

Curriculum Vitae for  
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the Caucasus”  
As  
“TCDC Consultant for Awareness Creation and Training”

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### **1. Basic Informations**

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### **2. Aim of the CV**

This CV has been prepared for the FAO's Regional Project Entitled "Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus<sup>1</sup>" (Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan) (2012-2014) for the application of TCDC Consultant for Awareness Creation and Training

### **3. My Background to Watershed Management, Public Awareness and Related Projects**

When approved, I am supposed to do these tasks in this project as the TCDC Consultant for Awareness Creation and Training,

- Assist the review of the institutional setup and mechanisms related to watershed management, in particular public awareness and training development needs in the project countries;
  - *I am a Forest Engineer by training. So I have been trained on watershed management during University Education.*
  - *I worked at the field as "forest ranger" for nearly 7 years. It gave me wonderful experiences on "watersheds management and the conditions of the people living in rural areas and depend on natural resources for daily life"*
  - *I have been working for nearly 22 years. I worked for reorganization projects of the General Directorate of Forestry and the Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs and the*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/watershedmanagementandmountains/74920/en/>

*Ministry of Environment and Forestry. So I have enough experience on institutional setup and mechanisms.*

- *When I was working as the Deputy Director General for General Directorate of Forestry;*
  - *I was responsible for training and information technologies departments.*
  - *I worked for a FAO's project entitled "Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria - GCP /SYR/012/ITA<sup>2</sup>"*
- *I was a Member of the "Regional project" entitled "Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region<sup>3</sup>" (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey), 2009-2011.*
- *I was a Member of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project<sup>4</sup>, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States, 2001-2005.*
- *With the line of this project, I attended to an International Seminar on Watershed Management held in the southwestern United States, 2004.*
- *I was Member of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds<sup>5</sup>.*
- *Establish contacts for raising interest and commitment among the high level decision makers to support testing and expansion of the holistic (integrated) participatory (collaborative) watershed management approach, integrating rehabilitation and livelihood works in the project countries.*
  - *Currently I am working as the Deputy Director General for nearly 6 years in different sections. Before I worked as the Chief of the Cabinet.*
  - *This experience will give me the opportunity to reach and understand the high level decision makers' situations and approaches.*

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<sup>2</sup> <http://foris.fao.org/static/data/silva-med/fao-syria-capacity-building-sustainable-forest-management.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/mena/english/Sayfalar/WorkingGroup.aspx> or <http://www.giz-cpmf.org/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/globe/europe/mideast.htm#2>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/62778/en/>

- *As I mentioned before, I worked at the field for several years among the local people.*
- Provide suggestions and take initiatives for establishment useful and sustainable communication networks among the key watershed agencies of the project countries;
  - *I am good at web pages and reports and also good at social media.*
  - *I am hoping to manage to invite key watershed agencies and officials to gather.*
- Participate the trainings in Turkey and provide practical training to concerned participants on awareness creation and interest raising for participatory integrated watershed projects;
  - *I am able to attend the training program organized in Turkey and in the other project countries.*
- Assist preparation/elaboration of awareness creation materials (CDs, brochures etc.) and programmes/campaigns in the project countries;
  - *I like writing. So far I have prepared several reports, brochures and campaigns both in Turkish and English.*
- Work closely with the other TCDC experts and national consultants for the planning and contacting of the participatory integrated watershed management trainings;
  - *I am so happy with the other proposed experts and also the official from FAO SEC and FAO HQ. I believe we will work very closely and effectively.*
- Conduct other tasks as required that are within sphere of competence;
  - *With my pleasure.*
- Prepare and submit a report on *“The role of training and awareness creation for development of watershed rehabilitation and management: Turkish experiences and recommendations for the Central Asian countries”*.
- Prepare and submit a final report including main comments and recommendations.
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  - *With my pleasure.*

*Please see some more information about me as below.*

#### **4. Professional Background**

- **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Combating to Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey, from 2011 to date,

- **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2007-2011.
- **Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister**, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007,
- **Head of the Department** of Planning and Coordination, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, Ministry of Forests, 2003-2005,
- **Division Director** at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
- **Engineer**, 1999-2001
- **Forest Ranger** at the Field, 1992-1998

### **5. Education**

- Special Program for Senior Managers in Government- **Harvard University**, Harvard Kennedy School of Government<sup>6</sup>, 2013,
- **Doctorate**- 2012, Going on, Institute of Public Administration for Turkey and Middle East<sup>7</sup>,
- **Master's Degree on Public Management**- 2006-2010, Institute of Public Administration for Turkey and Middle East (Accredited by European Association for Public Administration Accreditation<sup>8</sup>)
- **Master's Degree on Forestry**, 1996-2001, The Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences of Karadeniz Technical University<sup>9</sup>,
- **Undergraduate Education**, Karadeniz Technical University, Forestry Faculty<sup>10</sup>,

### **6. International Experiences and Projects**

- **Elected President** of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranea)<sup>11</sup>(2012-2016)
- **Member** of Advisory Committee of FORESTERRA<sup>12</sup> Project (2012-2015)

<sup>6</sup> <http://ksgexecprogram.harvard.edu/Programs/smg/overview.aspx>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.todaie.gov.tr>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.todaie.gov.tr/dosya/akreditasyon.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.fbe.ktu.edu.tr/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.orman.ktu.edu.tr/>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.foresterra.eu/>

- **Member** of “Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe”, 2011
- **Vice Chair** of the **European Forestry Commission**, 2010-2011
- **Member** of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of **Mountain Watersheds**<sup>13</sup>
- **Chair** of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in **Syria**<sup>14</sup>” Project, 2010-2011
- **Member** of the “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region<sup>15</sup>” (**Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey**), 2009-2011.
- **Member** of The **Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project**<sup>16</sup>, **Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States**,2004

#### *7. Some International Meetings and Visits*

- 2013,**Tunisia**, Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea<sup>17</sup>,
- 2013,**Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forestry (UNFF10),
- 2013 **Algeria**, Third Mediterranean Forestry Week,
- 2013,**Senegal**, International Workshop on Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes,<sup>18</sup>
- 2012, **Niger**, Establishing Turkish-Niger Brotherhood Forest<sup>19</sup>.
- 2012, **Austria**, First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests<sup>20</sup>)

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/62778/en/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/Haberler/HaberGoruntule.aspx?List=b5227992-7788-41c4-8a38-24e745c3108e&ID=8112> or <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/SuriyeProjesi/Sayfalar/default.aspx> or <http://foris.fao.org/static/data/silva-med/fao-syria-capacity-building-sustainable-forest-management.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/mena/english/Sayfalar/WorkingGroup.aspx> or <http://www.giz-cpmf.org/>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/globe/europe/mideast.htm#2>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/>

<sup>18</sup> [www.fao.org/forestry/aridzone/82537/en/](http://www.fao.org/forestry/aridzone/82537/en/)

<sup>19</sup> [http://www.ormansu.gov.tr/osb/haberduyuru/duyurular/12-08-07/T%C3%9CRK%C4%B0YE\\_-N%C4%B0JER\\_DOSTLUK\\_ORMANI\\_A%C3%87ILI%C5%9EI\\_YAPILDI.aspx?sflang=tr](http://www.ormansu.gov.tr/osb/haberduyuru/duyurular/12-08-07/T%C3%9CRK%C4%B0YE_-N%C4%B0JER_DOSTLUK_ORMANI_A%C3%87ILI%C5%9EI_YAPILDI.aspx?sflang=tr)

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.forestnegotiations.org/INC/INC1>

- 2012, **Algeria**, Fourth Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea<sup>21</sup>
- 2012, **Greek**, Regional workshop of experts to develop a Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests<sup>22</sup>
- 2011, **Brussels**, Preparatory meeting for INC<sup>23</sup>
- 2011, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests, First Meeting of the Bureau of the Tenth Session (UNFF10 Bureau)<sup>24</sup>
- 2011, **Czech Republic**, Preparatory meeting for INC<sup>25</sup>
- 2011, **Germany**, Regional Meeting Preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) for Annex IV<sup>26</sup>
- 2011, **South Korea**, UNCCCD COP10,
- 2011, **USA**, UNFF 9,
- 2011, **Egypt**, Regional workshop on “Forest policy and Integrating Climate change in NFPs in the Near East Region”.
- 2010, **Hungary**, Climate Change impacts on Forest Management in Europe and Central Asia<sup>27</sup>,
- 2011, **Norway**, Forest Europe Ministerial Conference<sup>28</sup>,
- 2011, **France**, Second Mediterranean Forestry Week<sup>29</sup>,
- 2011, **Germany**, Study visit to the plants producing electric from forest biomass<sup>30</sup>,
- 2009-2010, **Syria**, Project implementation<sup>31</sup>
- 2010-2012, **Italy**, Committee on Forestry of FAO<sup>32</sup>,

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/>

<sup>22</sup> <http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/events/workshop-on-the-strategic-framework-on-mediterranean-forests-sfmf/>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/4.INCBureauAudiomeeting14December2011.pdf>

<sup>24</sup> [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/bureau/unff10/minutes\\_28062011.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/bureau/unff10/minutes_28062011.pdf)

<sup>25</sup> [http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/3.INCBureaumeetingPrague23\\_24Nov2011.pdf](http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/3.INCBureaumeetingPrague23_24Nov2011.pdf)

<sup>26</sup>

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/Regions/NM/meetings/regional/COP10%20Preparatory/Annex%20IV%20regional%20meeting%20report.pdf>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.fao.org/europe/meetings-and-events-2010/cc-forest/en/>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.iisd.ca/yimb/forest/femc/2011/>

<sup>29</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/birimler/merkez/egitim/disiliskiler/Dokumanlar/gorevraporlari/Avignon-gorev-raporu.pdf>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.db-technologies.nl>

<sup>31</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/SuriyeProjesi/Sayfalar/default.aspx>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.iisd.ca/fao/cof20/>

- 2010, **Belarus**, International Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS Countries<sup>33</sup>,
- 2010, **Slovak Republic**, European Forestry Commission **Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds**<sup>34</sup>,
- 2010, **Hong Kong**, Study visit and conference on Mobile Government,
- 2009, **Denmark**<sup>35</sup>, UNFCCC COP 15,
- 2009, **Germany**, Bonn Climate Change Conference<sup>36</sup>
- 2009, **Spain**, Climate meetings for the preparation of UNFCCC<sup>37</sup>
- 2009, **Turkey**, 5th World **Water Forum**,
- 2009, **Turkey**, Forest Europe **Workshop on Forest and Water**<sup>38</sup>
- 2008, **Switzerland**, MCPFE Expert Level Meeting<sup>39</sup>
- 2008, **Jordan**, Study visit for the preparation of World **Water Forum**<sup>40</sup>.
- 2008, **Israel**, Study visit on dry zone forestry activities.
- 2008, **Canada**, International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Global Forum<sup>41</sup>
- 2008, **South Africa**, Study visit to Pilanesberg National Park<sup>42</sup>
- 2008, **Russia**, International Conference on Forest and Climate and International Forest Forum<sup>43</sup>,
- 2008, **Norway**, Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting<sup>44</sup>
- 2008, **Turkey**, COST Strategic workshop, "Forest Ecosystems in a changing environment"<sup>45</sup>
- 2007, **Germany**, Steering Committee Meeting for the COST workshop "Forest ecosystems in a changing environment"

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.fao.org/europe/meetings-and-events-2010/wood-energy/en/>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/82642/en/>

<sup>35</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/Haberler/HaberGoruntule.aspx?List=b5227992-7788-41c4-8a38-24e745c3108e&ID=7809>

<sup>36</sup> [http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn\\_mar\\_2009/meeting/6312.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_mar_2009/meeting/6312.php)

<sup>37</sup> [http://unfccc.int/meetings/barcelona\\_nov\\_2009/meeting/6299/php/view/schedule.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/barcelona_nov_2009/meeting/6299/php/view/schedule.php)

<sup>38</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/mcpfe-workshop-forests-and-water](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/mcpfe-workshop-forests-and-water)

<sup>39</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/mcpfe-expert-level-meeting](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/mcpfe-expert-level-meeting)

<sup>40</sup> <http://trg.docdat.com/docs/135/index-5878-11.html>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.imfn.net/events/20th?q=node/474>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.places.co.za/html/pilanesberg-map.html>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.rosleshoz.gov.ru/english/media/photos/11>

<sup>44</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/expert\\_level\\_meeting\\_oslo](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/expert_level_meeting_oslo)

<sup>45</sup> [http://www.cost.eu/events/node\\_1355](http://www.cost.eu/events/node_1355)



- 2006, **Kazakhstan**, Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation Organization<sup>46</sup>,
- 2006, **Austria**, European Union Ministerial Meeting<sup>47</sup> on Environment,
- 2005, **USA**, UNFF5
- 2005, **Cyprus**, Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of Watersheds in the Middle East Region,
- 2005, **Brussels**, EU Basics Module- EuroMed Training of Public Administrations<sup>48</sup>
- 2005, **USA**, International Seminar on Watershed Management<sup>49</sup>,
- 2005, **Italy**, Study visit for “forest reproductive materials”
- 2005, **France**, Study visit for mountainous area management.
- 2003, **Cuba**<sup>50</sup>, UNCCD COP6<sup>51</sup>,
- 2003, **Switzerland**, Second Workshop for Northern Mediterranean focal points on regional cooperation activities within Annex IV<sup>52</sup>
- 2003, **Netherlands**, Study visit for nurseries and seedlings.
- 2000, **Finland**, Training Courses on Remote Sensing.

#### **8. Experiences on CSO's**

- Founding President of “Association of the People Caring for the Future<sup>53</sup>”-
- Member of the Aid Foundation for the Members of General Directorate of Forestry and Chairman of the Board of Representatives<sup>54</sup> for 2009-2010
- Member of “Forest Engineers Chamber<sup>55</sup>” Member of “Green Turkey Foresters Association<sup>56</sup>”

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2006/06/20060628-3.htm>

<sup>47</sup> <http://hurarsiv.hurriyet.com.tr/goster/haber.aspx?id=4446785&tarih=2006-05-20>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.eipa.eu/en/pages/show/&tid=60>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/watershed/welcome.htm>

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.cem.gov.tr/erozyon/collesmePageGrup/faaliyetler/COP.aspx?sflang=tr>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2003/08/20030831.htm#1>

<sup>52</sup>

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/Regions/NM/meetings/regional/FP2003/participants-eng.pdf>

<sup>53</sup> [www.gonder.org.tr](http://www.gonder.org.tr)

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.ovak.org.tr/IcerikGoruntuleme.aspx?IcerikID=76&Tur=Duyuru>

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.ormuh.org.tr/>

<sup>56</sup> <http://yesilturkiye.org.tr/>

### *9. Testimonials and Prize Money*

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