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The Platform of the Associations of
Nature and Forestry
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First International Workshop of PLANFOR-27 April-1 May 2017

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- It is my pleasure to welcome you to the First International Workshop of PLANFOR.
- I salute you with my most heartwarming feelings, and I wish the PLANFOR and this workshop to be instrumental in the good news.
- The PLANFOR, the short name of "The Platform of the Associations of Nature and Forestry", which we have been dreaming for many years, has become official with the [agreement signed](#) in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina at the date of 1st June, 2016.
- But actually we start to work years ago!
- Today, I would like to share with you the happiness I have received from the point where the PLANFOR reached and the excitement we felt. I thank my friends for their trust and support in this process.
- I also thank my Allah, my Lord, my eternal gratitude, for giving us the opportunity to do a good job for our world, our countries, our children, our future and ourselves.

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- Our valuable FRIENDS,
- The foundation and working principles and procedures of the PLANFOR detailed in the [cooperation agreement](#) signed in 2016. We will have this agreement again in the next three days.
- However, our main goal is that we, who share similar historical and cultural values, recognize, know and love each other. We aim to disseminate the cooperation that exists between our nations, our states and our official institutions through civil society organizations we represent, to do business jointly and to dream together.

The scope of the agreement

- The purpose of this Partnership is to establish relations of collaboration between the parties through:
- Promoting, supporting and conducting joint activities of mutual interest;
- Facilitate projects and financing joint programs of mutual interest.
- 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
- Preparation of projects for donors at home and abroad for joint and regional projects;
- Organization of joint activities of common interest such as conferences, seminars, workshops, fairs, promotions, publications etc.
- Participation in activities organized by each party and the contribution of oral presentations/posters and other forms.
- Determination of the field of study/projects/activities of mutual long term interest.
- Exchange mutual information on news and developments in the field in each party that are of interest to the parties.
- Exchange of experiences and capacities of the parties accordingly.
- Exchange of materials, studies, publications and the results of research work and projects carried out by both parties.

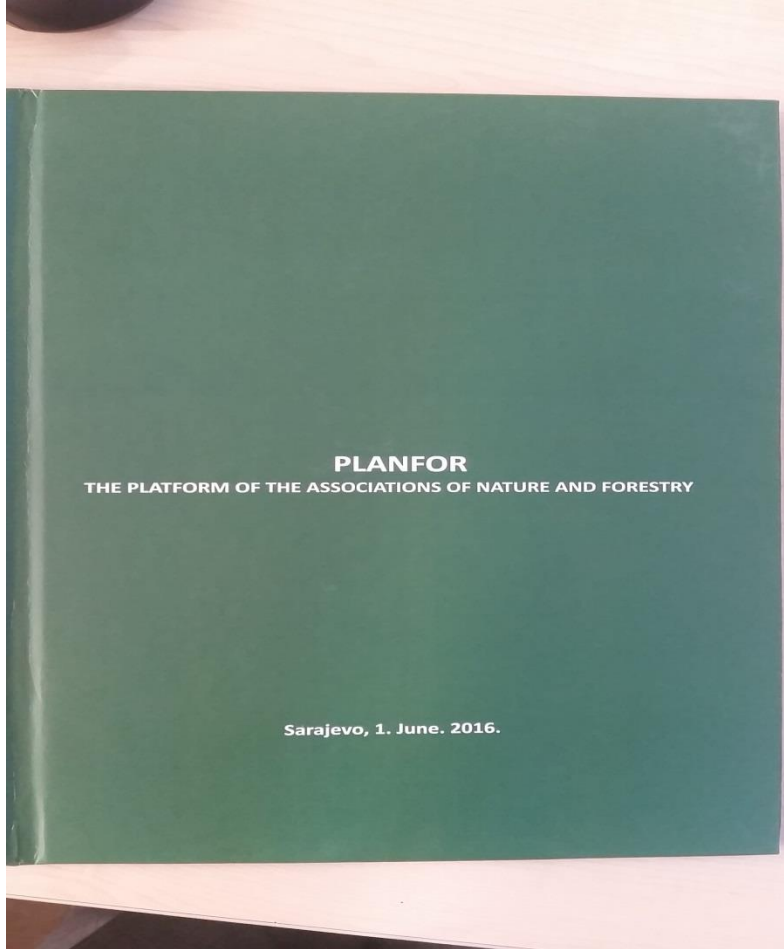
Fields and topics of the partnership

- Natural resources management
- Sustainable Forest Management (including collaborative forest landscape restoration)
- Sustainable Land Management, Land Degradation Neutrality
- Rural development, agriculture, livestock, beekeeping, hunting and pasture management
- Environment, climate change and biodiversity
- Water management
- Disaster management
- Energy (with focus on renewable and solar energy)
- Tourism (with emphasis on eco-tourism)
- Development
- Children and youth nature education and
- Other fields and topics of interest for any of the Parties of this Memorandum.

1 st June 2016
Sarajevo



Kurucu Sivil Toplum Kuruluşları



Signed Parties in Alphabetical Order

Party	Representative	Signature	Party's Web Page
ALBAFOREST CENTRE	Mehmet METAJ President		www.albaforest.org
CARFU	Ismail BELEN Chairman of the Board		www.ponder.org
Foresters' Foundation for the Green Turkey	Mahmut AYDIN Chairman of the Board		www.yesilturkiye.org
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.ostimenerji.org
Soil Science Society of Turkey	Prof. Dr. Ayten Namlı Chairman of the Board		www.toprak.org
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.tocbirsen.org
UŞİT FBIH	Doc. Dr. Ahmet Lojo President		www.usitfbih.ba 223/16

<http://www.gonder.org.tr/?s=DOST>

- Like [Yunus Emre](#), a Turkish poet and Sufi mystic, the common value of our geography, we are saying: "***Let's know each other, let's keep it easy, let's love and let's be loved***"
- In our first establishment, we had seven members from Turkey, one from Bosnia and Herzegovina and one from Albania. With the agreements signed on April 21, 2017, 2 [more members](#) joined us. Very soon, our new members will officially join us.



- As a result, the PLANFOR has become an "international structure" with members from Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania and Kyrgyzstan. Through its members, it represents over 150,000 people.
- With the permission of my Lord, I believe, we will be able to have members from all eligible countries in very short time.
- We have already gotten proposals from Macedonia, Kosovo, Azerbaijan and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Likewise, we are trying to reach friendly non-governmental organizations that we can work with.

DOST PLATFORMU BİRİNCİ ULUSLARARASI ÇALIŞTAYI

FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP OF PLANFOR



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TOÇ BİR-SEN
T.C. ORMAN İŞ SENDİKASI
2001

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TÜRKİYE ODALAR VE BORSALAR BİRLİĞİ

TDPV
Türk Dünyası
Parlamenteler Vakfı

ACCOWASHASY

**MDF ve YONGA LEVHA
SANAYİCİLERİ DERNEĞİ**

TAB
TÜRKİYE ARI YETİSTİRİCİLERİ MERKEZ BİRLİĞİ
2003-10

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T.C. ORMAN VE SU BAKANLIĞI (EVALUASYON VE SANAYİCİLERİ DERNEĞİ)
1993

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YENİLENEBİLİR ENERJİ VE
ÇEVRE TEKNOLOJİLERİ KÜMELENMESİ

YEREL TÜRKİYE TOPRAK BİLİM DERNEĞİ
SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF TURKEY
1994

YEREL ORMANCILAR DERNEĞİ
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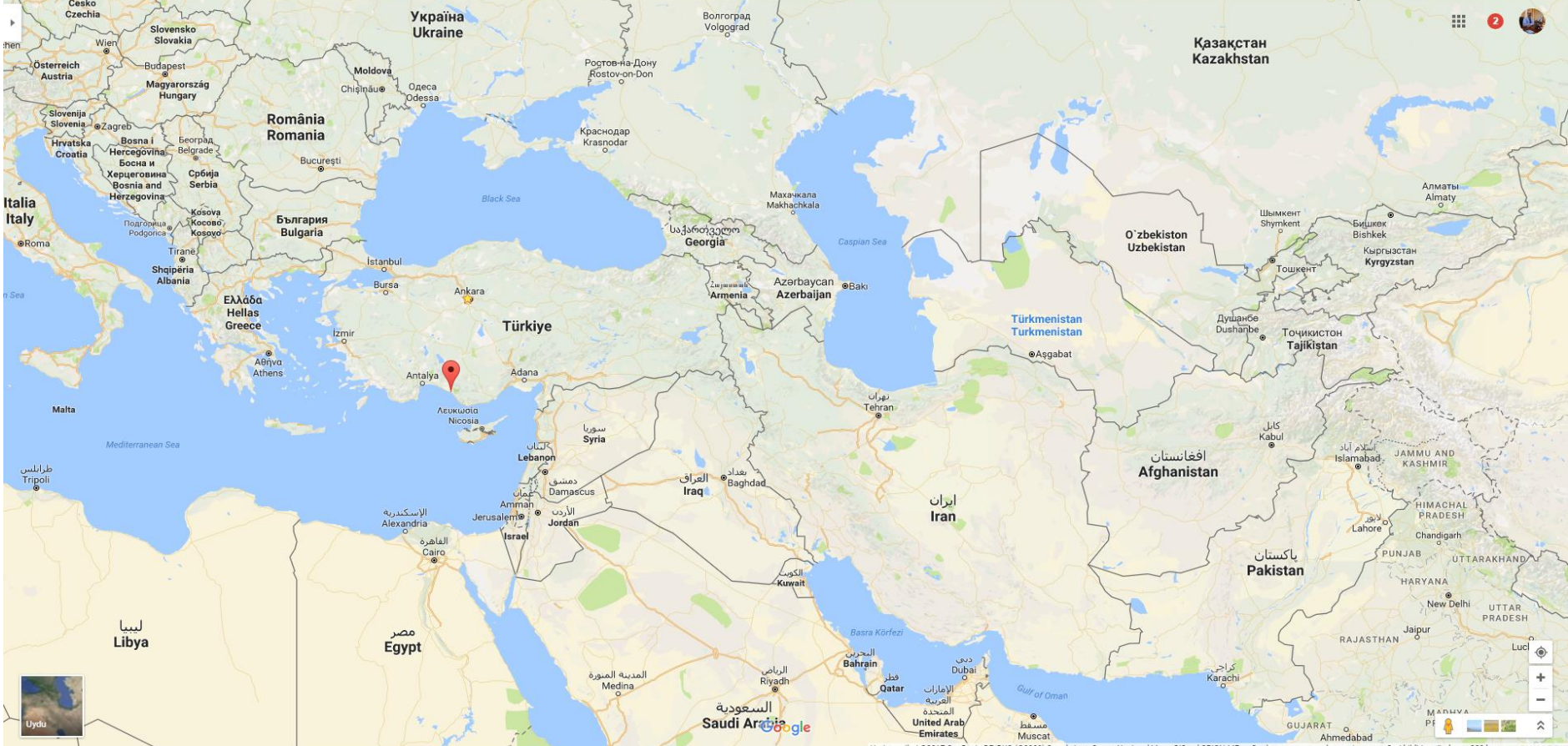
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27 APRIL-1 MAY 2017

- Distinguished Guests,
- We want PLANFOR to be a long-term, multi-participant, international organization. That is why we take care to ensure that the bases are firmly laid out and that their strategic goals are determined together.
- We organized this workshop for this purpose.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions and active participation. I also would like to thank to our partners [Öz Orman İş](#) Trade Union, Union of Agriculture and Forestry Workers-[TOÇBİRSEN](#)- and the Sivil Düşün [EU Programme](#) for their financial support.

- Today we will have a press conference after the signing ceremony of our new members.
- We will then go to the Friday prayer with our friends available.
- We plan to make Friday prayer in the city center. On this occasion, I would like to say a few words about Alanya.
- Alanya is a beach resort city and 138 kilometres east of the city of Antalya. As of Turkey's 2015 Census, the city population is about 300.000
- Alanya has been a local stronghold for many Mediterranean-based empires, including the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires. Alanya's greatest political importance came in the Middle Ages, with the Seljuk Sultanate of Rûm under the rule of Alaeddin Kayqubad I, from whom the city derives its name. His building campaign resulted in many of the city's landmarks, such as the Kızıl Kule (Red Tower), Tersane (Shipyard), and Alanya Castle.
- The Mediterranean climate, natural attractions, and historic heritage make Alanya a popular destination for tourism, and responsible for nine percent of Turkey's tourism sector and thirty percent of foreign purchases of real estate in Turkey.



- After lunch, we will listen to the presentations of PLANFOR members. We will also have the opportunity to get to know their representatives. We will also see more closely, what we can do together.
- We will continue to monitor the cooperation agreement we signed in 2016, and we will make new additions if necessary. We will then prepare our Strategic Plan and Action Plan in accordance with this updated agreement. In the end, we will evaluate our projects to ensure that these are implemented.

- We are planning to consider Platforms and initiatives listed below.
- Mountain Partnership - <http://www.fao.org/mountain-partnership/en/>
- Global Soil Partnership- <http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/en/>
- Collaborative Partnership on Forests- <http://www.cpfweb.org/73947/en/>
- The Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) is a European Technology Platform (ETP) dedicated to the forest-based sector- <http://www.forestplatform.org/#!/>
- CAMP Alatau- <http://camp.kg/en/news/>
- Connecting Natural Values & People Foundation- www.cnvp-eu.org

- Dear Colleagues,
- As the Members of PLANFOR we are planning to implement projects under this umbrella. For this aim, we are planning to make cooperation with various national and international organizations. Some of them listed below:
- Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency- <http://www.tika.gov.tr/en>
- Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB)- <https://www.ytb.gov.tr/>
- Office of Public Diplomacy- <http://kdk.gov.tr/en/>
- Ministry of Interior Department of Associations- <https://www.dernekler.gov.tr/en/default.aspx>
- Development Research Centre (DRC)-Ministry of Development. <http://kam.kalkinma.gov.tr/en/>
- Yunus Emre Foundation- A public foundation- <http://www.yee.org.tr/en/institutional/>

- We also want our children and young people to work more actively, both as a CARFU and under this Platform umbrella. We plan to pass on the necessary arrangements for this in a short time.
- During this workshop we will discuss how the DOST Platform will work and how it will be represented. We will also discuss the web page, logos and other topics.

- Distinguished Guests,
- Before I finish my words, I would like to touch on a major shortcoming that I feel in our country and in our geography.
- Recently Turkey has been hosting very important and worldwide meetings. G20 in 2016, World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 <http://dizturkiye.org/> , United Nations Forum on Forestry and UNCCD COP12 are amongst them. We can include the International Democracy Congress organized by Oz Orman İş Trade Union, a member of PLAFOR very recently. <http://www.ozorman-is.org.tr/orman.asp?id=796&sayfa=1>

- However, these Conferences are not made as part of a specific plan or as a part of integrated approach. Even worse, these Conferences are not reported in an integrated manner and are not followed up. This creates a great strategic space for our country and our region.
- We, as PLANFOR, plan to solve this problem as one of our Strategic Targets and to produce projects for this purpose.
- We think that the International Institute for Sustainable Development <http://www.iisd.org/> can be a good example and a partner. The IISD Reporting Services <http://enb.iisd.org/> also could be very good example and partner to follow.

- Currently, PLANFOR gives priority to forestry. It will continue to do so. However, in addition to forestry, rural development, rural development, beekeeping, child and youth education, environmental health and preventive medicine, health, science, industry, trade are also in the interest of PLANFOR. When the time comes, work will be done in these areas as well.

Expectations from this Workshop

- To oversee the founding cooperation agreement and to make additions if necessary
- Identifying Strategic Goals
- Preparing projects to pass these goals to life

Strategic Goals Proposed

- **Strategic Goal 1:** Increasing the Popularity, Recognition and Efficiency of PLANFOR
 1. Web page preparation
 2. Turkish and English Logo Preparation
 3. Preparation of promotional materials
 4. Planning of Participation Conditions
 5. Access to prospective members
 6. Join international partnerships
 7. Promotional film, public spot and slogan,
 8. Periodical journal, publication
- **Strategic Goal 2:** Ensuring the sustainability of the PLANFOR
 - 1. Completion of institutional and legislative infrastructure
 - 2. Identification and approval of organization, membership and management -
 - 3. Resource
- **Strategic Goal 3:** Determination of Strategic Development Areas
 - 1. Reporting of national and international events / conferences

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- With these feelings I thank you for being here, my friends who support us with their pray even if they cannot be here.
- Despite all the difficulties from the very beginning, we thank our friends and believers who believe in us, trust us, and are always with us.
- I wish that our workshop would be instrumental in good works.