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Rome, 7 March 2016

Dear Mr Belen,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend the “**First meeting of the second edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests**” and the “**Sixth Meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea***”. The meeting will be held from 7 to 8 April 2016 in Rome, Italy, at FAO Headquarters. It is organized by the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*.

The first day of the meeting (7 April afternoon) will be focused on discussing the preparation of the second edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF).

After the success of the first edition of the SoMF (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3226e/i3226e.pdf> - <http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3226f/i3226f.pdf>), published in 2013 with the contribution of 21 institutions coordinated by Plan Bleu and FAO, the Committee *Silva Mediterranea* requested FAO to regularly update this publication during the upcoming years.

This meeting will gather partners that wish to contribute on a voluntary basis to this publication as chapter coordinators and/or authors. The objective is to plan and initiate the preparation of the new SoMF. The tasks of the meeting are:

- develop the draft table of contents of the SoMF;
- identify authors of the chapters;
- distribute tasks among chapter coordinators;
- define the steps and schedule from now until the publication of the second edition of the SoMF.

The second day will consist of the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea*. The meeting aims to initiate the development of a strategy for *Silva Mediterranea* based on the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests and including the activities of the working groups of *Silva Mediterranea*. The meeting will discuss how to enhance the synergies between the working groups of *Silva Mediterranea*, e.g. through the identification of possible joint actions for project proposals or by the establishment of a common communication line regarding publications. The meeting will also aim to reinforce the mobilisation of FAO Officers for the benefit of the activities of the working groups.

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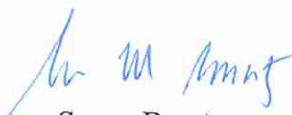
The goals of this meeting are the following:

- to clarify, update and share the work plans of the working groups for 2016-2017;
- to identify the main axes for a specific *Silva Mediterranea* strategy and establish a roadmap towards the definition of this strategy;
- to develop synergies and interactions among the working groups.

Given your interest, expertise and experience in these topics, we would be pleased to benefit from your participation and active contribution to the meeting. A skype conference will be provided for those who will not be able to attend this event.

We look forward to your participation. To rsvp or to request more information on this meeting, please contact Mr. Nicolas Picard (Nicolas.Picard@fao.org) or Ms. Valentina Garavaglia (Valentina.Garavaglia@fao.org), from the FAO Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*.

Yours sincerely,



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Documents attached:

Terms of reference of the First meeting of the new edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF)

Terms of reference of the Sixth Enlarged Executive Committee of *Silva Mediterranea*