

COLLABORATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE WE WANT
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE PLATFORM OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OF NATURE AND FORESTRY (PLANFOR)

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1. General Principles

Climate change, land degradation, loss of biodiversity and other problems affect the people and the globe as a whole. Combating to these global challenges needs to global efforts not only for the governments and state agencies but also for non-governmental organizations, individuals and private sector.

There are several intergovernmental organizations and international agreements for dealing with global problems but the collaboration and cooperation with NGO and private sector and the related initiatives seem insufficient.

For this aim, the NGOs from different countries listed at the end of the agreement, come together and agreed to sign this “COLLABORATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT” to do something jointly for the benefit of the people and the globe we want. “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” is considered to be one of the main basis document of this partnership.

This partnership is open to all parties willing to join and sharing the same believes and approaches defined at the text and the related UN regulations and principles.

With this agreement parties also agreed to constitute “THE PLATFORM OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OF NATURE AND FORESTRY (PLANFOR). PLANFOR will act as the executive body of this partnership.

2. Definitions That Apply To This Agreement

- a) **Agreement:** It refers to this agreement signed by the partners of “Collaboration Partnership Agreement On The Future We Want”
- b) **Annual Operational Plan (AOP):** It refers to the operational plan which is going to be applied in the calendar year. AOP should be prepared by the Party holding the right to represent the Parties at PLANFOR. It is also subject to approval by the Parties.

- c) **Association:** It refers to any kind of non-governmental organization including foundation, union, chamber, club etc.
- d) **Donor Agencies:** It refers to any kind of agency, state, organization which support to this agreement and platform by any means. Supporting individuals are also considered to be donors.
- e) **Geographical Area:** The platform is eligible to all countries and all regions with a special emphasis to Euro-Asian region
- f) **Parties:** It refers to any kind of association signed this agreement at the beginning or later. It also refers any kind of organization signed this agreement. Beside the associations, this agreement and platform is open to any kind of State, State Agencies, International Agencies, private sector, universities, non-profit organization, voluntary organization, social movement organization, private voluntary organization, government-operated NGO and media. All parties shall designate a representative to the Platform.
- g) **Partners:** It refers to any kind of State, organization, NGO, private sector and individuals who are not Parties but eligible and ready to support the activities and projects. The Platform (PLANFOR) is eligible to cooperate and to work with any Partners on behalf of the Parties.
- h) **Platform:** It refers to “THE PLATFORM OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OF NATURE AND FORESTRY (PLANFOR)” created by this agreement. PLANFOR is used as the abbreviation of this platform.
- i) **Project:** It refers to any kind of activity implemented by this platform using the fund derived from donors. Apart from projects, the Platform is eligible to represent its parties at international conferences, delivering press releases, represent on media etc. with prior permission from the parties.

3. Working Modalities of the Platform

THE PLATFORM OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OF NATURE AND FORESTRY (PLANFOR) acts as the executive body of this agreement. Working modalities of PALNFOR will be prepared after signing the agreement. The platform is managed by a member association on behalf of the Parties.

4. The scope of the agreement

The purpose of this Partnership is to establish relations of collaboration between the parties through:

- a) Promoting, supporting and conducting joint activities of mutual interest;
- b) Facilitate projects and financing joint programs of mutual interest.
- c) Exchanges of staff and experts of the parties for training, for scientific issues, for preparation of the projects, for strengthening of institutional and organizational capacity of the parties
- d) Preparation of projects for donors at home and abroad for joint and regional projects;
- e) Organization of joint activities of common interest such as conferences, seminars, workshops, fairs, promotions, publications etc.
- f) Participation in activities organized by each party and the contribution of oral presentations/posters and other forms.
- g) Determination of the field of study/projects/activities of mutual long term interest.
- h) Exchange mutual information on news and developments in the field in each party that are of interest to the parties.
- i) Exchange of experiences and capacities of the parties accordingly.
- j) Exchange of materials, studies, publications and the results of research work and projects carried out by both parties.

5. Fields and topics of the partnership

- a) Natural resources management
- b) Sustainable Forest Management (including collaborative forest landscape restoration)
- c) Sustainable Land Management, Land Degradation Neutrality
- d) Rural development, agriculture, livestock, beekeeping, hunting and pasture management
- e) Environment, climate change and biodiversity
- f) Water management
- g) Disaster management

- h) Energy (with focus on renewable and solar energy)
- i) Tourism (with emphasis on eco-tourism)
- j) Development
- k) Children and youth nature education and
- l) Other fields and topics of interest for any of the Parties of this Memorandum.

6. Duration of the Partnership

This Partnership shall enter into force on the day of its signing and will last for a period of 4 (four) years. Any party can leave from the agreement and the platform any time upon six-month written notice given to the other parties. The termination of the whole agreement and platform shall apply with the consensus of remained Parties.

7. Changes in the Agreement

Each point of this Partnership may be amended at any time, after consultation and mutual understanding between the parties. It is subject to approval by all Parties.

8. Contributions of the Parties

8.1. Mutual information

Every party will contribute to a maximum of transparency and collaboration within the agreed annual operational plan through intensive communication. All parties shall designate a representative for daily and/or periodic communication.

8.2. Joint evaluation

After 4 years of implementation a joint evaluation based on this agreement shall take place in order to analyze the results of the Partnership.

8.3. Signatures

By signing the partnership, the Parties agree to respect the principles, goals and modes of implementation of the Collaborative Partnership on mutual topics of collaboration as described in this document.

9. Standard Clauses

9.1. Use of Logos

The parties agree not to use in any press release, memo, report or other published disclosure related to this Partnership any of the other Parties' name or logo without prior agreement by the Party concerned.

The Platform may wish to consider preparing an independent web page and logo for this Partnership and Platform.

9.2. Intellectual property rights

Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright of material to be used to carry out the activities under the partnership, shall remain with the originating party unless separately negotiated and agreed.

9.3. Entry into force and termination

This partnership shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the parties for a period of four years. The partnership may be terminated by either party upon six-month written notice given to the other parties. In that event, the parties will agree on measures required for the orderly conclusion of ongoing activities.

9.4. Participation of third parties

This partnership is open for third parties ready to share its aims and willing to participate from other countries both from intergovernmental, state, civil society and private sector. To be a full membership prior approval from existing parties shall obtain.

9.5. Settlement of Disputes

This partnership is based on voluntary engagement. Any disagreements shall be solved between the partners on mutual interest and agreement.

10. Signing Page

This agreement contained 10 items (including this one) signed in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 01 June 2016. The signing ceremony hosted by “FORESTRY ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (UŠIT FBIH)”. Some parties signed the Agreement prior as at the indicated dates.

Signed Parties in Alphabetical Order

Party	Representative	Signature	Party's Web Page
ALBAFOREST CENTRE	Mehmet METAJ President		www.albaforest.com
CARFU	Ismail BELEN Chairman of the Board		www.gonder.org
Foresters' Foundation for the Green Turkey	Mahmut AYDIN Chairman of the Board		www.yesilturkiye.org.tr
Foundation of The Turkish World Parliamentarians	Dr. Nuri USLU Chairman of the Board		www.tdpv.org
Renewable Energy and Environment Technologies Cluster Organized Industrial Region Directorship	Yaşar Çelik Chairman of the Board		www.ostimenerjik.com
Soil Science Society of Turkey	Prof. Dr. Ayten Namılı Chairman of the Board		www.toprak.org.tr
The Nature Conservation Centre (DKM)	Dr. Uğur ZEYDANLI Chairman of the Board		www.dkm.org.tr
Union of Agriculture and Forestry Workers	Günay KAYA Chairman of the Board		www.tocbirsan.org.tr
UŠIT FBIH	Doc. Dr. Ahmet Lojo President		www.usitfbih.ba