Forest Week. Specifically, the IV Mediterranean Forest Week was held in Barcelona on 17-20 March 2015, and the next edition is expected to occur in Morocco in 2017. The two regional projects are now nearing conclusion, with an end in December 2015 for the regional GIZ project and in December 2016 for the regional FFEM project.

At the 4th steering committee of the CPMF held in 2013 in Hammamet, an evaluation of the CPMF was decided. This evaluation has been conducted from December 2014 to June 2015 by an independent expert. The first results of the evaluation have been presented at the 5th steering committee of the CPMF held in January 2015 in Rabat, and the evaluation report submitted in July 2015.

Activities of the CPMF are defined in an Operational Plan following four priorities: (1) Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations; (2) Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors; (3) Improving communication capacities, knowledge and information on the importance of sustainable forest management, forest-based goods and services, and the potential impact of climate change; (4) Mobilizing external support and partnership. The first Operational Plan was adopted for the period 2011-2013, and extended to 2014-2015 (decision of the 4th steering committee in 2013). The ending of the current Operational Plan, the ending of the two main regional projects, and the recommendations issued from the evaluation of the CPMF give a renewed outlook for the activities of the CPMF.

2. Objective and expected results

1.1 Objective

The objective of this meeting of the CPMF is twofold: (1) hold a preliminary meeting to review project ideas that could be developed within the “Mediterranean Sea Basin” Programme 2014-2020 of the Cross-Border Cooperation of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI CBC Med Programme¹); (2) hold the 6th steering committee of the CPMF.

(1) Preliminary meeting on the ENI CBC Med Programme (half a day)

The preliminary meeting will aim at identifying project ideas that could be developed within the ENI CBC Med Programme based on subjects of common interest, prioritized objectives, and appropriate partnerships to set up. It will be based on a careful examination of the ENI CBC Med Programme document and of the agenda of calls for proposals.

(2) 6th Steering Committee of the CPMF (one day and a half)

The 6th steering committee of the CPMF will aim at reviewing past activities and defining a new Operational Plan for the next biennium. The 6th steering committee of the CPMF will specifically address two items to build the new Operational Plan of the next biennium:

- Review the conclusions and the recommendations of the evaluation of the CPMF to take decisions on a possible renewed framework for the CPMF.
- Take decisions on the roadmap to develop project ideas within the ENI CBC Med Programme.

1.2 Expected results

- List of decisions regarding a possibly renewed structure and functioning of the CPMF, based on the recommendations and scenarios proposed by the evaluation.
- A financing strategy and roadmap for the CPMF.

¹ <http://www.enpicbcmed.eu/enicbcmed-2014-2020>

- Project ideas to be developed with the ENI CBC Med Programme and roadmap for developing these ideas into projects.
- GEF-6 regional project proposal discussed and agreed upon by the CPMF countries.
- Operational Plan 2016-2018 of the CPMF.

3. Provisional agenda

Thursday 12 November

Meeting on the ENI CBC Med Programme

09:00-09:30. Opening of the meeting – presentation of the objectives and methodology

09:30-10:30. Presentation of the ENI CBC Med Programme document and discussion

10:30-11:00. Coffee break

11:00-11:45. Prioritizing subjects of common interest and definition of project ideas that could be submitted to the ENI CBC Med Programme

11:45-12:30. Defining a roadmap to develop these project ideas

12:30-13:00. Synthesis and recommendations for the steering committee

13:00-14:00. Lunch break

6th Steering Committee of the CPMF: Session on the evaluation of the CPMF

14:00-14:30. Opening of the CPMF steering committee and clarification on the agenda

14:30-15:00. Presentation of the results of the evaluation

15:00-15:30. Discussion on the recommendations of the evaluation and on a possible renewed framework for the CPMF

15:30-16:00. Coffee break

16:00-17:00. Follow-up of the discussion on the recommendations of the evaluation and on a possible renewed framework for the CPMF

17:00-18:00. Synthesis and decisions

Friday 13 November

6th Steering Committee of the CPMF: Session on the mobilization of financial resources

09:00-09:30. Presentation of the roadmap to develop projects within the ENI CBC Med Programme

09:30-10:00. Development of a GEF-6 regional programmatic approach: current situation and next steps

10:00-10:30. Design of a FFEM Regional Project: opportunities and next steps

10:30-11:00. Coffee break

11:00-11:30. Climate financing opportunities (REDD+ funds, AF and GCF)

11:30-12:00. Implication of new partners in resource mobilization?

12:00-12:30. Towards a trust fund for the CPMF? (opportunities, challenges, the way forward)

12:30-13:00. Synthesis and decisions

13:00-14:00. Lunch break

6th Steering Committee of the CPMF: Session on the Operational Plan 2016-2018

14:00-15:00. Review of activities of the Operational Plan for the period 2014-2015

15:00-15:30. Definition of the Operational Plan 2016-2018

15:30-16:00. Coffee break

16:00-17:00. Follow-up of the definition of the Operational Plan 2016-2018

17:00-18:00. Synthesis of the Steering Committee and conclusions

4. Documents and links

S. Bianchini (2015) Rapport d'évaluation du Partenariat de Collaboration sur les Forêts Méditerranéennes – PCFM. Available at:

http://foris.fao.org/meetings/download/2015/6th_steering_committee_of_the_collaborative_partn/misc_documents/rapport_final.pdf

<http://www.enpicbmed.eu/enicbmed-2014-2020>

European Commission. Programming of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) - 2014-2020. Programming document for EU support to ENI Cross-Border Cooperation (2014-2020). Available at:

http://eeas.europa.eu/enp/pdf/financing-the-enp/cbc_2014-2020_programming_document_en.pdf

Cross Border Cooperation within the European Neighbourhood Instrument (2015) Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020. Available at:

http://www.reta.es/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/enicbmed_iop_2014-2020_strategy_final_draft_10.03.2015_0.pdf

Concept note for a Program Framework Document "Increase the resilience of Mediterranean landscapes and populations by the sustainable provision of forest ecosystems goods and services" in the context of GEF-6 Regional Programmatic Approach.

Available at:

http://foris.fao.org/meetings/download/2015/6th_steering_committee_of_the_collaborative_partn/misc_documents/conceptnotegefreionalpfdonmediterraneanforests.pdf

L. Liagre (2015) Which regional financing platform at the benefit of CPMF partner countries – Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey? Justification, opportunities, challenges. GIZ-CPMF. Available at:

http://foris.fao.org/meetings/download/2015/6th_steering_committee_of_the_collaborative_partn/misc_documents/rt_regional_financing_platform.pdf