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Basic Information

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President of the PLANFOR-The Platform of the Associations of Nature and Forestry- www.dostplatformu.org

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Professional Background

- Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert , General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Parks, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Turkey (Since September 2015)
- **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Forest and Water Affaires, 2011-2015
- **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Forests, 2007-2011
- **Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister**, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007
- **Head of the Department**, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, 2003-2005

- Division Director at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
- Engineer, 1999-2001
- Forest Ranger at the Field, 1992-1998

Education

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

Languages

- Turkish, Native
- English, Master Level
- *French, Basic Level*
- *Arabic, Basic Level*

International Experience

- Vice Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranea, FAO), March 2019
- Candidate in Short List for Assistant Director General, FAO, 2017
- Candidate in Short List for Executive Secretary of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, 2013
- Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranean, FAO, 2012-2017 http://www.fao.org/forestry/silva-mediterranea/89588/en/
- Member of "Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe", 2011 http://www.forestnegotiations.org/
- Member of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds http://www.fao.org/forestry/37705/en/
- Vice Chair of the European Forestry Commission, 2010-2011, http://www.fao.org/forestry/efc/en/
- Vice Chair of the UNECE Forest and Timber Committee, 2010 , http://www.unece.org/forests/welcome.html

Relevant Experience

- Founding President “The International Platform of the Association for Nature and Forestry-PLANFOR” www.dostplatformu.org
- Founding President of “Association of the People Caring for the Future ” www.gonder.org.tr
- Member and Adviser to the President of “Chamber of Forest Engineers of Turkey” which is an accredited NGO to UNCCD http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=7257
- Member of “Green Turkey Foresters Association “ http://yesilturkiye.org.tr/
- Member of the Board of Trustees of “Turkish World Parliamentary Foundation” http://www.tdpv.org/
- Member of the Aid Foundation for the Members of General Directorate of Forestry and Chairman of the Board of Representatives, 2009-2010

International Projects

- **Legal Expert** for Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture Project (Turkey) –GCP/TUR/055/GFF-**2018**
- **National Coordinator** for Alignment of Turkey's National Action Plan with UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and reporting process” GCP/TUR/060/GFF,**2014-2015**
- **TCDC Consultant** of Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds In Central Asia and the Caucasus GCP/SEC/002/TUR, **2013-2014**
- **Chair** of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria” Project, **2010-2011**
- **Member** of the “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region” (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey), **2009-2011.**
- **Member** of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States, 2004
- **Member** of Advisory Committee Enhancing FOrest RESearch in the MediTERRAnean through improved coordination and integration
- International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests,2007-2010
- Integrating Forest Fire Protection and Sustainable Wood Pellet Production in Turkey, 2010 (Not completed)

Awards

- 2018, Honour Award of the Federation of Forest Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2010, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- 2007, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- 2006, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
- 1996, Given by the Director General of Forests

Some Publications and Reports

- 2018, Co-Authors of the "State of Mediterranean Forests 2018" http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1171441/icode/
- 2018, Sustainable Land Management Legislation and Gap Analysis Report, Prepared for prepared for FAOSEC under the project "Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture (GCP/TUR /055/GFF), http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=7478
- 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/
- 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
- 2012, Newsletter of Silva Mediterranea, http://www.fao.org/forestry/44192-093c15cc88e5e71c526a9a30eb1531069.pdf

Some of International Conferences, Meeting and Visits

- 2019, **Lebanon**, Sixth Mediterranean Forest Week
- 2018, **Spain**, Working Group on Forest Fires, Committee on Mediterranean Questions
- 2018, **Canada**, Seventy-sixth session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, https://www.unece.org/forests/coffi2018.html
- 2018, **Italy**, Council Meeting of Union of European Foresters, http://www.european-foresters.eu/event/227
- 2018, **Hungary**, Forest Europe Workshop on Agroforestry, http://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail-events/en/c/1155443/
- 2018, **Romania**, Board Meeting of Council of European Foresters,
- 2018, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Award Ceremony, Honour Award of the Federation of Forest Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=6724
- 2017, Morocco, Mediterranean Forest Week
- 2016, **Kyrgyzstan**, Fruit Diversity in Central Asia: Meeting on Karaalma Model Forest Farm
- 2016, **Italy**, FAO Committee on Forestry
- 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"
- 2016, **the USA**, The International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration
- 2016, **Italy**, 6th meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea
- 2015, **Morocco,** Capacity Development Workshop on National Forest Funds (NFF)-Steering Committee of Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests
- 2015, **Kyrgyzstan**, Expert Workshop on Restoration and Adaptation of Mountain Forests in Central and Northeast Asia
- 2015, **Turkey**, UNCCD COP12

- 2015, **Switzerland**, The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Liaison Delegate Annual Meeting Montreux,
- 2015, **Spain**, Mediterranean Forest Week
- 2015, **Morocco**, Committee Meeting of Silva Mediterranean
- 2014, **the USA**, International Seminar on Disaster Management
- 2014, **Kyrgyzstan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- 2014, **Azerbaijan**, Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- 2013,**Turkey,** United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF10)
- 2013,**Tunisia**, Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
- 2013,**Senegal,** International Workshop on Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes
- 2013 **Algeria**, Third Mediterranean Forestry Week
- 2012, **Niger**, Establishing Turkish-Niger Brotherhood Forest
- 2012, **Greek**, Regional workshop of experts to develop a Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests
- 2012, **Austria**, First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests)
- 2012, **Algeria**, Fourth Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranean
- 2011, **USA,** UNFF 9
- 2011, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests, First Meeting of the Bureau of the Tenth Session (UNFF10 Bureau)
- 2011, **South Korea,** UNCCCD COP10
- 2011, **Norway**, Forest Europe Ministerial Conference
- 2011, **Germany**, Study visit to the plants producing electric from forest biomass
- 2011, **Germany**, Regional Meeting Preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) for Annex IV
- 2011, **France**, Second Mediterranean Forestry Week
- 2011, **Egypt,** Regional workshop on "Forest policy and Integrating Climate change in NFPs in the Near East Region
- 2011, **Czech Republic**, Preparatory meeting for INC
- 2011, **Brussels**, Preparatory meeting for INC
- 2010-2012, **Italy**, Committee on Forestry of FAO
- 2010, **Slovak Republic**, European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds
- 2010, **Hungary**, Climate Change impacts on Forest Management in Europe and Central Asia
- 2010, **Hong Kong**, Study visit and conference on Mobile Government,
- 2010, **Belarus**, International Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS Countries
- 2009-2010, **Syria**, Project implementation
- 2009, **Turkey**, Forest Europe Workshop on Forest and Water
- 2009, **Turkey**, 5th World Water Forum
- 2009, **Spain**, Climate meetings for the preparation of UNFCCC
- 2009, **Germany**, Bonn Climate Change Conference

- 2009, **Denmark,** UNFCCC COP 15,
- 2008, **Turkey**, COST Strategic workshop, "Forest Ecosystems in a changing environment"
- 2008, **Switzerland**, MCPFE Expert Level Meeting
- 2008, **South Africa**, Study visit to Pilanesberg National Park
- 2008, **Russia,** International Conference on Forest and Climate and International Forest Forum
- 2008, **Norway**, Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting
- 2008, **Jordan**, Study visit for the preparation of World Water Forum
- 2008, **Israel,** Study visit on dry zone forestry activities
- 2008, **Canada**, International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Global Forum
- 2007, **Germany**, Steering Committee Meeting for the COST workshop "Forest ecosystems in a changing environment"
- 2006, **Kazakhstan**, Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation Organization
- 2006, **Austria**, European Union Ministerial Meeting on Environment
- 2005, **USA**, UNFF5
- 2005, **USA**, International Seminar on Watershed Management
- 2005, **Italy,** Study visit for "forest reproductive materials"
- 2005, **France,** Study visit for mountainous area management
- 2005**, Cyprus**, Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of Watersheds in the Middle East Region
- 2005, **Brussels**, EU Basics Module- Euro Med Training of Public Administrations
- 2003, **Switzerland**, Second Workshop for Northern Mediterranean focal points on regional cooperation activities within Annex IV
- 2003, **Netherlands**, Study visit for nurseries and seedlings
- 2003, **Cuba,** UNCCD COP6
- 2000, **Finland**, Training Courses on Remote Sensing