



**Sixth Mediterranean
Forest Week**



PLANFOR:
An initiative to promote sustainability efforts
interNAT-i-ON-ALLy
(Because Nature is ALL)

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NGOs and SDGs

- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are key actors for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- NGOs are an indispensable tool for transforming the internationally defined general principles into specific actions at national level.

They do this

- by spreading SDGs to a broad audience,
- by working with private sector, government and other stakeholders with a balanced communication,
- By conducting implementation projects.

NGOs and SDGs

- VI. Mediterranean Forest week's main theme is Paris Agreement.
- Sustainable Development Goals will go farther with Paris Agreement.
- We know that NGOs have a big power to implement the Agreement's needs.



*« We already know what to do. All we need is solid, collective and long-term initiatives»
Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General*

NGOs and SDGs



- What keeps the system alive is the cooperation of civil society with the private and public sector!
- After Paris Agreement, this new agenda aims to create new opportunities for all investors.
- In today's world, partnerships to be established from within and outside the sector.
- Transition **from EGO-SYSTEM to ECO-SYSTEM*** play a very important role in sustainable development.
- In addition, today's approach focused on locality is insufficient to achieve global goals.

- The need is to **understand what is needed in the local** and **focus and set global** goals.
- Therefore, NGOs can be a bridge between all necessary sectors.

With a perspective I mentioned as far now we established an NGO in Turkey namely CARFU.



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CARFU- The Foundation of the People CARing for FUture

Established by the people who want to be useful to the world, aim to use their experience and knowledge for their environment.

Member profile from social sciences to technical sciences such as bureaucrats, businessmen and academicians.

CARFU asks for: “**what can we do for the future?**” with a scientific approach.

Institutional-CARFU

- Started to work on 13 February 2013, it places in Ankara, Turkey.
- It operates internationally and open for cooperation.
- It conducts projects related with IT, education, health, forest management, water and other nature sciences based on national and international level.
- And it prepares technical reports related on its working areas.



FROM CARFU TO PLANFOR

- The biggest aim of CARFU is working together with other countries to take a bigger actions for Sustainable Development Goals from the beginning up to now.
- For this aim we started to work in 2014 with 7 NGO.
- In 2016, it got faster with an e-mail from Mehmet Metaj, the President of AlbaForest <http://www.albaforest.com/> . It is an NGO from Albania.
- After negotiations, we came together with 9 NGO to create a bigger, stronger, more participatory structure!
- We named it PLANFOR!



PLANFOR

PLANFOR-The Platform of the Associations of Nature and Forestry has been established by nine NGO from three countries (Albania-Turkey-Bosnia)

The establishment of the Platform and the signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement was held on June 1, 2016 Wednesday at Sarajevo University Faculty of Forestry (<http://sfsa.web.ba/v2/>).



PLANFOR

DOST PLATFORMU BİRİNCİ ULUSLARARASI ÇALIŞTAYI FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP OF PLANFOR



The first International PLANFOR

Workshop was held on 27 April-1 May 2017 with the participation of 12 member NGOs with 2 new member in Antalya/Turkey.

The President of PLANFOR is Mr. İsmail BELEN, at the same time CARFU.



PLANFOR -TODAY

Today, PLANFOR has 19 NGOs from 4 countries. It touches nearly 350.000 person somehow by the members.

Member NGOs of PLANFOR work together with private sector, universities and governments between their countries.

No	Country	Names of Member NGOs
1	Albania	The Centre for Forest Studies and Consulting (AlbaForest)
2	BH	Federal Association of Farmers
3	BH	The Independent Trade Union of Forestry, Wood Processing and Paper of Bosnia and Herzegovina
4	BH	Forestry Association of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
5	BH	The Association of Hunting Organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina-
6	BH	Beekeepers Union of the Sarajevo Canton
7	Kyrgyztan	Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users
8	Turkey	The Nature Conservation Centre (DKM)
9	Turkey	The Foundation of the People Caring for the Future - CARFU
10	Turkey	MDF and Chipboard Industrialist Association
11	Turkey	OSTİM (Middle East Industry and Trade Center) Renewable Energy and Environmental Technology Cluster
12	Turkey	Öz Orman İş (Forestry Workers Trade Union)
13	Turkey	Union of Agriculture and Forestry Workers- TOÇBİRSEN
14	Turkey	The Turkish World Parliamentary Association-TDPV
15	Turkey	Turkish Association of Beekeepers
16	Turkey	The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)-Turkish Forestry Products Council
17	Turkey	Turkey Forest Products Industrialists And Business Association-TORİD
18	Turkey	Soil Science Society of Turkey-SSST
19	Turkey	Green Turkey Foresters Association

PLANFOR - TOMORROW

PLANFOR aims to be a more international NGO with different countries and NGOs.

The biggest problem of working international is not to be able to find related persons of institutions.

PLANFOR suggest to be a solution partner of the international institutions like NGOs, private sector, governments.

Its vision is to spread the SDG goals with a wide, strong and participatory membership network.

A word cloud featuring the phrase "Thank You" in numerous languages and scripts. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "Thank You" being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include "Merci", "Hvala", "Dank", "Tack", "Grazie", "Danke", "Shukriya", "Terima", "Kasih", "Mamnoon", "Shokriya", "Ngiyabonga", "Dziękuję", "Shokrun", "Spaas", "Mul", "Ači", "Xie", "Gra", "Dankie", "Kruthagnathalu", "Arigatou", "Dhonnobaad", "Asante", "Dhan", "daa", "Hain", "ederim", "or", "Shukriya", "Kun", "Euxaristo", "Danke", "dank", "Fyrir", "Terima", "Enkosi", "Blagodariya", "Nandree", "Gracias", "Tack", "Grazzi", "raibh", "Daw", "Waad", "Dakujem", "Krap", "Dank", "Waad", "Danyavaadaalu", "Gamsahapnida", "Takk", "Kop", "Salamat", "Merci", "Hvala".