Opening ceremony **[1]**

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC), created a strong message that forests are key to addressing the climate change question. Being a hotspot of climate change, the Mediterranean region has paid particular attention to the role that its forests play on climate change.

Language EN

- Read more about Opening ceremony [1]

Parallel session 1: Biodiversity for resilience in the restoration of Mediterranean forests **[2]**

Forest restoration projects used to focus on the establishment of single or a small number of species. This simplified approach, overlooking the ecological restoration principles, hampers the effectiveness of ecosystem recovery. Recently, a shift away from large-scale monospecific afforestation projects, to a holistic approach with multiple objectives, combining several socioeconomic and environmental benefits is observed.

Language EN

- Read more about Parallel session 1: Biodiversity for resilience in the restoration of Mediterranean forests [2]

Parallel Session 2: Social innovation in forests **[3]**

Forests, being natural resources on public and private lands, have embedded in them a diverse range of social innovation cases that have contributed to the development of the community in a sustainable and stable way.

Language EN

- Read more about Parallel Session 2: Social innovation in forests [3]

Plenary session 1: Where we stand: global commitments, implementation of NDCs in Mediterranean countries **[4]**

The Mediterranean region is a hot-spot of climate change. The latest report of the

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change identifies the Mediterranean as one of the regions most vulnerable to the impacts of global warming. By 2100, the Mediterranean climate is predicted to experience an average temperature increase of 2°C to 4°C.

Language EN

- Read more about Plenary session 1: Where we stand: global commitments, implementation of NDCs in Mediterranean countries [4]

Plenary Session 2: Forest-based solutions to adapt the economic sector and people to climate change at the landscape level **[5]**

The vision of this Sixth MFW was to show the essential role of Mediterranean forests in climate change mitigation, natural resources, and biodiversity balance as well as the specific challenges these forests face. The Sixth MFW focused more on how Mediterranean forests contribute to the fulfilment of the Paris Agreement and global change commitments, including their role in facilitating sectoral climate change adaptation in areas such as water, agriculture, and cities.

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- Read more about Plenary Session 2: Forest-based solutions to adapt the economic sector and people to climate change at the landscape level [5]

Plenary Session 3: Creating value for nature and people with NWFP. Participatory approaches **[6]**

Securing the sustainable management and use of natural resources in a context of high social and ecological fragility (e.g., social change, globalization) and providing quality employment for rural communities, are two of the main challenges for sustainable development in the Mediterranean region.

Language EN

- Read more about Plenary Session 3: Creating value for nature and people with NWFP. Participatory approaches [6]

Plenary Session 4: Enabling conditions - monitoring **[7]**

This session focused on forest monitoring as a major enabling condition to implement forest-based solutions.

Language EN

- Read more about Plenary Session 4: Enabling conditions - monitoring [7]

Plenary Session 5: Scaling-up programs, climate financing **[8]**

The importance attached to scaling-up adaptation and and reinforcing adaptation planning is clearly recognized in the Paris Agreement. The INDCs/NDCs of many developing countries include adaptation planning as a priority. This session highlighted perspectives from countries, support agencies and funds on the formulation and implementation of the NAPs process, and provide an outlook on future needs.

Language EN

- Read more about Plenary Session 5: Scaling-up programs, climate financing [8]

Plenary Session on Communication **[9]**

Increasing awareness about the benefits of forests for sustainable development and their role in tackling climate change is an ongoing challenge in the Mediterranean region and elsewhere in the world.

Language EN

- Read more about Plenary Session on Communication [9]

Session 23 Committe SM: Working Group Activities **[10]**

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Session 23 Committee SM: Election of the Bureau, High level Segment **[11]**

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Side Event: Combatting climate change through an informed landscape management strategy: optimization of land-use values for resilient communities, Lebanon Restoration Initiative. **[12]**

In Lebanon, afforestation has been the primary focus to combat desertification and achieve/respond to national restoration goals. Although afforestation projects implicitly englobe results that contribute to the combat against climate change, most of these projects were not designed to explicitly implement mitigation and adaptation measures.

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- Read more about Side Event: Combatting climate change through an informed landscape management strategy: optimization of land-use values for resilient communities, Lebanon Restoration Initiative. [12]

Side Event: MedForum 2019 – Forest-based solutions: the Model Forest impacts in the Mediterranean **[13]**

Language EN

- Read more about Side Event: MedForum 2019 – Forest-based solutions: the Model Forest impacts in the Mediterranean [13]

Side Event: Preservation and valorization of Mediterranean forests from mass tourism impact. **[14]**

The State of Mediterranean Forests 2018 (http://www.fao.org/3/CA2081EN/ca2081en.PDF [15]) establishes that tourism is one of the primary drivers of environmental degradation, along with urbanization, transport, business and industry, and agricultural developments.

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- Read more about Side Event: Preservation and valorization of Mediterranean forests from mass tourism impact. [14]

Side Event: Prevention and restoration on forest fires. Linking actions before and after fire. **[16]**

Forest fires are a major threat for Mediterranean ecosystems and population in our region.

Usually the focus on suppression and preparedness activities is higher for the general population and also at political level. Nevertheless, at technical level, both prevention and post fire restoration are considered at the same level as suppression and preparedness as well as key factors to manage the forest fire problem in our countries.

Language EN

- Read more about Side Event: Prevention and restoration on forest fires. Linking actions before and after fire. [16]

Side Event: Scaling up forest and landscape restoration to restore biodiversity **[17]**

In the Mediterranean, Forest and Land Restoration (FLR) is recognized as an effective option to achieve commitments under the Rio Conventions, the Agenda 2030, as well as the United Nations Forum on Forests.

Language EN

- Read more about Side Event: Scaling up forest and landscape restoration to restore biodiversity [17]

Side event: Towards an integrated Mediterranean forest genetic resources conservation strategy **[18]**

In a time of changing climate, the genetic diversity of forest tree species may become extremely important to enable the adaptation capacity of forest ecosystems.

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- Read more about Side event: Towards an integrated Mediterranean forest genetic resources conservation strategy [18]

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