

The Global Resource Development Division International Relations

Israel Celebrates International Forest Day: *Sustainable Forests for People and the Planet*

Monday, March 21st

M.C: Mr. Menachem Gantz, Spokesman and Communication Manager of the Israeli Pavilion

Introduction to Forestry in Israel (Virtually)

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| 14:00-14:15 | Opening Remarks |
| 14:15-14:30 | Introduction to Forestry in Israel
<i>Dr. Gilad Ostrovsky, Chief Forester, KKL-JNF</i> |
| 14:30-14:45 | Hug a Tree: The KKL-JNF's Youth Programs for Afforestation and Community Development
<i>Mr. Shlomo Ben-Haim, Director of International Education Department, KKL-JNF</i> |

Challenges and Opportunities in Mediterranean Forestry

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| 15:00-15:15 | Opening Remarks:
<i>Mr. Kfir Swissa, Chairman, Committee for Land Development Authority, KKL-JNF</i>

<i>Dr. Ismail Belen – Vice Chair of the FAO Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions, Silva Med (virtually)</i> |
| 15:15-16:15 | <u>Regional Challenges and Opportunities of Sustainable Mediterranean Forestry in the Face of Climate Change:</u>
Country Case Studies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Israel: Challenges in Afforestation & Forest Management in Light of Climate Change in the Mediterranean Region
 <i>Mr. Aviv Eisenband, Director of Forestry and Professional Development Department, KKL-JNF</i> 2. Italy: Resilience Mechanisms in Mediterranean Forests: Role of Non-structural Carbohydrates in Responding to Extreme Weather Events |

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Dr. Alberto Battistelli, Senior Researcher National Research Council of Italy – Research Institute on Terrestrial Ecosystems (*virtually*)

3. Greece: **Contribution of Planted Field of Lignite Center in Northwestern Greece to Climate Change Mitigation**
Prof. Kalliopi Radoglou, Democritus University of Thrace
4. Spain: **Evolution of the Forest Cover in the Recent Past: Lessons Learned and Priorities for Future Policies**
Prof. Eduardo Rojas Briales, Professor at the Polytechnical University of Valencia, Chair of PEFC-International, Chair of the Spanish Board of Foresters (MSc., Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros de Montes), former ADG and Head of the Forestry Department of FAO, UN Commissioner-General for Expo Milano 2015 (*virtually*)
5. Turkey: **The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Forestry Sector**
Ms. Benül Sözer - Adviser for International Relations of Oz Orman İş Trade Union
6. Morocco: **New Vision for Forests Development in Morocco**
Mr. Khalid Cherki, Chief of Studies, Programing and Cooperation Department, Water and Forests Agency

16:15-17:15

Panel: Regional Challenges and Innovative Solutions

- Israel **Mr. Aviv Eisenband**, Director of Forestry and Professional Development Department, KKL-JNF
- Italy: *Dr. Giorgio Matteucci*, Director of the Institute of BioEconomy of the CNR and Vice-President of the Italian Society of Silviculture and Forest Ecology (*virtually*)
- Greece: *Prof. Kalliopi Radoglou*, Democritus University of Thrace
- Morocco: **Mr. Khalid Cherki**, Chief of Studies, Programing and Cooperation Department, Water and Forests Agency (*virtually*)
- Turkey: **Mr. Settar Arlan**, President of "Oz Orman İş" Trade Union
Mr. Göksel Korkmaz, President, Turkish Forest Industry and Businessmen Association (*virtually*)
- UAE: **Ms. Tatiana Antonelli Abella**, Founder & Managing Director, Goumbook

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17:15 Refreshment Break & Networking

17:45 Short Presentations:

Environment, Natural Resources, and the Blue Economy in Middle East and Northern Africa Region

Mrs. Lia Sieghart, Practice Manager for Environment, Natural Resources, and the Blue Economy in Middle East and Northern Africa Region, World Bank (virtually)

Technology to Make the Most of Every Tree

Israel Talpaz, CEO, See Tree (virtually)

18:00 Panel: Women in Forestry

Opening Remarks:

Ms. Elisheva Ansbecher, KKL-JNF Board of Directors,

Moderator: Ms. Nurit Hibsher, Head of Central Region Forestry Department, KKL-JNF

Israel: Ms. Shani Rohatyn-Blitz, Research and Foreign Relations Coordinator, Forestry Division, KKL-JNF (virtually)

Turkey: Ms. Benül Sözer - Adviser for International Relations of Oz Orman İş Trade Union

Greece: Prof. Kalliopi Radoglou, Democritus University of Thrace

Italy: Dr. Francesca Giannetti, University of Florence (virtually)

UAE: Ms. Tatiana Antonelli Abella, Founder & Managing Director, Goumbook