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Report of the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) Fourth Session – December 2013 – Hammamet - Tunisia

Date: Wednesday 4 December 2013 (14H00-18H15) and Friday 6 December 2013 (8H45 – 13H00)

Place: Hammamet - Tunisia - **Venue:** Hotel Méhari

Participants:

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- Ismail BELEN – President of *Silva Mediterranea* - Ankara – Turkey (with mandate from TIKA)
- Cumhur GUNGOROGLU - OGM Turkey - Ankara - Turkey
- Ameer MOKHTAR (DGF Tunisia) – Tunis - Tunisia
- Imad LEBBAR (HCEFLCD Morocco) – Rabat - Morocco
- Chadi MOHANNA (Ministry of Agriculture Lebanon) – Beirut - Lebanon

OBSERVERS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CPMF

- Christine FARCY: University of Louvain (Belgium)
- Renaud PIAZZETTA: Institut Méditerranéen du Liège involved in the project funded by FFEM
- Roberta PROIETTI (Rep. of F. DUCCI): CRA Arezzo involved in the project funded by FFEM

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE STEERING COMMITTEE

- Catherine RIVOAL: Ministry of Agriculture, Agribusiness and Forest – Paris - France
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See detailed list and email addresses of participants in Annex 1

I) Context of the fourth Steering Committee meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)

Several sessions were organized during this first week of December in Hammamet (Tunisia):

- **The third Steering Committee of the regional project "Optimize the production of goods and services of Mediterranean forests in the context of global changes"** funded by the French Global Environment Facility (FFEM);
- **The annual meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-Silva Mediterranea**, with an agenda mainly focused on the first results of the independent evaluation requested by member States in February 2012;
- **The annual meeting of the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)** focused on the presentation of the activity report 2012/2013, the final choice of the logo and the validation of terms of reference and timetable for the evaluation scheduled for the second semester of 2014.

These events were therefore an opportunity for participants to be informed on ongoing dynamics of the regional cooperation of Mediterranean forests (See detailed Agenda in Annex 2).

II) Agenda of the fourth Steering Committee sessions of the CPMF

Wednesday (December 4, 2013)

Presentation of the report 2012 – 2013 (CPMF Secretariat and members)	14:30 – 16:30
Coffee break	16:30 – 17:00
Communication activities and adoption of the new CPMF logo (Ms. C. Marchetta)	17:00 – 18:00

Thursday (December 5, 2013)

Field trip to the pilot site Siliana	07:00 – 18:00
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Friday (December 6, 2013)

Discussion on how to update the logical framework of the CPMF based on the results obtained during the period 2010 - 2013: (Debate with members)	09:00 – 11:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• how to integrate priorities/activities of new members• how to reframe the logical framework of the CPMF• how to prepare provisional budget for the period 2014/2015	
Coffee break	11:00 – 11:30
Evaluation of the CPMF for the period 2010 – 2013 to be completed by summer 2014 (Ms. C. Marchetta)	11:30 – 13:00
Lunch	13:00 – 14:30
CPMF members' actions scheduled by end of 2015 (CPMF members)	14:30 – 16:00
Coffee break	16:00 – 16:30
Conclusion and final decision on key issues as the evaluation of the CPMF Logical framework 2014/2015	16:30 – 18:00

III) Implementation of the operational plan 2011-2013

The Fourth Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) was organized from 4 to 6 December 2013 at the hotel Mehari of Hammamet in Tunisia. It gathered about 20 participants (targeted country representatives and several institutions of the CPMF). The agenda of this Steering Committee was mainly focused on achievements of activities proposed in the initial CPMF Plan of Operation on the basis of results achieved by the several members during the period 2011-2013.



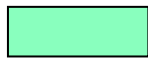
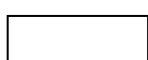
3.1. LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2011-2013

After three years of implementation of the Operational Plan 2011-2013 (Period 2011 – 2013) the level of implementation is available in the following tables prepared for all activities/expected results previously identified for the four CPMF priorities (Pages 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8).




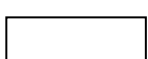
The last table (Page 9) is a synthesis of the involvement of CPMF members for the four priorities previously identified in the operational plan 2011-2013.

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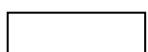
Green: Activity totally implemented by CPMF members in 2013 (Expected results achieved in 2013)

	Activity leads by the members
	Strong involvement of the members
	Low involvement of the members
	No involvement of the members


Blue: Activity partially implemented by CPMF members (Ongoing activity to be achieved by 2015)

	Activity leads by the members
	Strong involvement of the members
	Low involvement of the members
	No involvement of the members

Orange: Activity not implemented by CPMF members

	Activity not implemented by members targeted in the initial Operational Plan
	Activity not implemented by other CPMF members

Yellow: Activity not implemented by CPMF members

	Opportunity for new members in the context of the Operational Plan 2014-2015?
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Red: Activity not implemented by CPMF members

	Members without any involvement since their signature of CPMF Agreement
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Priority 1: Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations

Milestone: Forest Administrations have defined necessary changes in their policy and strategy (*including external support needed*) and are aware of the nature and extent of required action

Activities:	External support of CPMF members																
	AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM
1.1 Improvement of knowledge about CC impact on forest ecosystems and their adaptation capacity	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	White	Light Blue	White	White	White	White	White	Light Blue	Light Blue	White	Yellow	White
1.2 Strengthening implementation capacity of Forest Administration for CC and forest-based services	Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	White	White	Blue	White	Blue	White	White	White	White	White	Yellow	White
1.3 Development of capacity for vulnerability analysis	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	White	Light Blue	White	White	White	White	White	White	Light Blue	White	Yellow	White
1.4 Analysis of the potential and pilot activities for PES	Dark Blue	White	Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	White	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Blue	White	White	Light Blue	Blue	White	Yellow	White

Priority 2: Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors

Milestone: Forest Administrations have identified opportunities for inter-sectoral cooperation with other sectors

Activities:	External support of CPMF members																		
	AFD/ FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/ SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM		
2.1 Evaluation of national and international best practices for cross-sectoral cooperation																			
2.2 Identification of “win-win” opportunities with other sectors based on analysis of their influence on forestry																			
2.3 Elaboration of orientations for cross-sectoral cooperation/ Identification and preparation of joint pilot cases at country level (<i>III MFW sessions</i>)																			
2.4 Testing instruments for PES in selected pilot regions (pilot sites)																			

Priority 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

Milestone: Forest Administrations have improved their knowledge on the impact of climate change and are capable of developing relevant communication strategies

Activities:	External support of CPMF members																
	AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM
3.1 Study on the economic value of services produced by ecosystems (national and regional level)																	
3.2 Preparation of a “State of Mediterranean forests” (SoMF)																	
3.3 Exchange of information and sharing best practices on adaptation/mitigation to CC at regional level																	
3.4 Extend EFFIS to all member countries of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests																	

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	AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM
3.5 Assistance and regional exchange on communication methods and strategies to increase communication on forest issues and on environmental services provided by Forests																	
3.6 Development of an integrated strategy for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests and other wooded lands (SFMF)																	

Priority 4: Mobilizing external support and partnership

Milestone: Forest Administrations have improved ability to access additional internal and external support, including funding

Activities:	External support of CPMF members																
	AFD/ FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/ SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM
4.1 Systematic compilation of existing (national and external) funding opportunities, related to realistic estimation of funding needs																	
4.2 Creation of an enabling environment through elaboration of policy briefs, convincing strategic proposals of key institutions, financial organizations/funds																	
4.3 Developing capacity for submitting realistic funding proposals																	
4.4 Developing capacity for improving negotiation capacity at international level (REDD+/AFOLU)																	

Synthetic table/map of intervention of all CPMF member organizations on the four priorities identified in the Operational Plan 2011-2013

Priorities of the CPMF	External support of CPMF members																
	AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO/SM	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	COFOR	CIHEAM	CTFC	TIKA	UNDP	GM
Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	White	Light Blue	Dark Blue	White	Blue	White	Red	Light Blue	Light Blue	Red	Yellow	White
Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors	White	Dark Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	White	Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	White	Red	Light Blue	Blue	Red	White	White
	White	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	White	White	Orange	White	White	Red	White	White	Red	White	Yellow
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	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green	Light Green	White	Light Green	Red	Light Green	Light Green	Red	White	White
	Dark Blue	Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	White	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Blue	White	Red	Light Blue	Blue	Red	White	White
Mobilizing external support and partnership	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	White	White	White	Light Blue	Blue	White	Red	Light Blue	Light Blue	Red	White	White
	White	White	White	Orange	Light Blue	White	Orange	White	Orange	Light Blue	Orange	Red	White	White	Red	Yellow	Yellow

3.2. COMMENTS ON THE LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN IN 2013

Globally the level of implementation of the Operational Plan 2011-2013 is in accordance with activities planned with differences between the four priorities previously identified in Avignon (2011).

Concerning priority one: all activities previously scheduled were led by at least one CPMF member. All these activities have not been achieved yet and will be considered again in the Operational Plan 2014-2015. **Eleven CPMF members can be considered involved in this priority one.** UNDP Office in Turkey should provide us information on their GEF projects in Turkey. The results of these projects should probably be considered as a contribution to this priority one by end of 2015.

Concerning priority two: the level of implementation is less consistent with one activity (2.1. "Evaluation of national and international best practices for cross-sectoral cooperation") without any action implemented during the period 2011-2013. For this activity the Global Mechanism should be a key partner to support the implementation of the Operational Plan by end of 2015. For other activities within this priority two main results will be achieved by end of 2015. All these activities will be considered in the Operational Plan 2014-2015.

Eleven CPMF members can be considered involved in this priority two.

Concerning priority three: the level of implementation is excellent with three "expected results" that can be considered totally achieved such as: (i) the integration of MENA countries within EFFIS, (ii) the publication of the first State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF) and (iii) the adoption of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF). It is important to highlight that for these three totally achieved "expected results" several other key partners (not only CPMF members) were strongly involved in 2012/2013. It is also important to consider that the scale of those achieved actions is broader than CPMF geographic scale. They should be considered as key contribution from CPMF to these regional initiatives (SoMF, EFFIS and SFGF) and not as an achievement/result of CPMF/CPMF members only.

The follow up of these actions will be in the next CPMF Operational Plan 2014/2015 for several reasons:

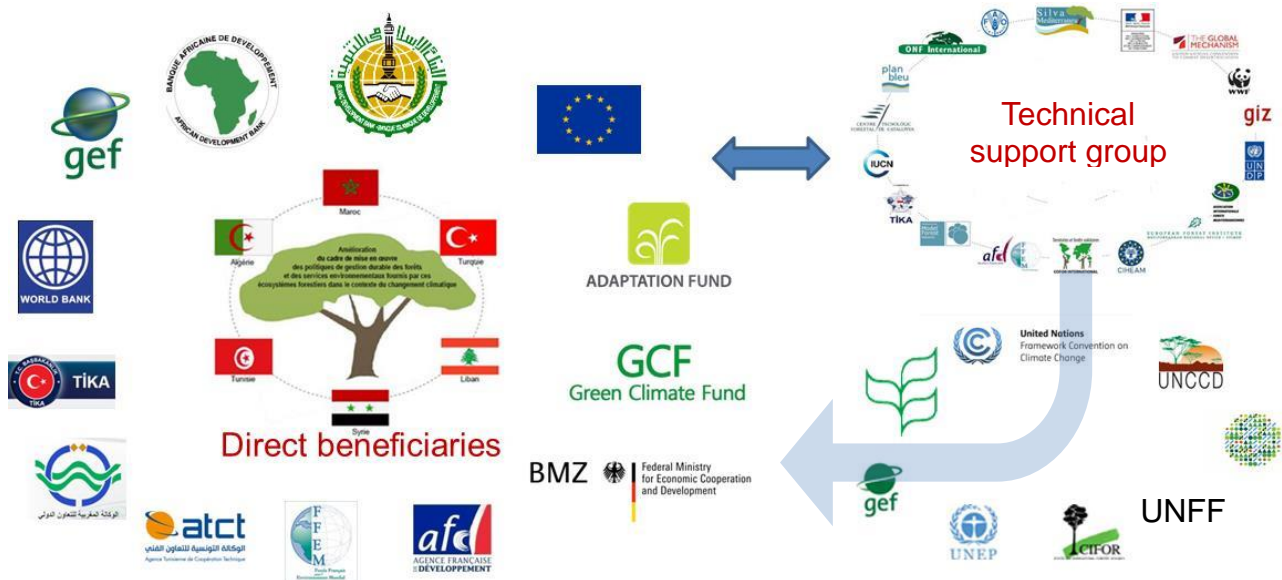
- 1) The second Edition of the SoMF should be prepared by 2016. A continuous support to National Forest Inventory and National FRA Focal points is a key for improving quality of data provided by MENA countries for this second Edition of the SoMF;
- 2) The publication and adoption of the SFGF by the high level segment in Tlemcen is just a first step. The implementation of this SFGF is a long term process to be continued by 2020. It should be considered as a key priority for CPMF members in the Operational Plan 2014-2015;
- 3) The involvement of MENA countries within EFFIS is a continuous process to be supported by CPMF members, the European Commission and the Joint Research Center in Ispra.

Other actions in the context of this priority three are under implementation with the supports of leaders, projects with financial resources available by 2015 (GIZ/FFEM) and key scientific/technical CPMF members. All expected results should be achieved by end of 2015.

Thirteen CPMF members can be considered involved in this priority three.

Concerning priority four: the level of implementation is relatively low with two activities (4.1. *Systematic compilation of existing (national and external) funding opportunities, related to realistic estimation of funding needs and 4.3. Developing capacity for submitting realistic funding proposals*) without a leader and only few fragmented actions implemented by GIZ/FAO/ONFI. Other CPMF members, previously targeted as potential partners, were not active during the period 2011-2013. We should be able to do better on this key topic related to capacity building on fund raising and preparation of project proposals. The Global Mechanism (*CPMF member since October 2012*) should be a key partner to lead these two activities in the Operational Plan 2014-2015.

The launch of a “**Regional Financing Platform**”, presented during the session of the Enlarged Executive Committee of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* (See report of the Enlarged Executive Committee on <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/>), should be considered as a relevant/efficient tool for the implementation of those two actions in the Operational Plan 2014-2015. This proposal to launch a “**Regional Financing Platform**” in the context of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests is the main recommendation of the workshop on “*Sustainable financing mechanisms for the forest sector in the MENA region*” held in Rabat in April 2013 (*The schema underneath is a hypothetical representation of potential actors to be involved in this Regional Financing Platform*).



The two other actions in the context of this priority four [4.2. *Creation of an enabling environment through elaboration of policy briefs, winning strategic proposals of key institutions, financial organizations/funds and 4.4. Developing capacity for improving negotiation capacity at international level (REDD+/AFOLU)*] are under implementation with the support of leaders, several projects with financial resources available by end of 2015 (GIZ/FFEM) and key scientific/technical CPMF members. All expected results should be achieved by end of 2015.

Nine CPMF members can be considered involved in this priority four.

3.3. KEY DECISIONS TAKEN FOR THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014-2015

Following the presentation of the current level of implementation of the initial Operational Plan 2011-2013 (and based on discussions between CPMF members and targeted country representatives) several decisions were taken in order to update this Operational Plan for the period 2014-2015.

- **Keep the existing structure of the Operational Plan for the period 2014-2015.** The evaluation of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests, to be implemented by December 2014, will be an opportunity to prepare a new Operational Plan (based on future resources available in the context of new project proposals/needs to be identified by CPMF partners/members) in 2015;
- **Keep all current actions under implementation** (blue in the tables) **or not yet implemented** (orange/white in the tables) **in the Operational Plan for the period 2014-2015** in order to achieve all “expected results” by end of 2015;

- **Keep “achieved actions” in the Operational Plan** for the period 2014-2015 with new titles:
 - 3.1. Contribution to the preparation of the second edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF);
 - 3.2. Follow up of the extension of the European Forest Fires Informations System (EFFIS) to all targeted partners in the context of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests;
 - 3.3. Contribution to dissemination (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) and implementation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) adopted during the III MFW (Tlemcen).
- **Add a specific action in Priority 3:** Contribution to preparation of the IV MFW (Barcelona).
- **Consider the new regional project MedLand** (See box on MedLand), «Design of a future common integrated land management scheme to protect natural resources in synergy with its social and economic valorisation», led by two CPMF members (CTFC and AIFM) as a key contribution to actions *2.1 Evaluation of national and international best practices for cross-sectoral cooperation* and *4.2 Creation of an enabling environment through elaboration of policy briefs, convincing strategic proposals of key institutions, financial organizations/funds*;
- **Launch the proposed “Regional Financing Platform”** with key support of Global Mechanism (GM), German Cooperation (GIZ) and FAO in order to implement actions *4.1 Systematic compilation of existing (national and external) funding opportunities, related to realistic estimation of funding needs* and *4.3 Developing capacity for submitting realistic funding proposals* by end of 2015.

IV) Evaluation of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests

An important issue of the agenda was the upcoming evaluation of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF). After three years of implementation of the initial Operational Plan for the period 2011-2013, all CPMF members agreed that an evaluation was required to analyse results achieved since its launch in 2010. According to previous decisions of the CPMF Steering Committee (Tlemcen – November 2012) the terms of references of this evaluation should have been prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* and discussed during the CPMF Steering Committee meeting with all partners in Hammamet.

These terms of references (See annex 4) especially focused on:

- Examine results and achievements of the Operational Plan 2011–2013;
- Analyse synergies and cooperation developed among members thanks to the CPMF;
- Measure efficiency of the CPMF governance;
- Evaluate efficacy of the communication strategy implemented within the CPMF.

Members of the CPMF agreed on these terms of references reserving the right to integrate some recommendations in the final version to be available by early 2014 (See annex 4). Country representatives stressed the importance to involve administrations of targeted countries of the CPMF during this evaluation in order to highlight results/impacts achieved in the five MENA countries (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey). This evaluation will be an opportunity to receive feedback from countries on the CPMF and, also, to measure synergies developed among members of the CPMF. Representatives of members providing financial resources through CPMF found this evaluation especially useful for better orienting their future contributions.

The requested budget for this evaluation was also an important issue discussed during the meeting and some members confirmed their availability for supporting the job with possible financial contributions. However, as not all members were attending the meeting, **it was decided that the Secretariat of the CPMF (Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*) will formally ask to each member if it wishes to contribute to the evaluation by end of March 2014** in order to mobilize the budget for this evaluation more equally.

Partners agreed for the evaluation to start after the Committee on Forestry (COFO) on June 2014 (second semester 2014) in order to have a first draft of the document before the next Steering Committee of the CPMF to be held by end of 2014. **It was also decided to organize a workshop back to back to the next Steering Committee of the CPMF** for targeted country representatives and CPMF members to have the opportunity to exchange with the team in charge of this evaluation on the draft report/key recommendations by end of 2014 (November 2014).



MEDLAND 2020 project main objective is to promote a **common integrated land management scheme** to protect natural resources in synergy with social and economic valorisation in the Mediterranean basin. This project is scheduled to take place from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2014. MEDLAND 2020 is one of the thirteen MED capitalisation projects that have been selected during the call for capitalisation projects funded by the European Union. This capitalisation project allows reinforcing the impact of the achieved MED project results on sustainable land and natural resources management in Mediterranean basin (good practices, innovations and recommendations on governance and forest management in the Mediterranean protected areas). The project includes the participation of fourteen partners¹ linked to MED projects from eight Northern rim countries (France, Spain, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Greece and Portugal) in the partnership with the Southern and Eastern rims.

The project has five specific objectives:

- Create synergies among projects and partners and build up a “network of networks” in the Mediterranean context, with all its specificities, in order to reinforce the capacities of the strategic projects and to disseminate and transfer their results and expertise;
- Develop synergies between operational tools, models and good practices implemented by several projects on Mediterranean natural resources, in order to enlarge the transferring capacity of the available outputs;
- **Develop a lobby for the protection and valorisation of Mediterranean natural resources towards national, European and Pan-Mediterranean institutions, increasing the impact of territorial cooperation towards mainstream regional operational policies;**
- **Identify challenges and gaps for a common integrated land management scheme to protect natural resources in the Mediterranean basin in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy;**
- Contribute to elaboration and promotion of a shared vision by Mediterranean peoples about their woodlands.

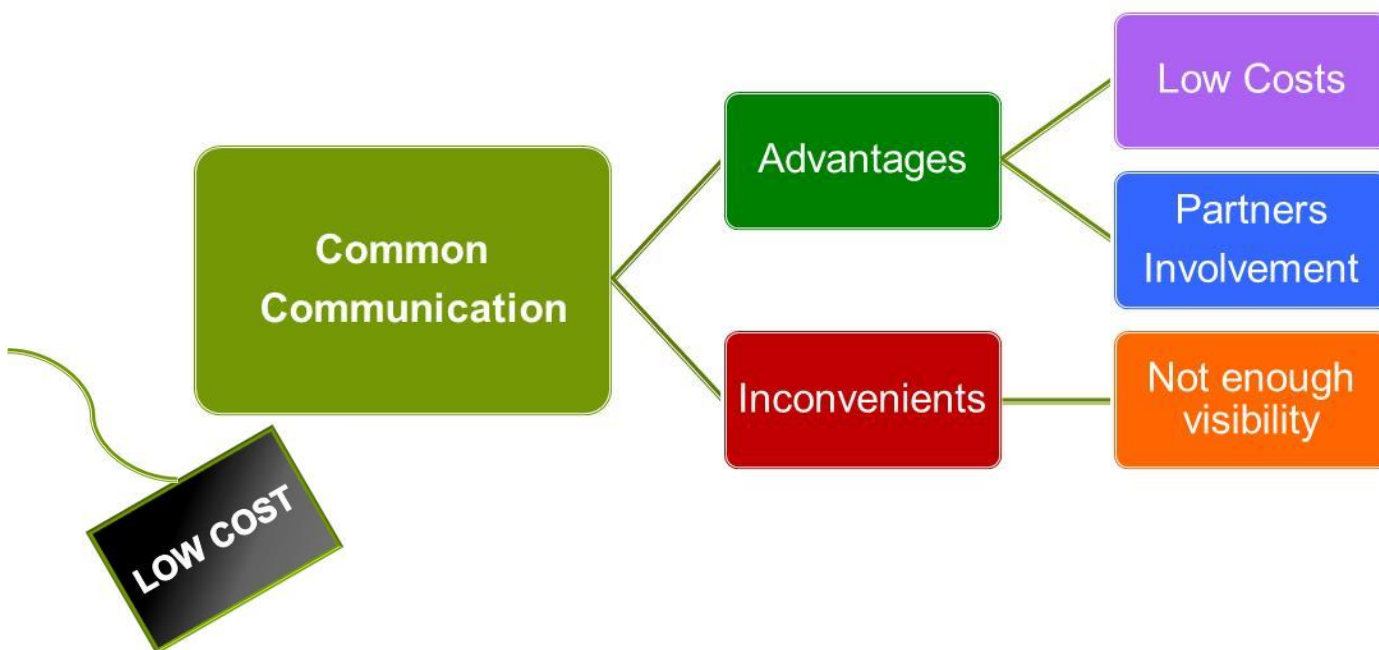
The expected results are:

- Implementation of a presentation and capitalisation website (<http://www.medland2020.eu/>);
- Development of databases of transferable elements (tools, methods and best practices) and involved stakeholders in the management of Mediterranean natural resources and areas;
- Creation of an electronic book (*e-book*) on best practices for integrated management of Mediterranean landscapes
- **Publication of a policy brief setting out the broad policy guidelines for the management of protected areas, the management of natural hazards, the integrated land management and the intelligent management of natural resources in the Mediterranean region;**
- **Organisation of a conference in Brussels to the Mediterranean MEPs in October 2014 in order to relay the main conclusions and recommendations of the project, to present the policy brief and thus to contribute to better account taken of the specificities of the Mediterranean rural areas in European political orientations;**
- **Organisation of an international final conference in Marseille in September 2014 in the framework of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF).**

V) Communication on the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)

Part of this meeting was also dedicated to some communication issues in the context of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF). Caterina Marchetta presented the communication strategy already adopted in Tlemcen (November 2012) during the last CPMF Steering Committee and highlighted key results implemented by CPMF members in 2013.

This communication strategy is mainly based on existing communication tools of partners:



5.1. INTERNAL COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ACHIEVED AMONG PARTNERS

- The Calendar with all events linked to Mediterranean forests, internal or external to the CPMF, was regularly updated and distributed by the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* in 2013;
- The annual report of CPMF members activities was prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* and presented during the Steering Committee in Hammamet (December 6, 2013);
- The annual meeting of the CPMF Steering Committees was organized in December 2013.

Key decisions taken on internal communication among partners:

- **Disseminate the calendar** with all events linked to Mediterranean forests, internal or external to the CPMF, **every two months for the period 2014-2015**;
- **Publish a second edition of the CPMF annual report by end of 2014** (November 2014);
- **Organize a fifth session of the CPMF Steering Committee by end of 2014** (Nov. 2014);
- **Organize this fifth session of the CPMF Steering Committee back to back to other regional meetings in order to save time and money** (Steering Committee of the regional project funded by FFEM, Enlarged Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea*, Workshop for the discussion on the draft report of the CPMF evaluation).

5.1. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ACHIEVED BY PARTNERS

- The CPMF leaflet was published by Plan Bleu in March 2013 (Arabic, French, English) and it is available on the CPMF webpage: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/66624/fr/>;
- The CPMF webpage was regularly updated by the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* on FAO Website;
- Ten member organizations created a page dedicated to the CPMF on their own website with a general presentation (text common to all partners) and a presentation of specific actions implemented by the organization in the framework of the CPMF.
- Five member organizations created a link to FAO webpage dedicated to the CPMF;
- Several options for a specific CPMF logo were prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*.

Key decisions taken by partners on external communication:

- The CPMF webpage on FAO website will be completely renewed and updated in 2014;
- Several member organizations should create a page dedicated to the CPMF on their own website or, at least, propose a link to FAO webpage dedicated to the CPMF;
- The final version of the CPMF logo was adopted taking into account all suggestions proposed by partners on December 4, 2013.



VI) Request for membership from a new Turkish NGO

The new Turkish Association (February 13, 2013) of the People CARing for the FUture (CARFU) was presented by Ismail Belen (*President of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – Silva Mediterranea*). The main topics of CARFU are (i) Science, industry and technology, (ii) Health, sports, education and tourism, (iii) Employment, commerce, economy, (iv) Information systems, energy, security and communication, (v) Science politics, international affair and public administration and (vi) **Agriculture, livestock, forestry, rural development, natural resources management, environment and climate change.** This new Turkish NGO is currently preparing several project proposals to be submitted to TIKA (Turkish Cooperation Agency) on *Natural Resources Management in Near East region* and to EU/Islamic Development Bank on *Supporting Forest Based Technology as Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Turkey, Near East and Balkan Countries.*



CARFU formally submitted its request for becoming a new member of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) in 2014. After this request the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* explained the rules for new members:

- **First step: submit formal request** to CPMF Steering Committee (Already submitted by M. Ismail Belen on December 6, 2014);
- **Second step: fill the form ‘Individual contributions of CPMF members’** with detailed information on the five following points:
 - 1) Ongoing activities of the institution in the Mediterranean partner countries?
 - 2) Strategic priorities of the institution concerning forest ecosystems in the Mediterranean?
 - 3) Previous experiences which the requesting institution can offer as added value in order to support mitigation and adaptation processes in forest ecosystems taking into consideration the impact of climate change?
 - 4) Synthesis of the principal contributions of the requesting institution to the operational plan during the period 2011 – 2013?
 - 5) Detailed description of the support of the requesting institution to the four different priority areas of the operational plan of CPMF?
- **Third step: submit the filled form ‘Individual contributions of CPMF members’ to all CPMF members** in order to obtain their agreement to welcome the requesting institution within the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF).
- **Fourth step: formal signature of the CPMF Agreement by the accepted new member on the occasion of a regional meeting on Mediterranean Forests.** The extraordinary session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* to be held in June 2014 (Rome – FAO Headquarters) could be an excellent opportunity if all the other steps can be achieved for CARFU by June 2014.

ANNEX 1

List of participants at the Enlarged Executive Committee held in Hammamet (Tunisia)

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ANNEX 2

AGENDA OF THE SEVERAL SESSIONS HELD IN HAMMAMET (TUNISIA) FROM 2 TO 6 DECEMBER 2013

AGENDA

02-06 December 2013, Hammamet (Tunisia)

Monday 2

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FFEM PROJECTS

Synthetic presentation of the main results since the meeting in Beirut (*Plan Bleu – FAO*) -----14:30 – 15:00

Presentation and discussions on activities implemented at national and regional level for component 1 (*Countries and FAO*) -----15:00 – 16:30

Coffee break ----- 16:30 – 17:00

Presentation and discussions on activities implemented at regional and national level for component 2 (*Countries and Plan Bleu*) ----- 17:00 – 18:0

Tuesday 3

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FFEM PROJECT

Presentation and discussions on activities implemented at regional and national level for component 3 (*Countries and Plan Bleu*) -----09:00 – 10:30

Coffee break ----- 10:30 – 11:00

Presentation and discussions on activities implemented at national and regional level for component 4 (*Countries and FAO/ONFI*)-----11:00 – 12:30

Presentation of next steps and provisional budget for 2014----- 12:30 – 13:00

Conclusions of the Steering Committee ----- 13:00 – 13:30

Lunch -----13:30 – 14:30

ENLARGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SILVA MEDITERRANEA

Welcome address by the president of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions- *Silva Mediterranea* (*Mr Ismail Belen*) -----14:30 – 14:45

Presentation of the Agenda to members of the Enlarged Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea* (*Mr. Christophe Besacier*) -----14:45 – 15:00

Presentation of the evaluation report of *Silva Mediterranea* by the chair of the Panel (*Ms. Christine Farcy*)-----15:00 – 16:00

Coffee break-----16:00 – 16:30

Discussion with members and partners on the evaluation report of *Silva Mediterranea* (*Moderation by the evaluation panel*)-----16:30 – 17:30

Next steps to disseminate/share the evaluation report to members of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions- *Silva Mediterranea* -----17:30 – 18:00

Wednesday 4

ENLARGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SILVA MEDITERRANEA

Short presentation by Working Group leaders on key priorities and work plans 2014- 2015 (*WG1 Spain, AIFM, WG2 Portugal IML/CTFC, WG3 Plan Bleu*) -----09:00 – 10:30

Coffee break-----10:30 – 11:00

Short presentation by Working Group leaders on key priorities and work plans 2014- 2015 (*WG4 Italy/Ducci, WG5 Morocco/GIZ, WG6 FAO/Global Mechanism/GIZ*) -----11:00 – 13:00

Conclusion of the enlarged Executive Committee -----13:00 – 13:30

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CPMF

Presentation of the report 2012 – 2013 (*CPMF Secretariat and members*)-----14:30 – 16:30

Coffee break-----16:30 – 17:00

Communication activities and adoption of the new CPMF logo (*Ms Caterina Marchetta*)----- 17:00 – 18:00

Thursday 5

Field trip to the pilot site Siliana-----07:00 – 18:00

Detailed programme to be provided by DGF Tunisia

Friday 6

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CPMF

Discussion on how to update the logical framework of the CPMF based on the results obtained during the period 2010 - 2013: (*Debate with members*)-----09:00 – 11:00

- how to integrate priorities/activities of new members
- how to reframe the logical framework of the CPMF
- how to prepare provisional budget for the period 2014/2015

Coffee break-----11:00 – 11:30

Evaluation of the CPMF for the period 2010 – 2013 to be completed by summer 2014 (*Ms Caterina Marchetta*)-----11:30 – 13:00

Lunch -----13:00 – 14:30

CPMF members' actions scheduled by end 2014/2015 (*CPMF members*) -----14:30 – 16:00

Coffee break -----16:00 – 16:30

Conclusion and final decision on key issues as the evaluation of the CPMF/Logical framework 2014/2015 -----16:30 – 18:00

Departure of participants

ANNEX 3

REPORT OF THE 3rd STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS HELD IN TLEMCCEN IN NOVEMBER 2012

REPORT OF THE 3rd STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS

Detailed list of participants:

ABDELFETTAH Abdelmalek - DGF Algeria, BELEN Ismail - Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, BESACIER Christophe - FAO/*Silva Mediterranea*, BOUZEMOURI Ben Hammou - HCEFLCD Morocco, BRAHIMI Youssef - The Global Mechanism, BRIENS Marion - Plan Blue, CHAUDRON Alain – AIFM, Cozannet Naig - AFD, DUCLERCQ Marion - Plan Bleu, FARCY Christine - University of Louvain, KASTL R. Alexander - GIZ, LIAGRE Ludwig - GIZ, MARCHETTA Caterina - FAO/*Silva Mediterranea*, MOHANNA Chadi - Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon, MOKHTAR Ameer - Tunisia DGF, PLAZA Placido - CIHEAM, SARMIENTO Tatiana - AIFM, SOLANO David – CTFC and VALBUENA Pilar - MMFN

1. Partnership and logical framework

1.1 Background (C. Besacier)

The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) has the purpose to improve implementation of policies for sustainable management of forests and environmental services provided by forest ecosystems in the context of climate change.

CPMF objectives are:

- 1) Strengthen forest administration capacity;
- 2) Develop intersectoral cooperation with other relevant economic sectors;
- 3) Improve communication, knowledge and information on the importance of sustainable forest management, goods and services provided by these ecosystems, and on potential impacts of climate change;
- 4) Mobilize external support and partnerships.

Five new members joined the CPMF in 2012: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office for Turkey, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), The Forest Sciences Center of Catalonia (CTFC) and the Turkish Cooperation Agency (TIKA).

1.2 Logical framework purpose and update (C. Besacier)

In 2010, the logical framework for the period 2010 to 2013 was created. The template of activities to be carried out during this period showed three types of stakeholders: financial partners, technical partners and both technical and financial partners (See Annex 1).

It is now necessary to include the new members of the Partnership into this template and update activities for the period 2014-2016.

➔ Proposal of a new logical framework with details of activities for the period 2014-2016 under discussion at the next Steering Committee to be held by end of 2013 (FAO and members of CPMF)

1.3 Evaluation of the CPMF for the period 2010-2013 (C. Besacier)

According to the agreement signed by members, an evaluation of the program of the partnership should be provided to analyse the first phase of the CPMF over the period 2010 - 2013. The Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* will prepare terms of reference for this evaluation by the summer 2013 for validating specific modalities of implementation (including budgetary aspects) before the next Steering Committee planned for late 2013.

A. Kastl also reports that GIZ is preparing the report of its activities and planning its budget for year 2013. At the end of this planning exercise it will be able to identify what resources can be mobilized to contribute to the CPMF evaluation.

It was discussed whether the CPMF should be opened or not to new members. At the moment, the partnership will not be open to new countries, but only to other international/regional organizations in accordance with procedures previously validated in 2011 (*need for sharing a mutual interest between the new member and the CPMF, a declaration of intent sent by the new member and final approval by the Steering Committee*).

In addition, if partners are inactive and do not attend several meetings of the Steering Committee, it will be decided if they should remain members of the CPMF or not. Regarding this last point, the evaluation of the Collaborative Partnership planned for the period 2010-2013 will clarify what steps to be taken with these members for the period 2014-2016.

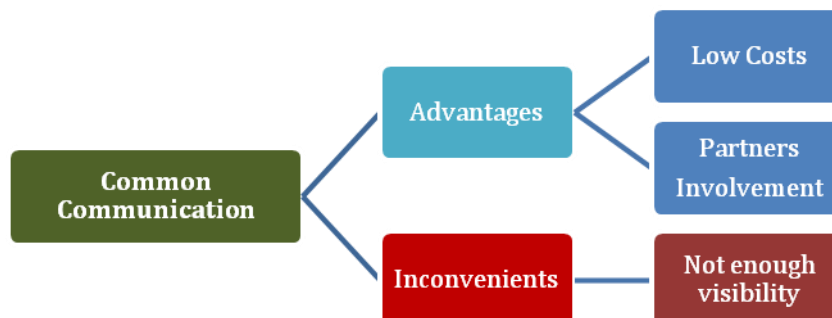
- ➔ Preparation of terms of reference for the CPMF evaluation by the Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* within summer 2013;
- ➔ Exchanges on these terms of reference between CPMF members;
- ➔ Validation of the terms of reference and discussion on the modalities of implementation (contribution of members to the evaluation of the CPMF, expertise mobilized for this evaluation of CPMF, deadlines for submission of the report of the evaluation of the CPMF) during the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests to be held by end 2013.

1.4 Communication Strategy of the CPMF (C. Marchetta)

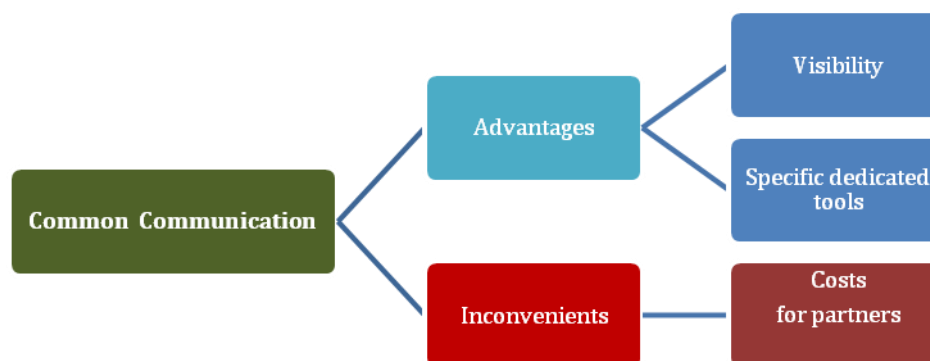
The objective is to obtain a joint communication strategy not only to improve communication among partners but also to encourage cooperation with other organizations and, eventually, to open the CPMF to new members.

Two communication options have been proposed by FAO:

Option 1 (adopted): the communication is mainly based on the existing communication tools of partners: approximate annual cost of about € 15 000



Option 2: create specific communication tools, including a dedicated website, which involves external service: estimated annual cost of approximately € 50 000



Internal communication among partners

- Email will be the primary method of communication
- Calendar with events linked to Mediterranean forests, internal or external to the CPMF, will be regularly distributed; either members send information to the Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*, which centralizes and disseminates, or a shared and participatory calendar can be created, according to FAO rules - to be confirmed by C. Besacier and C. Marchetta.

It will allow a strategic organization of CPMF events according to the International agenda, the European Union, and the members of the CPMF.

In this context, Mr. Belen, president of *Silva Mediterranea*, during the 21st session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) in September 2012, called on Member States dealing with Mediterranean issues to join the CPMF. In light of the current international situation (economic crisis), it would be interesting to have the support of new Mediterranean countries such as Italy and Spain.

➔ Mr. Belen proposes to negotiate the organization of a parallel event on CPMF issues with the organizing committee of the 10th United Nations Forum on Forests (Istanbul, April 8- 19, 2013).

- An **annual report** of CPMF member's activities to be prepared (members' contributions and preparation by the secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*) before the Steering Committee to be held each year in November.

Plan Bleu emphasizes that one of CPMF feature is its flexibility and this risk to add administrative work. The Secretariat specifies that an annual report on activities should be written to keep in mind what activities should be carried out by CPMF members.

External communication tools:

- Presentation of the new CPMF leaflet proposed by Plan Bleu: template and content of the document were validated. Plan Bleu will make some corrections (logos, photos, titles) before releasing the final version of the document to members of the CPMF. The new leaflet will be finalized for the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW).

Plan Bleu will prepare this document in English and French. Translation into Arabic will be necessary. Funds made available by GIZ for translations of documents into Arabic could potentially be mobilized. Otherwise additional resources will be identified to achieve this new translation of the CPMF leaflet.

- Create a specific **logo** for the CPMF. C. Besacier and C. Marchetta will ask for proposals to communication experts of FAO.
- **Websites:** each member organization will create a page on the CPMF on its website, with a general presentation (text common to all) and a presentation of specific activities of the organization within the CPMF. In the meantime, a simple link to FAO website dedicated on the CPMF (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/66624/en/>) can be quickly employed by all CPMF members.
- The CPMF will not be present in social networks due to a lack of human resources. It was agreed that CPMF members present on social networks should add the link of the CPMF website in their page.
- **Publications:** articles on activities carried out within the CPMF will be regularly published in newsletters, magazines and journals of CPMF members. C. Besacier also requested the publication of a special edition of *Unasyva* on Mediterranean Forests in 2013/2014.
- **Events:** various events organized by members will be used to support communication and give visibility to the CPMF.

- ➔ Link to the FAO web page about the CPMF on partners' websites and social networks
- ➔ A second version of the leaflet will be submitted to consultation with CPMF members and validated during the next organizing committee of the III MFW to be held by end of January 2013.
- ➔ Identification of resources for a possible translation of the Arabic leaflet (GIZ?)
- ➔ Logo proposal by the Communication Department of FAO by November 2013
- ➔ Mr. Besacier will propose to the editorial board of *Unasyva* in 2013 to create a special edition dedicated to Mediterranean forests by end 2013 or early 2014

2. Activities of FAO/Silva Mediterranea in the context of the CPMF (C. Besacier)

Some regional initiatives began in 2010/2011 and will continue in 2013, e.g. the organization of the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW), the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) and the publication of the first State of Mediterranean Forests expected in March 2013.

2.1 The State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF), in coordination with Plan Bleu

The report on the State of Mediterranean Forests mobilized multiple partners. The exchange of data with IUCN shows the great interest and the proper implementation of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

The report consists of five chapters:

- Mediterranean context : changes and prospects;
- State of forest resources in the Mediterranean region;
- Forest policies, institutions and legal frameworks;
- Mediterranean forests and climate change;
- Some key forest management issues at landscape level.

- Validation, editing and presentation of the report at the III MFW (coordination FAO and Plan Bleu)
- Preparation of a flyer presenting the report (one page) by FAO and Plan Bleu, which will be included in the "kit of participants" and will show the link to the website where the full report in PDF format can be downloaded. This will reduce waste of paper (see principles of eco responsibility for the III MFW) and secondly, it will allow an evaluation of the impact of the report thanks to the number and origin of downloads

2.2 The Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) in coordination with Plan Bleu

Considerable time was devoted to the preparation of this document, which will be presented during the III MFW. Following the expert workshop in Chania (organized with support of CIHEAM and French Ministry of Agriculture and Forest) a "version 0" of the SFMF was prepared. The document includes a strategic summary introducing context and issues that justify the choice of nine strategic lines and nine sheets detailing expected results and recommendations for these strategic lines. "Version 0" was circulated to *Silva Mediterranea's* members for consultation around mid-October and mid-November 2012. Comments received were then integrated and discussed during the meeting held in Tlemcen on 21 and 22 November 2012. A "version 1" will follow to this meeting in Tlemcen. Translation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests in Arabic has been suggested after the III MFW. GIZ will support this process of translation and will make funds available to FAO.

- Version 1 of the Strategic Framework will be circulated in mid-December 2012 for a second phase of consultation. Version 2 incorporating all comments will be presented by end of January 2013 during the 5th Organizing Committee of the III MFW.
- From February to March 2013, finalization of the SFMF, French translation, editing/printing in French and English and presentation during Sunday session of the III MFW.
- From March to July 2013, finalization of the final edition of the SFMF, Arabic translation and printing of the final edition (English, Arabic, French and Spanish) to be widely spread among Mediterranean partners.

2.3 Thematic workshops on fire

A training workshop on causes and investigations post fires was held in late October 2012. It brought together participants from Europe (Sweden, Spain, France, Italy and Turkey), Lebanon and the Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). A good dynamic was created during the workshop, especially thanks to the CPMF, and now countries wish to share this training at national level to better understand causes of forest fires and, therefore, implement prevention strategies best suited to their national needs.

- Translation into Arabic of methodological guides on forest fires investigation (GIZ support to be confirmed) to disseminate knowledge on investigation methods at national level in MENA region.
- Development of national-level training designed to help countries to identify and analyze causes of forest fires, with the support of French, Spanish and/or Italian experts. Spain, France and Italy committed to support the implementation of national training and promote better methods of investigation in the MENA countries. Training in Morocco and in Algeria will be organized in 2013.
- Continue to support the integration of non-European CPMF countries into the European Information System on Forest Fires (EFFIS): a training for focal points from Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia must be organized by EFFIS team in March 2013 (4 to 8 March 2013 and/or 11 to 15 March 2013) with the main objective to collect data on forest fires in these four countries and integrate them into EFFIS database.

2.4 Contribution to the regional project "Maximize the production of goods and services of Mediterranean forest ecosystems in the context of global changes" funded by the French Global Environmental Facility (FFEM)

The launch of this project required a long coordination for institutions and meetings with countries for the final selection of pilot sites of the project.

Activities on pilote sites will start in 2013 as approved by the Steering Committee of the FFEM project on 21 September 2012. Next meeting of the Steering Committee of the project is scheduled for late April 2013 in Beirut (Lebanon). Then future meetings of the Steering Committee of the FFEM project will be systematically organized jointly with meetings of the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

2.5 Other activities

- Preparation of the III MFW to be held from March 17 to 21, 2013.
- A COST project was submitted to the European Union, which aims to provide answers to the following questions: how marginal populations of southern Europe cope with climate change? How to manage better genetic resources and how genetic variation contributes to better adapt to climate change? The ultimate goal is to promote good practice guides for forest managers and have maps incorporating the impacts of climate change on the distribution of different Mediterranean species.

COST initiative of the European Union provides support for projects networking of research institutions. It covers 22 member countries of northern and southern Europe, including France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

→ Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Syria will be invited to the working groups of the COST project in order to create synergies with Component 1 of FFEM project.

- The lack of forest data in the Mediterranean region is very significant. FRA team of FAO has proposed to organize a workshop in the Mediterranean with the purpose of training countries to collect data for FRA 2015 and to identify common indicators to specific Mediterranean countries in order to provide an improved edition of SoMF in 2016. This capacity building on the collection of information on Mediterranean forests must be long term thinking in the context of the preparation of FRA National Country Reports.

→ Identify a country to host this workshop (20/25 people): CTFC will consult the Spanish Ministry in charge of Forests to establish if it can host and support the event. The workshop could be also organized at FAO.

→ Finalize the terms of reference by end of January 2013 to organize this workshop which will incorporate results of the workshop held in September 2013 for Europe (SOEF) and take into account difficulties encounter in the preparation of the first State of Mediterranean Forests.

→ Mobilize co-financing partners involved in organizing this workshop in late October 2013 (FAO/FRA, GIZ, Spain and other countries of the Northern Mediterranean).

- As part of an agreement GIZ-FAO (project GCP/GLO/392/GER), translations of Arabic documents are planned for the year 2012/2013. In 2012 documents translated into Arabic were the following: Newsletter 9 and 10 of *Silva Mediterranea*, Position Paper on the Prevention of Forest Fires and the report of the 21st session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*.

The following activities were foreseen for 2013:

- ➔ Translation into Arabic of *Silva Mediterranea* newsletters of January 2013 (Meetings in Algeria in November / December 2012) and April 2013 focused on the results of the III MFW.
- ➔ Translation into Arabic of final edition of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests.
- ➔ Translation into Arabic of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests leaflet and/or the methodological guides on forest fires investigation?

3. GIZ Regional Project activities within the CPMF (L. Liagre)

GIZ works at regional level and with common national processes. It also has specific national activities. All actions taken in 2012 were presented as well as actions planned for 2013 (programme still ongoing end of November 2012)

3.1 Component 1: Strengthening capacity of forest administration on the issue of climate change

GIZ has developed activities based on a double approach:

- Priority 1: Adaptation of Forests (strengthening ecosystems resilience and management methods)

Achieved in 2012:

Activities on management methods:

- Regional exchanges on regeneration of cedars/junipers;
- Participation of experts from MENA countries to the project ForClimAdapt (Vesuvius, Italy, March 2011, AIFM) and to the conference "Forests cope with climate change" (Tours, France, May 2011).

Workshops on forest fires:

- Regional Workshop on the possibility to extend the European Forest Fire Information System - EFFIS to MENA countries (Rabat, October 2011)
- Training on Forest Fire Causes and Investigation (Saubaudia, November 2012)

➔ Participation to the workshop on "Prevention on forest fires" held in Batna, December 2012

- Priority 2: adaptation based on forests (forest ecosystems as a solution to adapt to climate change (CC) at territorial level).

➔ Design National training on Climate Change Adaptation on the basis of existing training developed by the OECD/GIZ.

➔ Training for "Adaptation based on Forest Ecosystems (AbEF)" in selected areas and work on frameworks for policy measures ABEF.

3.2 Component 2: Institutional relations with other sectors to promote the importance of goods and services of forest ecosystems (FGS)

The activities under this component aim to promote the importance of forest goods and services (FGS). They are classified into two components:

- Support cross-sectorial dialogue

Training for intersectoral negotiation was held with the support of the *Collective Leadership Institute* in Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Turkey.

→ A process of training is also planned in Tunisia and Turkey

An analysis of the integration of climate change issues in forest policies and in other sectorial policies was conducted. An expert went in each country: Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia and Algeria, to better understand intersectoral relations. A regional trade workshop on policy analysis was held in Beirut in June 2012.

- Promotion of forests for a green economy

Concept and first results were shown with lectures and workshops:

- Conference on Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity in Tunis in June 2011: 130 participants (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, members of the CPMF and WWF);
- Conference "*Forests and green economy*" and promotion of forest products at the fair of Bonn (Oct. 2011);
- Workshop TEEB "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" in Beirut in February 2012: 80 participants (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Syria and forest administrations, ministries of environment, representatives of the CBD and UNEP).

Studies on this topic are in progress:

- Morocco: Assessment of forest goods and services and integration in national administration (EFIMED);
- Lebanon: Update of FGS evaluation in the context of the National Forest Programme;
- Tunisia: Ecotourism. Technical support for the development of a new forests based on ecotourism;

A publication entitled, "Contribution of MENA region forests to a green economy" (L. Croitoru) will also be prepared by March 2013.

→ From January 2013, development of a new priority of work: development of value chains for non-timber forest products (Person in charge: Ms. Gisa Marggraff)

3.3 Component 3: Communication, information and public awareness

Activities carried out and in progress:

- Website of the project GIZ in the MENA region under construction;
- Side-event, "Mediterranean Forests for Development" at Rio+20 Conference (June 18, 2012);
- About fifty press releases;
- Morocco: support the process of making a film on Mediterranean forests;
- Tunisia: support a unit of communication and relationship with media and organization of panels (9 and 10 November 2012) in preparation for the National Tree Day (11 November 2012).

- ➔ III MFW: Financial support for brochure, website and participation of three journalists (press, radio, TV) from each country during the III MFW
- ➔ *Silva Mediterranea*: funding the translation of newsletters in Arabic
- ➔ From January 2013: a communication expert (M.Lennertz) will support, for the project of GIZ, internal and external communication for partner administrations.

3.4 Component 4: Mobilization of external support and partnerships

Activities of this component are classified into two components:

- Support for setting up new projects and co-funding
- Support the development of GIZ projects in the MENA region;
- Declaration of co-financing (including the FFEM project);
- Initiation of a South-South cooperation "Morocco-Costa Rica" with the support of the German Development Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ);
- Forests Projects & Adaptation to climate change (FAO): support two planning workshops (Cairo, 2011) to prepare a regional project for submission to GEF.
- Innovative financing mechanisms

Ongoing activities:

- "Partnership on Moroccan Forests": platform for financing forestry projects by the private sector through National Forest Funds (with the support of ONF International);
- Cost-benefit analysis for development of a REDD+ strategy for Morocco (with the support of the research department Salva Terra).

- ➔ Development of a strategy "Access and Sharing of Benefits" in Algeria under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
- ➔ Workshop on national forest funds (possibly arranged with FAO) with the objective of updating these forest funds and make them operational in MENA countries;
- ➔ A regional workshop on funding opportunities in the forestry sector (to be organized with FAO)

3.5 The gender approach

At all levels and in all sectors, GIZ promotes women participation. GIZ follows statistically women's participation in its activities and requiring to its partners the same participation of men and women for its activities. 50% men and 50% women is the goal not yet reached. However there is an improvement in women's participation in workshops and other events organized by GIZ.

To promote gender equality, GIZ has organized the workshop: "Women in Science", jointly with the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda (EFIMED). It was open to all Mediterranean women who wished to expose their research work. In addition, the German cooperation will support participation to the new Master MEDFor of six female students coming from MENA countries.

- ➔ Support 6 students to attend the Master MEDFor in 2013;
- ➔ Develop a roadmap for the integration of gender dimension in the activities of HCEFLCD Morocco;
- ➔ Continue gender approach and awareness in the MENA region.

3.6 Other activities within the CPMF

- Support development of the National Forest Programme in Lebanon;
- Support development of a Forestry Strategy and Itinerary 2012-2021 in Tunisia
- Organize the III MFW: GIZ is involved in the preparation of Session 2 and in carbon offsetting. It will support 60 participants from MENA countries in March 2013.

4. Plan Bleu activities (M. Briens)

4.1 The State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF) in coordination with FAO

The state of forests is carried out in partnership with FAO - *Silva Mediterranea*

Plan Bleu prepared the following chapters: "context" and "governance - policies, institutions and legislation" of the SoMF. It also coordinates the preparation of chapters on ecosystem services (with EFIMED) and on climate change and REDD mechanisms (with ONFI).

The interim report of the State of Mediterranean Forests was presented:

- During COFO in September 2012 in a side event on the III MFW;
- During the workshop on the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) held in Chania in September 2012. The executive summary of the SFMF is the result of the SoMF.

→ Proofreading and translation process in progress by end of 2012.

→ Finalization and publication ready for the III MFW

4.2 Contribution to the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF)

The strategic framework is developed in partnership with members of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* and members of the CPMF. Plan Bleu has contributed to the SFMF providing data for the SoMF and participated to the workshop for the preparation of the SFMF in Chania in September 2012 for the development of its "version 0". Plan Bleu has subsequently contributed to the revision of "version 0" and to the workshop to prepare "version 1" (which followed the consultation in October 2012) held in Tlemcen in November 2012.

→ Future revisions of version 1 of the SFMF and proposed support of FAO for the preparation of following versions before (Version 2) and after the III MFW (Final Version).

4.3 Participation in the organization of the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW)

Plan Bleu is a member of the III MFW's Organizing Committee. It is involved in preparing the session where the SoMF will be presented, together with FAO, and the session 2 on "The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forests" in coordination with GIZ.

Plan Bleu also coordinates the process of eco-responsibility of the event (proposals, monitoring and communication) in collaboration with GIZ.

4.4 Coordination of Working Group 3 of *Silva Mediterranea* (WG3)

Working Group 3 of *Silva Mediterranea* is coordinated jointly by Plan Bleu and AIFM.

Objectives of WG3 are:

- Continue and strength exchange and promotion of experiences on sustainable management and governance of forest areas and resources;
- Facilitate development and implementation of national forest strategies that contribute to sustainable development of landscapes;
- Encourage development of sustainable projects in agro silvo pastoral areas;
- Communicate on activities of the working group and promote Mediterranean forests at the international level.

WG3 aims to contribute to CPMF activities in terms of advice, support, networking, communication and dissemination of knowledge and information (SoMF, Component 2 of project FFEM, sessions of the III MFW).

4.5 Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)

Plan Bleu has worked to develop a new leaflet on the CPMF which was presented during the communication strategy session (See section 1.4).

4.6 Contribution to the project "Maximize the production of goods and services of Mediterranean forest ecosystems in the context of global changes" financed by the FFEM

Project coordination of this project is managed with FAO.

Plan Bleu is responsible for the implementation of component 2, "Evaluation of the economic and social value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forest ecosystems" and component 3, "Development of participatory and territorial approaches of governance in Mediterranean forest ecosystems management".

Plan Bleu, together with FAO, is also in charge of the project's coordination (especially for the organization of steering committees of the FFEM project).

Plan Bleu was also in charge of pilot sites' selection in 2012 (supporting countries in this process in partnership with ONFI and FAO) to:

- Prepare a methodological guide to support the identification of pilot sites for countries;
- Organize workshops to introduce the project and support identification of potential pilot sites in each country (except in Turkey);
- Outline proposed pilot sites, organize the workshop for pilot sites selection and the first Steering Committee of the project (Rome, September 2012).

➔ Extension of the project in accordance with decisions made in September 2012:

- Component 2: Production of a regional study and launch of studies on pilot sites;
- Component 3: Development of a methodology for participatory territorial governance and implementation of the process on selected pilot sites.

5. Activities of new CPMF members

5.1 CTFC (D. Solano)

CTFC was cooperating with members of the partnership before to join the CPMF. CTFC offers its technical expertise to build a collaborative project and mobilize funds (Catalonia, Spain and the European Union).

CTFC has just finalized a five-year project with Syria and Lebanon on:

- growth models of the two forest species in Lebanon: *Pinus brutia* and *Quercus calliprinos*;
- strengthening forestry administration competence;
- development of goods and services provided by forest ecosystems.

CTFC is currently working in collaboration with Lebanon (National Reforestation Plan), Tunisia (Grafted stone pine, EuropeAid project in the park of Bouhedma), Turkey, *Silva Mediterranea* (workshop on fire in Batna from 3 to 5 December 2012, the Working Group on Non Timber Forest Products), with AIFM and CESEFOR in the project ForClimAdapt and provides technical support in the FFEM project. A new project has been also submitted in November 2012 by CTFC, in collaboration with AIFM and MMFN, to a call for capitalization of INTERREG MED of the European Union, entitled "Designing a future and common scheme of territorial development to protect natural resources in synergy with social and economic values".

In progress: a project with the Ministry of Agriculture of Morocco to improve processing and trade of Argan products in Europe and particularly in Spain, and a project in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENPI) to do market research on non-timber forest products and supply of renewable energy in the Mediterranean including forest biomass. As a new member, and not knowing the standards of operation, CTFC has to understand better how to enter into relations with the CPMF members and how to communicate on these projects. It was reminded that the annual Steering Committee serves to take stock of the activities of each member and structure joint activities. Details of activities and organization were further discussed only among members involved by an activity of the CPMF.

5.2 Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (Y. Brahim)

The Global Mechanism aims to develop strategies for mobilizing resources to combat desertification. The Global Mechanism uses an integrated approach: the forest as a tool to fight desertification.

It provides a South-South cooperation platform <http://www.slmfinance.net/regional-platforms/>, including the Great Green Wall platform (interesting sites like Djelfa in Algeria located near the desert and partner of the project FFEM). This platform could contribute to CPMF communication.

The Global Mechanism can also help mobilizing internal and external funds, support the development of innovative financing mechanisms and facilitate their access to local stakeholders (fundraising environmental instruments like PES, etc.). It could link some of its activities with those of the FFEM project.

5.3 CIHEAM (P. Plaza)

CIHEAM finds the partnership interesting. It identifies partners to develop training courses around the Mediterranean. CIHEAM is already involved in the organization of the III MFW and in the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests. CIHEAM has not yet a quantified and detailed programme of 2013 forests activities of the CPMF. It is strongly involved in several activities that will be presume an agreement FAO-CIHEAM (SFMF, III MFW and COST project).

5.4 TIKA (Ismail Belen attended for TIKA)

The Turkish Cooperation Agency is currently developing guidelines for the fight against desertification. It also organizes workshops with FAO on this subject in Senegal (January 2013). TIKA offers Mediterranean experts interested to invest in these activities hosted by FAO (cost of participation in workshops supported by TIKA).

5.5 UNDP-Turkey (Ismail Belen attended for UNDP-Turkey)

UNDP-Turkey prepares a project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with GIZ and the Turkish government. Representatives of UNDP-Turkey have discussed in Rome (September 2012) synergies between the new project FFEM (September 2012) and the GEF project with partners and representatives of the OGM.

6. Wood energy

AFD opened a discussion on wood and woody biomass.

Each country's representative briefly stated on this issue:

- Algeria: forest management plans are especially directed towards protection and recreation. There is not enough timber exploitation in Algerian forests.
- Lebanon: There is a high demand for firewood and therefore pressure on this resource. Lebanon would like to expand the use of forest by-products to make wood chips and granules. It is needed a support for population to acquire technologies for production and consumption of wood chips and pellets.
- Morocco: harvesting firewood for heating and cooking by rural populations is a major cause (together with grazing) of forest degradation in Morocco. The challenge is to reduce this demand. There is a strong need on one hand to quantify how much wood should be reserved for these uses, to know its origin and its power to heat and, on the other hand, to propose alternatives solutions.
- Tunisia: work on quantification and evaluation of pruning waste and renewal cutting in arboriculture is required.
- Turkey: production of wood chips and pellets could be important to develop small projects of energy plant. AFD, in partnership with the ONF, is already working on this issue with a loan of 100 million Euros granted to Turkey.

Some members of the CPMF are already working on this subject:

- AIFM works on the subject wood energy with the project "Promotion of residual forestry biomass in the Mediterranean Basin" (Proforbiomed). AFD works with ONFI in Brazil on wood energy and is thinking about possible ways to adapt this experience to the Mediterranean;
- CESEFOR held the largest exposition on wood energy in Europe in October 2012;
- Since 2005, CTFC has worked in this field, with more than forty studies/activities on territorial analysis and quality of resources analysis, operating/distribution logistic, and promotion for the use and entrepreneurship. CTFC has a boiler and gasifier forest biomass for the production of thermal and electrical energy in its new building opened in 2008

→ AFD/Plan Bleu/GIZ/FAO jointly proposed to reflect on fuelwood to identify country needs - a proposal to conduct a survey based on a questionnaire for countries to be prepared and disseminated in the coming months (summer 2013).

→ Workshop possibly to be financed by AFD in the second half of the year to discuss results of the survey and decide what priority activities to be launched on this issue for the period 2014-2016.

ANNEX 4

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EVALUATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS ADOPTED IN HAMMAMET (TUNISIA) IN DECEMBER 2013

Collaborative Partnership for Mediterranean Forests

ToRs for evaluation of the period 2010-2013

1. BACKGROUND

A Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests has been launched in 2010 based on the common interest of several partners to support six targeted countries to improve their political frame conditions for sustainable management of forests and related ecosystems in the context of climate change. On September 29th the formal agreement of the Partnership (See annex 1) was signed in Istanbul by eight institutions (FAO, GIZ, MAAF, AIFM, ONF-I, MMFN, WWF MedPO and Plan Bleu). EFIMED signed the Partnership on October 7th, during COFO 2010 at FAO headquarters in Rome. IUCN-Med signed in November 2010 during its members' annual meeting in Malaga and on the occasion of its 10th anniversary of foundation. AFD/FFEM and COFOR International joined the CPMF during the II MFW held in Avignon. Five new members (CIHEAM, CTFC, TIKA, Global Mechanism and UNDP Country Office in Turkey) signed the CPMF Agreement during an extraordinary session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* held during COFO 2012 on 25 September 2012.

The Parties of the Collaborative Partnership intend to jointly strengthen the capacity of six targeted countries of *Silva Mediterranea* (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey), and of the *Silva Mediterranea* secretariat. In particular, the partnership addresses the four interlinked key problems, which were identified at the workshop organised by GIZ and FAO in July 2009 in Rabat, namely:

- Inadequate policies and lack of inter-sectoral cooperation;
- Lack of knowledge and information;
- Low public awareness;
- Lack of adequate funding.

1.1. Objective of the CPMF

Improved conditions for sustainable management of forests and forest-related ecosystem services, taking into account climate change, in several *Silva Mediterranea* member countries of North Africa and Near East Mediterranean region: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

1.2. Expected results

Decision makers at relevant Governmental and non-governmental institutions will enable policies and actions for sustainable forest management and valorisation of forest-related goods and services, under the new climatic conditions.

1.3. Operational Plan

The individual member organizations of CPMF during the preparation of the first Steering Committee held in Avignon on 8th April 2011 wrote down their contribution. In the following tables a global view of their support is described to achieve the priorities identified with the six member countries (*Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey*).

Priority 1: Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations

Milestone 2011: Forest Administrations have defined necessary changes in their policy and strategy (*including external support needed*) and are aware of the nature and extent of required action

Activities:	National action	External support											
		AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	PB	MMFN	ONFI	WWF	Secretariat <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>
1.1 Improvement of knowledge about CC impact on forest ecosystems and their adaptation capacity													
1.2 Strengthening implementation capacity of Forest Administration for CC and forest-based services													
1.3 Development of capacity for vulnerability analysis													
1.4 Analysis of the potential and pilot activities for PES													

Priority 2: Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors

Milestone 2011: Forest Administrations have identified opportunities for inter-sectoral cooperation with other sectors

Activities:	National action	External support*											
		AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	MMFN	ONFI	PB	WWF	Secretariat <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>
2.1 Evaluation of national and international best practices for cross-sectoral cooperation													
2.2 Identification of “win-win” opportunities with other sectors based on analysis of their influence on forestry													
2.3 Elaboration of orientations for cross-sectoral cooperation and Identification and preparation of joint pilot cases at country level													
2.4 Testing instruments for PES in selected pilot regions													

Priority 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

Milestone 2011: Forest Administrations have improved their knowledge on the impact of climate change and are able of developing relevant communication strategies

Activities:	National action	External Support											
		AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	MMFN	ONFI	PB	WWF	Secretariat <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>
3.1 Study on the socio-economic value of services produced by ecosystems at national level and in the region		Green		Orange	Orange	Yellow		Green			Orange	Orange	Orange
3.2 Preparation of a “State of Mediterranean forests”		Green	Orange	Orange	Orange		Orange	Green			Orange		Orange
3.3 Exchange of information and sharing best practices on adaptation/ mitigation to CC at regional level		Green	Orange	Orange	Orange	Yellow	Orange	Green	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
3.4 Extend EFFIS to all member countries of the Collaborative Partnership					Orange			Green					Orange
3.5 Assistance and regional exchange on communication methods and strategies to increase communication on forest issues and on environmental services provided by Forests					Yellow	Yellow		Green					Yellow
3.6 Development of an integrated strategy for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests and other wooded lands					Orange			Green					Orange

Priority 4: Mobilizing external support and partnership

Milestone 2011: Forest Administrations have improved ability to access additional internal and external support, including funding

Activities:	National action	External support											
		AFD/FFEM	AIFM	EFIMED	FAO	GIZ	IUCN	MAAF	MMFN	ONFI	PB	WWF	Secretariat <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>
4.1 Systematic compilation of existing (national and external) funding opportunities, related to realistic estimation of funding needs					Yellow	Yellow		Green	Yellow			Brown	Yellow
4.2 Creation of an enabling environment through elaboration of policy briefs, convincing strategic proposals of key institutions, financial organizations/funds			Brown	Brown	Yellow	Yellow	Brown	Green					Yellow
4.3 Developing capacity for submitting realistic funding proposals					Yellow	Yellow		Green	Brown			Brown	Yellow
4.4 Developing capacity for improving negotiation capacity at international level		Green			Brown	Yellow				Yellow			

Preferred areas of intervention of the CPMF member organizations for 2011-2013.

For most partners only two or three main objectives have been selected in the logical framework of the CPMF.

Priorities of the CPMF	FAO	GIZ	AIFM	Plan Bleu	EFIMED	IUCN	MAAF	Secretariat <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>	MMFN	AFD/ FFEM	ONFI	WWF
Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations	Green	Yellow		Orange	Orange	Yellow				Green	Orange	Orange
Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Orange		Orange			Green	Green	Orange	
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	Orange	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Green	Orange	Yellow	Green	Orange	Orange
Mobilizing external support and partnership	Yellow	Yellow			Orange	Orange	Green	Yellow	Orange		Yellow	Orange

2. EVALUATION OF THE CPMF

After three years of implementation of the CPMF operational plan 2011-2013 (Period 2011 – 2013) an evaluation is needed to analyse the results and the achievement obtained in the context of this Partnership.

This evaluation will be also an opportunity to analyse the efficiency of the governance of the CPMF (Secretariat, Steering Committee, Annual Reports, etc.).

The communication strategy (collective and individual) needs also to be evaluated in order to understand “how this partnership is seen by external institutions and partners not directly involved in the implementation of the CPMF work plans”.

A specific analysis should be done on the synergies developed between members during this period (collective regional initiatives) and on the impact of this partnership on the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* (taking into account the recent evaluation on this Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*).

2.1. Evaluation of results and achievements based on Operational Plan 2011–2013

The evaluation of results and achievements should be done based on the following methodology:

- A “scoring” prepared by the member organizations of the CPMF, taking into account the main results obtained in the six member countries (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey).
- An external expert will analyse more systematically how the CPMF was able to achieve the expected results, particularly through interviews with important stakeholders/partners involved in the CPMF.

This monitoring should help understanding if the CPMF has increased the efficiency of cooperation of member organizations (strengthened the coherence and quality of their interventions and increased external support to member countries) and also the ability of the six member countries (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) to adapt their national forest policies to climate change.

More in particular, the evaluation for the period 2011-2013 is expected to:

- Document and review the achievements of the CPMF with regard to 2011-2013 operational plan (See operational plan in the Background);
- Identify and measure quantitative indicators in order to assess the consistency of CPMF results to the operational plan and the overall efficiency of the CPMF, this will include:
 - Activities implemented for the four priorities of the CPMF ;
 - Products delivered for the four priorities of the CPMF;
 - Meetings/workshops organized or attended by targeted countries ;
 - Publications released during the period 2011-2013 ;
 - Training sessions organized or attended by targeted countries;
 - Impact of CPMF on national policies in the six targeted countries
 - New donors/partners involved in the CPMF during the period 2011-2013; etc.

- Review the structure, management set-up and arrangements of the CPMF, make recommendations for changes, if deemed necessary;
- Look at the long-term sustainability of the approaches introduced by the operational plan and mechanisms to ensure continuity in view of the forthcoming 2014-2016 operational plans, including financial issues;
- Identify synergies developed between members during this period (collective regional initiatives) and the impact of this partnership on the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* (taking into account the recent evaluation published on this Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*).

This part of the evaluation will be focusing on the achievement of the following priorities:

1. Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations
2. Intensifying inter-sectorial 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 team in charge of the evaluation will try to fill the following tables based on the declaration of both “CPMF members” and “Targeted countries”.

Priority 1: Strengthening the capacity of the forest administrations

Forest Administrations have defined necessary changes in their policy and strategy (including external support needed) and are aware of the nature and extent of required action

1.1. Improvement of knowledge about CC impact on forest ecosystems and their adaptation capacity

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.2. Strengthening implementation capacity of Forest Administration for CC and forest-based services

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.3. Development of capacity for vulnerability analysis

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.4. Analysis of the potential and pilot activities for PES

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

Priority 2: Intensifying inter-sectoral relations with other relevant economic sectors

Forest Administrations have identified opportunities for inter-sectoral cooperation with other sectors

2.1. Evaluation of national and international best practices for cross-sectoral cooperation

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

2.2. Identification of “win-win” opportunities with other sectors based on analysis of their influence on forestry

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

2.3. Elaboration of orientations for cross-sectoral cooperation and Identification and preparation of joint pilot cases at country level

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

2.4. Testing instruments for PES in selected pilot regions

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

Priority 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

Forest Administrations have improved their knowledge on the impact of climate change and are capable of developing relevant communication strategies

3.1. Study on the socio-economic value of services produced by ecosystems at national level and in the region

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNRS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

3.2. Preparation of a “State of Mediterranean forests”

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

3.3. Exchange of information and sharing best practices on adaptation/ mitigation to CC at regional level

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

3.4. Extend EFFIS to all member countries of the Collaborative Partnership

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

3.5. Assistance and regional exchange on communication methods and strategies to increase communication on forest issues and on environmental services provided by Forests

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTENERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

3.6. Development of an integrated strategy for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests and other wooded lands

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTENERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

Priority 4: Mobilizing external support and partnership

Forest Administrations have improved ability to access additional internal and external support, including funding

4.1. Systematic compilation of existing (national and external) funding opportunities, related to realistic estimation of funding needs

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.5. Creation of an enabling environment through elaboration of policy briefs, convincing strategic proposals of key institutions, financial organizations/funds

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.6. Developing capacity for submitting realistic funding proposals

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

1.7. Developing capacity for improving negotiation capacity at international level

ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARY (Country)	BUDGET ALLOCATED	PARTNERS INVOLVED	KEY RESULTS

2.2. Evaluation of the governance of the CPMF

The efficiency of governance of the CPMF should be evaluated. This should involve an analysis of the functioning of the Secretariat of the CPMF, the Steering Committee (based on session reports of this Steering Committee) and publication of CPMF Annual Reports.

2.3. Evaluation of the communication strategy of the CPMF

The communication of the CPMF has the objective to obtain a joint communication strategy aiming at improving the communication between partners and encouraging cooperation with other organizations.

During the 3rd Steering Committee of the CPMF (Tlemcen – November 2012), members decided to adopt a communication strategy mainly based on existing communication tools of partners. The evaluation of the communication strategy of the CPMF should be based then on the efficiency of the following tools:

Internal communication

- Email exchanges among partners;
- The Calendar of events linked to Mediterranean forests, internal or external to the CPMF;
- The annual report of the CPMF.

External communication

- The new CPMF leaflet in English, French and Arabic;
- The new logo of the CPMF to be approved during the 4th Steering Committee of the CPMF in Hammamet, Tunisia (2-6 Dec. 2013);
- Presence of a CPMF page on websites of each member organization, with a general presentation (text common to all) and a presentation of specific activities of the organization within the CPMF and/or a simple link to FAO website dedicated on the CPMF (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/66624/en/>) to be employed by all CPMF members;
- Publications of articles on activities carried out within the CPMF published in newsletters, magazines and journals of CPMF members.