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Rome, 9 March 2022

**Subject: Invitation to the Seventh Mediterranean Forest Week (Antalya, Turkey, 21-25 March 2022)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to attend the Seventh Mediterranean Forest Week (MFW) that will be held in Antalya (Limak Limra Hotel & Resort: <https://www.limakhotels.com/limak-limra-hotel-resort>), Turkey, from 21 to 25 March 2022. Held every two years, the MFW is a key platform for regional forestry cooperation and dialogue between the research community, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders. It highlights the specific challenges faced by Mediterranean forests and calls attention to their global importance. Participants include forest managers and decision-makers, the scientific and academic community, the private sector, donors, civil society, environmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.

The title of the seventh MFW is "Forest and ecosystem restoration for the next Mediterranean generations". The main objective of the week is to explore the opportunities offered by Mediterranean forests and challenges related to ecosystem restoration to provide jobs and opportunities to young people in the face of global changes.

The specific objectives of the seventh MFW are as follows:

- Identify opportunities offered to young people by forest-based solutions in the Mediterranean and anticipate possible bottlenecks so that these opportunities become realities;
- Take stock and share successful experiences combining innovative forest management and local populations – particularly youth – among countries for possible replication;
- Promote landscape approaches for Mediterranean forests, with focus on restoration and conservation of biodiversity, to improve their bio-economy potential and the provision of ecosystem services for forest-dependent communities;
- Mobilize all stakeholders involved in the integrated management of Mediterranean forests to facilitate the engagement of young people into forest-based solutions;
- Build a common vision of the role of young people in the sustainable management of Mediterranean forests in a changing world.

Please find attached the concept note and the provisional agenda of the seventh MFW. For further information, please visit the website <https://vii-med.forestweek.org/> or contact the Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ([silva-mediterranea@fao.org](mailto:silva-mediterranea@fao.org)). Registration to the seventh MFW may be completed online at: <https://vii-med.forestweek.org/content/online-registration>.

Your participation to the seventh Mediterranean Forest Week is essential to guarantee the success of this event, thus we look forward to your attendance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Rametsteiner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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