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**Basic Information**

**For the Government**

1. Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert, General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks- <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/DKMP> of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Ankara/Turkey- <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/>

**For NGO:**

1. President of “Association of the People Caring for the Future” [www.gonder.org.tr](http://www.gonder.org.tr)
2. President “The International Platform of the Association for Nature and Forestry-PLANFOR” <http://www.carfu.org/?p=1478>
3. Member and Adviser to the President of “Chamber of Forest Engineers of Turkey” <https://ormuh.org.tr/>
4. Member of “Green Turkey Foresters Association “ <http://yesilturkiye.org.tr/>
5. Member of the Aid Foundation for the Members of General Directorate of Forestry and Chairman of the Board of Representatives, 2009-2010, [www.ovak.org.tr](http://www.ovak.org.tr)
6. Member of the Board of Trustees of “Turkish World Parliamentary Foundation” <http://www.tdpv.org/>

**For International Organization:**

1. Vice Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions/FAO- <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silva-mediterranea/en/>

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With two boys (Furkan,1996 and Mustafa, 2004)

# Professional Background

1. **Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert**, General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Parks, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Turkey (Since September 2015)
2. **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Forest and Water Affaires, 2011-2015
3. **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Forests, 2007-2011
4. **Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister**, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007
5. **Head of the Department**, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, 2003-2005
6. **Division Director** at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
7. **Engineer**, 1999-2001
8. **Engineer** of Forest Sub-District Directorate (Forest Ranger) at different location 1992-1998

# Education

1. Special Program for Senior Managers in Government, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston, the USA, 2013, <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/executive-education>
2. Master of Science in Public Management, Public Administration Institute for Turkey and The Middle East, Turkey, 2006-2010
3. Master of Science in Applied Science, Karadeniz (Black Sea) Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1996-2002
4. Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering, Karadeniz (Black Sea) Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1986-1991

# Languages

1. Turkish, Native
2. English, Master Level
3. *French, Very Basic Level*
4. *Arabic, Very Basic Level*

# International Experience

1. Vice Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranea, FAO), Since March 2019, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silva-mediterranea/89588/en/>
2. Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranean, FAO, 2012-2017.
3. Member of “Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe”, 2011 <http://www.forestnegotiations.org/>
4. Member of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds <http://www.fao.org/forestry/37705/en/>
5. Vice Chair of the European Forestry Commission, 2010-2011, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/efc/en/>
6. Vice Chair of the UNECE Forest and Timber Committee, 2010, <http://www.unece.org/forests/welcome.html>

# International Projects

1. **Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert**, FAO/WB Cooperative Programme - Turkey Resilient Landscapes Integration Project, 2020
2. **Coordinator of the Preparation the project titled** “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia: Forest Restoration Improvement for ENvironmental Development and Sustainability-FRIENDS”, 2019-2020
3. **Legal Expert** for Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture Project (Turkey) –GCP/TUR/055/GFF-**2018**
4. **National Coordinator** for Alignment of Turkey's National Action Plan with UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and reporting process” GCP/TUR/060/GFF,**2014-2015**
5. **TCDC Consultant of** Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus GCP/SEC/002/TUR, **2013-2014**
6. **Chair** of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria” Project, **2010-2011**
7. **Member** of the Steering committee of “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region” (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey), **2009-2011.**
8. **Coordinator** of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States, 2004
9. **Member** of Advisory Committee Enhancing FOrest RESearch in the MediTERRAnean through improved coordination and integration
10. International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests,2007-2010
11. Integrating Forest Fire Protection and Sustainable Wood Pellet Production in Turkey, 2010 (Not completed)

# Awards

1. 2018, Honor Award of the Federation of Forest Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. 2010, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
3. 2007, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
4. 2006, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
5. 1996, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Director General of Forests

# Some Publications and Reports

1. 2020, Belen, İ, Karayılmazlar, S , Topçu, P , İri̇taş, Ö . (2020). Use of Wood in Turkey’s Paper and Paper Products Sector. Journal of Bartin Faculty of Forestry, 22 (3) , 910-918 . DOI: 10.24011/barofd.741899, <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/barofd/issue/56860/741899>
2. 2018, Co-Authors of the “State of Mediterranean Forests 2018” <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1171441/icode/>
3. 2018, Sustainable Land Management Legislation and Gap Analysis Report, prepared for FAOSEC under the project "Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture (GCP/TUR /055/GFF), <http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=7478>
4. 2016, Co-Author of National Forest Funds: mechanisms adapted to today’s challenges Overview of the situation of 4 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries: Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey , <http://www.foret-mediterraneenne.org/upload/biblio/foret_med_2016_3_237-246.pdf>
5. 2015, Contributors to Global Guidelines for the Restoration of Degraded Forests and Landscapes in Drylands. Building Resilience and Benefitting Livelihoods. FAO Forestry Paper 175, <http://www.fao.org/policy-support/resources/resources-details/en/c/449353/>
6. 2015, Co-Author of “A Study on perception of Turks and Turkey by the attendees in Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government”, <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/183411>
7. 2013, Foreword Writes of “Contributions of Forests to a Green Economy in the Middle East North Africa” <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/269992265_Contributions_of_Forests_to_a_Green_Economy_in_the_Middle_East_North_Africa>
8. 2012, Newsletter of Silva Mediterranea, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/44192-093c15cc88e5e71c526a9a30eb1531069.pdf>

# Some of International Conferences, Meeting and Visits

1. 2020, **Hungary**, Steering Committee Meeting of the Council of European Foresters
2. 2019**, Azerbaijan**, Field visit for “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia” Project,
3. 2019**, Uzbekistan**, Field visit for “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia” Project
4. 2019**, Kyrgyzstan,** Field visit for “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia” Project
5. 2019, **Kazakhstan,** Field visit for “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia” Project
6. 2019, **Spain,** International Meeting on Chestnut
7. 2019, **Lebanon**, Sixth Mediterranean Forest Week
8. 2018, **Spain**, Working Group on Forest Fires, Committee on Mediterranean Questions
9. 2018, **Canada**, Seventy-sixth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, <https://www.unece.org/forests/coffi2018.html>
10. 2018, **Italy**, Council Meeting of Union of European Foresters, <http://www.european-foresters.eu/event/227>
11. 2018, **Hungary**, Forest Europe Workshop on Agroforestry, <http://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail-events/en/c/1155443/>
12. 2018, **Romania**, Board Meeting of Council of European Foresters,
13. 2018, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Award Ceremony, Honor Award of the Federation of Forest Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, <http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=6724>
14. 2017, **Morocco**, Mediterranean Forest Week
15. 2016, **Kyrgyzstan**, Fruit Diversity in Central Asia: Meeting on Karaalma Model Forest Farm
16. 2016, **Italy**, FAO Committee on Forestry
17. 2016, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Signing Ceremony of “The Platform of the Associations of Nature and Forestry has been established by nine NGO from three countries”
18. 2016, **the USA**, The International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration
19. 2016, **Italy**, 6th meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea
20. 2015, **Morocco,** Capacity Development Workshop on National Forest Funds (NFF)-Steering Committee of Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests
21. 2015, **Kyrgyzstan**, Expert Workshop on Restoration and Adaptation of Mountain Forests in Central and Northeast Asia
22. 2015, **Turkey**, UNCCD COP12
23. 2015, **Switzerland**, The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Liaison Delegate Annual Meeting, Montreux
24. 2015, **Spain**, Mediterranean Forest Week
25. 2015, **Morocco**, Committee Meeting of Silva Mediterranean
26. 2014, **the USA**, International Seminar on Disaster Management
27. 2014, **Kyrgyzstan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
28. 2014, **Azerbaijan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
29. 2013, **Turkey,** United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF10)
30. 2013, **Tunisia**, Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
31. 2013, **Senegal,** International Workshop on Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes
32. 2013 **Algeria**, Third Mediterranean Forestry Week
33. 2012, **Niger**, Establishing Turkish-Niger Brotherhood Forest
34. 2012, **Greek**, Regional workshop of experts to develop a Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests
35. 2012, **Austria**, First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests)
36. 2012, **Algeria**, Fourth Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
37. 2011, **USA,** UNFF 9
38. 2011, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests, First Meeting of the Bureau of the Tenth Session (UNFF10 Bureau)
39. 2011, **South Korea,** UNCCCD COP10
40. 2011, **Norway**, Forest Europe Ministerial Conference
41. 2011, **Germany**, Study visit to the plants producing electric from forest biomass
42. 2011, **Germany**, Regional Meeting Preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) for Annex IV
43. 2011, **France**, Second Mediterranean Forestry Week
44. 2011, **Egypt,** Regional workshop on “Forest policy and Integrating Climate change in NFPs in the Near East Region
45. 2011, **Czech Republic**, Preparatory meeting for INC
46. 2011, **Brussels**, Preparatory meeting for INC
47. 2010-2012, **Italy**, Committee on Forestry of FAO
48. 2010, **Slovak Republic**, European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
49. 2010, **Hungary**, Climate Change impacts on Forest Management in Europe and Central Asia
50. 2010, **Hong Kong**, Study visit and conference on Mobile Government,
51. 2010, **Belarus**, International Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS Countries
52. 2009-2010, **Syria**, Project implementation
53. 2009, **Turkey**, Forest Europe Workshop on Forest and Water
54. 2009, **Turkey**, 5th World Water Forum
55. 2009, **Spain**, Climate meetings for the preparation of UNFCCC
56. 2009, **Germany**, Bonn Climate Change Conference
57. 2009, **Denmark,** UNFCCC COP 15,
58. 2008, **Turkey**, COST Strategic workshop, "Forest Ecosystems in a changing environment"
59. 2008, **Switzerland**, MCPFE Expert Level Meeting
60. 2008, **South Africa**, Study visit to Pilanesberg National Park
61. 2008, **Russia,** International Conference on Forest and Climate and International Forest Forum
62. 2008, **Norway**, Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting
63. 2008, **Jordan**, Study visit for the preparation of World Water Forum
64. 2008, **Israel,** Study visit on dry zone forestry activities
65. 2008, **Canada**, International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Global Forum
66. 2007, **Germany**, Steering Committee Meeting for the COST workshop "Forest ecosystems in a changing environment”
67. 2006, **Kazakhstan**, Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation Organization
68. 2006, **Austria**, European Union Ministerial Meeting on Environment
69. 2005, **USA**, UNFF5
70. 2005, **USA**, International Seminar on Watershed Management
71. 2005, **Italy,** Study visit for “forest reproductive materials”
72. 2005, **France,** Study visit for mountainous area management
73. 2005**, Cyprus**, Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of Watersheds in the Middle East Region
74. 2005, **Brussels**, EU Basics Module- Euro Med Training of Public Administrations
75. 2003, **Switzerland**, Second Workshop for Northern Mediterranean focal points on regional cooperation activities within Annex IV
76. 2003, **Netherlands**, Study visit for nurseries and seedlings
77. 2003, **Cuba,** UNCCD COP6
78. 2000, **Finland**, Training Courses on Remote Sensing