



Rome, 7 March 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend the “**First meeting of the second edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF)**”. The meeting will be held in Rome, Italy, at FAO Headquarters on the afternoon of Thursday 7 April 2016. It is organized by the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions- *Silva Mediterranea*.

To compensate for the lack of data on Mediterranean forests and provide a sound basis for the management of Mediterranean forests in the future, in 2010, members of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – *Silva Mediterranea* requested FAO to prepare a report on the state of Mediterranean forests, in collaboration with other institutions.

The first edition of the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF) was published in 2013 with the collaboration of 21 institutions coordinated by Plan Bleu and FAO. The 2013 edition was launched at the Third Mediterranean Forest Week in Tlemcen, Algeria and published in English and French (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3226e/i3226e.pdf> - <http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/i3226f/i3226f.pdf>). During the fourth Mediterranean Forest Week, held in Barcelona in March 2015, members of the Committee *Silva Mediterranea* requested FAO to regularly update the SoMF.

The meeting will convene partners that wish to contribute on a voluntary basis, as chapter coordinators and/or authors, to the second edition of SoMF. The tasks of the meeting are to:

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

Given your interest, expertise and experience in the topic, we would be pleased to benefit from your participation and active contribution to the meeting. We do hope that you and other invitees will be able to join us in Rome for the meeting. For those who are not able to attend in person, however, a skype conference will be provided to allow for participation.

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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