

VI Forestry Week - Lebanon, March 2019



**Scaling up forest and landscape restoration
in order to restore biodiversity and promote joint
mitigation and adaptation approaches in the
Mediterranean**

- *An FAO promoted, an IKI funded, UfM labelled project -*



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Building bridges for the future



Union for the Mediterranean:

- Set up to respond to the challenges of the region;
- the Euro-Mediterranean intergovernmental institution of- 43 countries, 28 EU member states + 15 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries

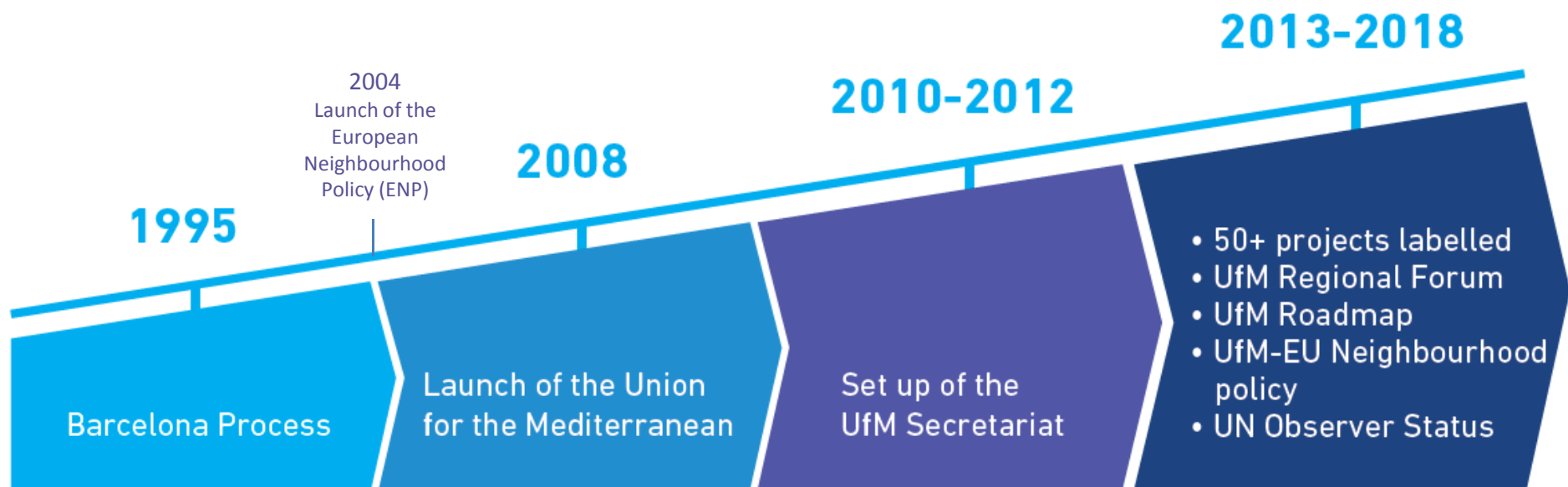


UfM Mission

- To promote dialogue and cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region; identifying and working together on “commonalities”/issues of common interest to the 43
- To address three strategic objectives for the region: human development, stability and integration



A response to the challenges of the region



UfM - The Euro-Mediterranean Community



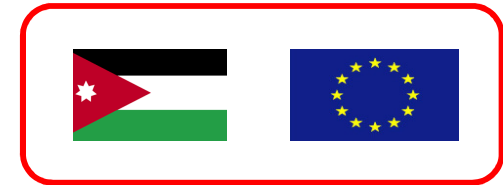
The UfM Secretariat builds relationships and synergies with all the members of the Euro-Mediterranean community and other relevant stakeholders.

Governance and Co-ownership



UfM Co-presidency (North + South)

The Co-presidency ensures coherence of activities and equal footing and representation of North and South



*Jordan and the EU have been
Co-presidents since 2012*

UfM Senior Officials' Meeting/s (SOM)



Governing Body

Trimestral meetings of the Ambassadors of the 43 countries



UfM Secretariat

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- 1** Secretary General from the South
- 6** Deputy Secretary Generals (3 North and 3 South)
- 60** Diplomats, financial experts and project managers from more than 20 countries and institutions

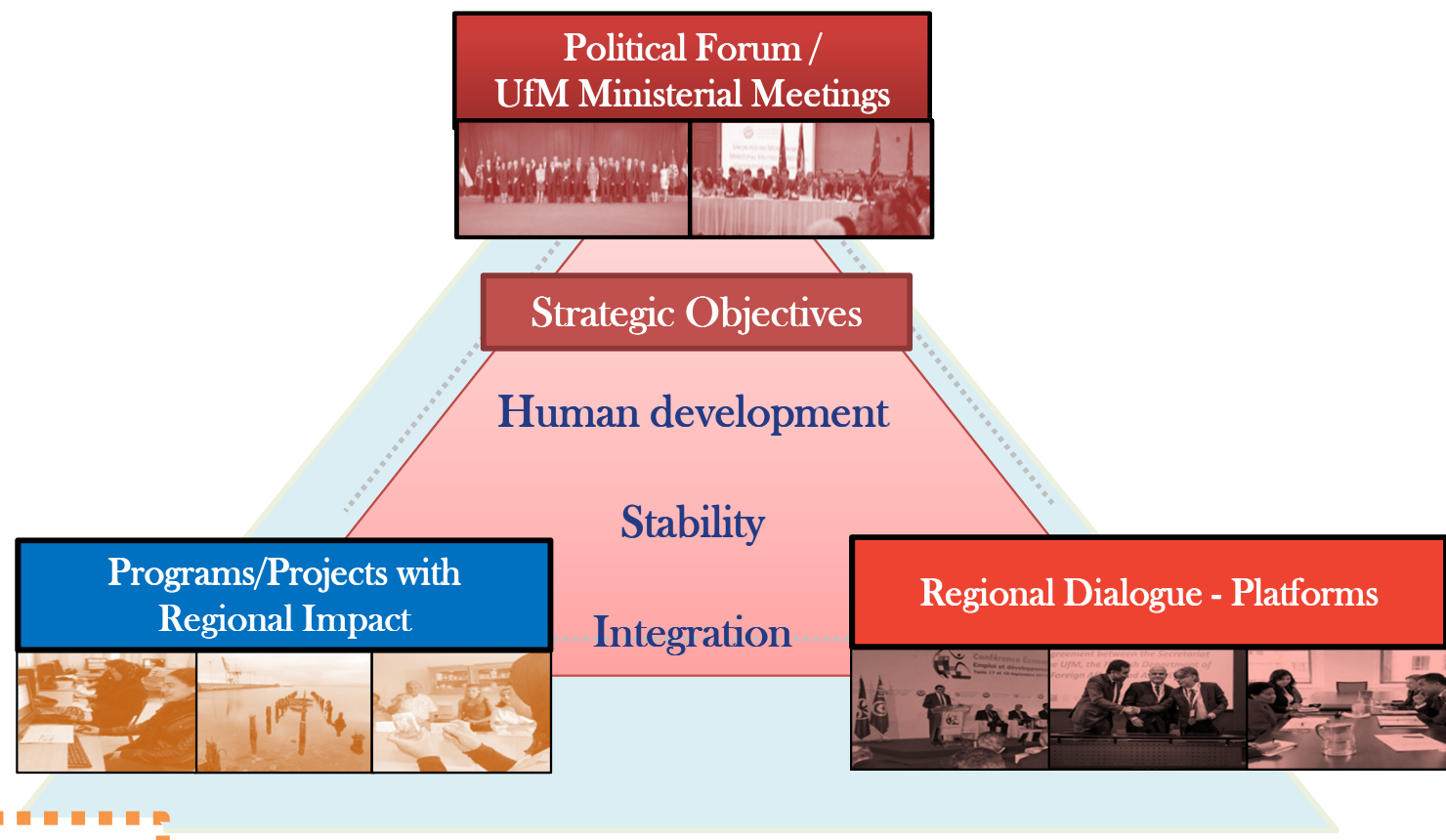


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The 3 P's: Policies in Action - Strategic Objectives



UfM labelling

The UfM Environment agenda |

*Protecting the Mediterranean Sea and overall environment;
contributing to de-pollution and pollution prevention efforts in the region*

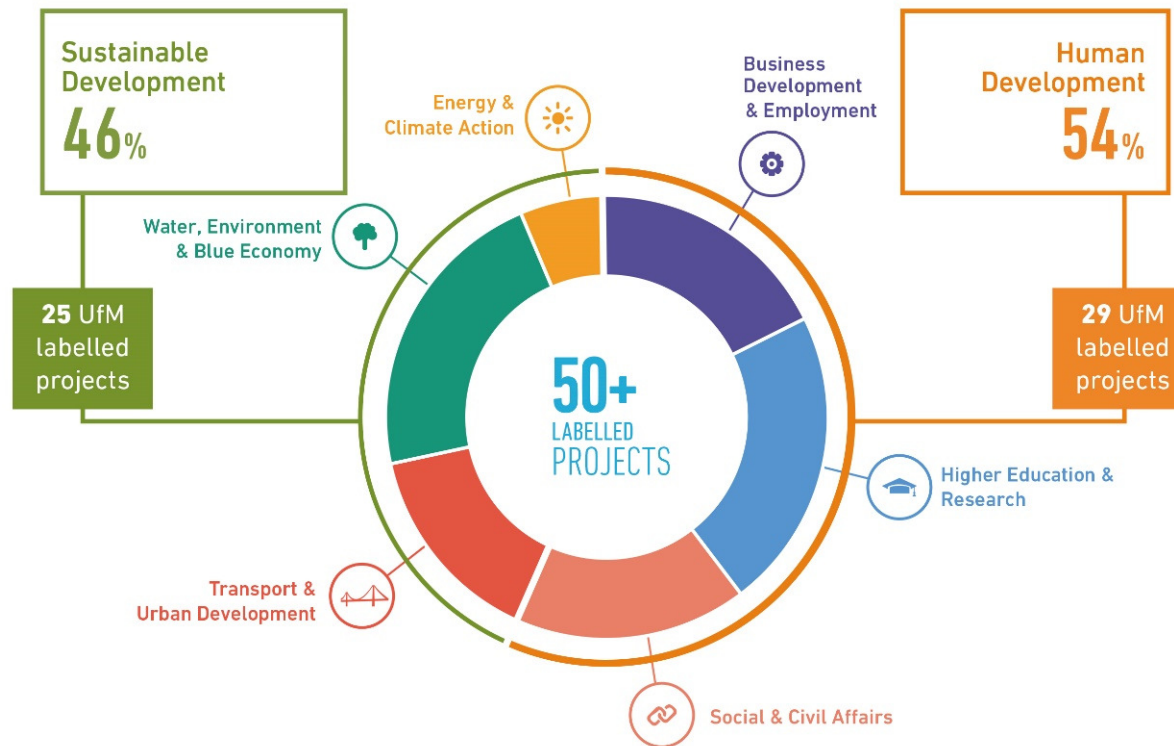


- **2014 Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change and associated WG on ENV and CC and UfM Environment Task Force**
 - De-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (wastewater, municipal waste; industrial pollution; marine litter and hazardous waste)
 - Sustainable Consumption and Production (Pollution Prevention)
 - Climate Change

+ *ecosystem protection, integrated maritime policy/blue economy, ICZM, education sustainable development*
- **2018 and beyond:**
 - Potential 2nd UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC in 2020
 - Towards the reinforcement of the **Circular, Inclusive, Low-Zero Carbon Economy package**, with a focus on pollution prevention/Sustainable Consumption and Production; **Landscape Restoration/Drought/Desertification/Forestry**
 - Close link to the Rio Conventions; UfMS Observer at UNFCCC (UN Climate Change), CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity) and UNCCD (UN Convention on Desertification)

**Green/Circular/Low
Carbon Economy
Package**





UfM labelled projects become part of the Regional agenda and Work plan; ownership, flexibility and fundraising, if need be

Why here today

*FAO promoted, IKI funded and UfM labelled project
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adaptation approaches in the Mediterranean”*

- **The project addresses directly the Rio Conventions**
 - the Bonn Challenge on forest landscape restoration
 - the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
 - Aichi Targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- **The project as labelled falls directly into the wider UfM regional agenda;**
- **The project operates at both regional level and national level; its potential upscale to other countries willing to join, is already embedded in the project structure**
- **The project foresees the involvement of multiple partners in the region**
- **This work falls within the wider UfMS-FAO-UNCCD partnership on drought/desertification**
- Consultation and ongoing preparatory work for the next **UfM Ministerial Declaration on ENV and CC**, tentatively scheduled for **2020**; Since 2014 we have a switch towards a more integrated approach soil land air, associated to circular economy, SCP and green entrepreneurship

Forests and LULUCF in NDCs in the Mediterranean- NDC Study



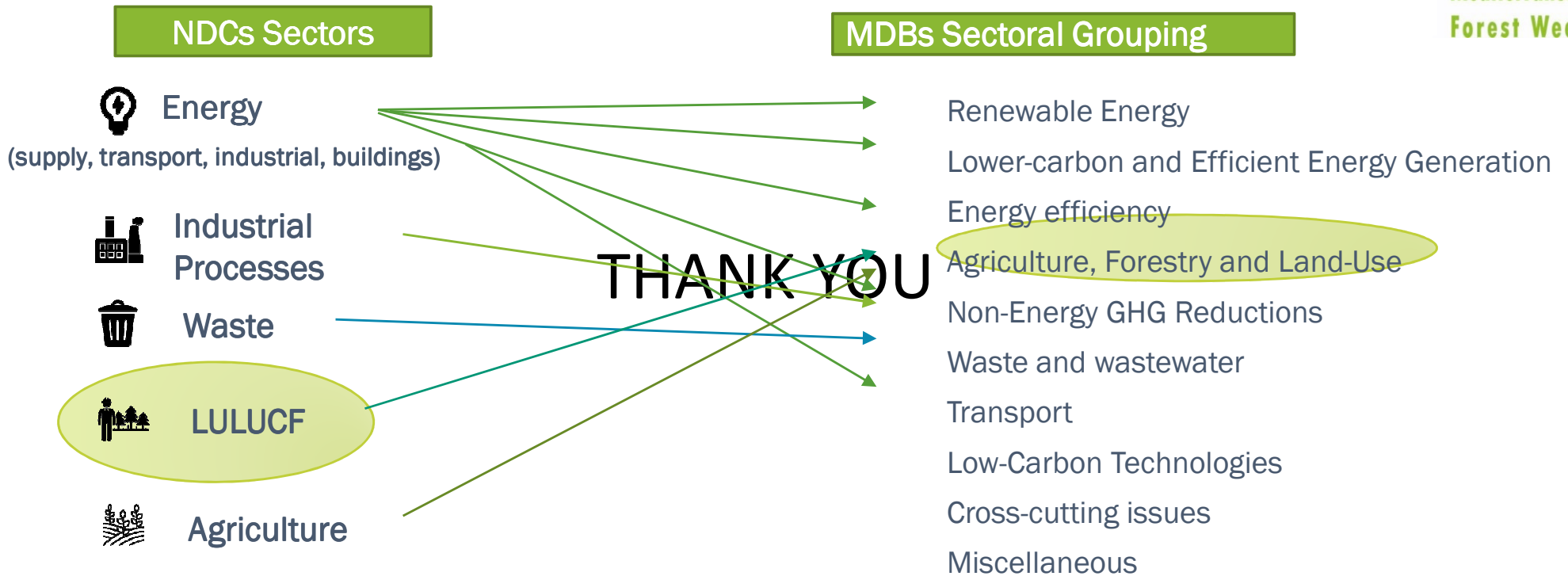
Compact assessment of where the SEmed countries stand with the NDCs (and whenever available NAPs) implementation process.

Identification of common goals that could lead to joint approaches on the regional or sub-regional level (public policies, technical assistance, investment projects)

Analysis of the benefits of collective/joint approaches

Through a review of all official NDCs submitted to the UNFCCC, as well as all NAPs and National Communications

Sectorial groupings - Mitigation



In Adaptation, Forestry is one of the relevant NDC sectors.

LULUCF – Prioritized mitigation measures

Measures grouping	Countries
Afforestation and reforestation, and biosphere conservation	Albania, Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey
Support to national, regional or local policy, through technical assistance or policy lending	Morocco, Turkey

Examples of measures relevant for at least 4 countries:

- Increase/Introduce Afforestation projects
- Increase/introduce Reforestation projects
- Promote and increase the practice sustainable forest management
- Biosphere conservation projects (including payments for ecosystem services) targeting reducing emissions from deforestation or degradation of ecosystems

Forestry – Prioritized adaptation measures

Measures Forestry

Reforestation, aiming at increasing the share of high natural forests

Natural regeneration as the basis for forest growth, adequate support through afforestation (using indigenous tree types) if the natural process of forest regeneration fails

Silvicultural improvement of low forests and shrubs, mainly in small private holdings, for bio-energy production and carbon storage

Rehabilitation of forest nurseries and the expansion of indigenous and multi-use species,

Preservation of the forest (e.g. from deforestation, erosion, etc.) particularly through the protection of key habitats and varieties, and of trees, plants and animals.

Development of fire-protection measures, with an emphasis on prevention and fast response in the case of fire.

Re-establishment of forest order after harvesting; adequate and timely rehabilitation of surfaces damaged by fire

Currently only **Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia** are prioritizing forestry for adaptation in their NDCs

Soft measures such as Policy and Regulation , Education or Monitoring and Evaluation is currently only prioritized by Lebanon.



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Thank you

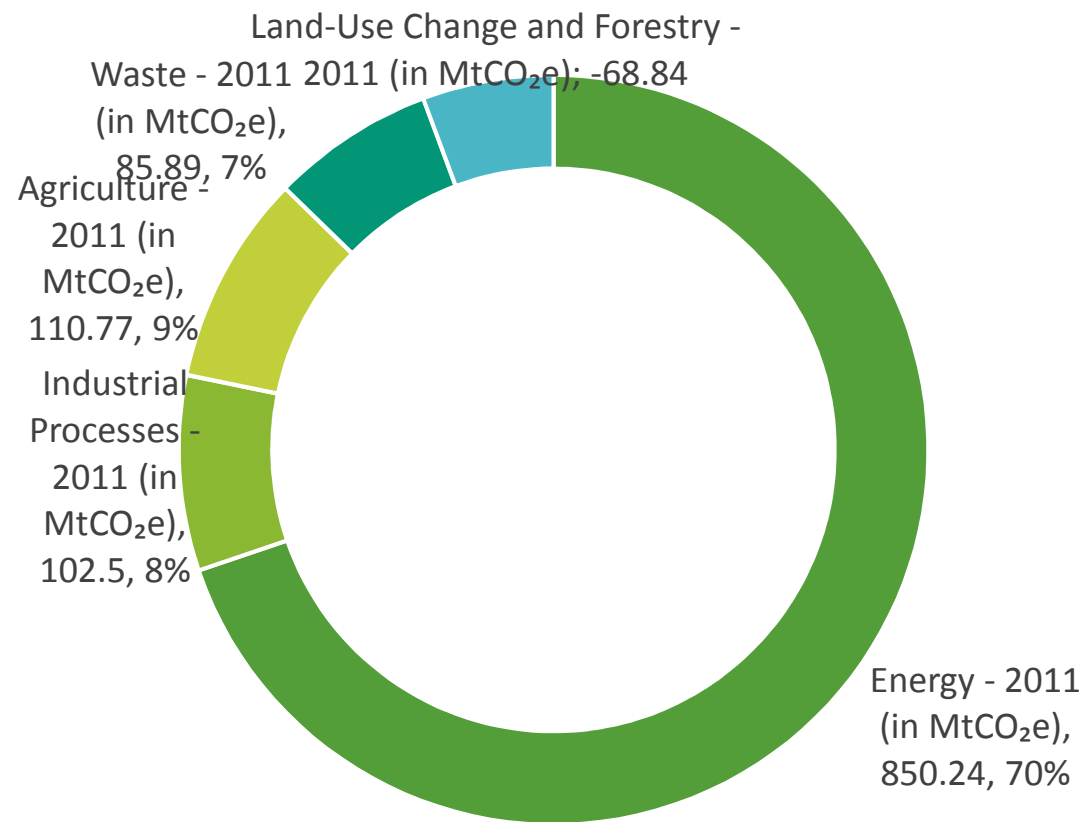
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Sectoral GHG emissions in the SEMED region

Sectoral GHG emission



Tentative Calendar - Paving the way towards the Next UfM Ministerial Meeting on ENV and CC Early 2020

Which steps are foreseen in-between?

UfM Senior Officials
Meeting, June 2019

UfM ENV TF, 9th of
April 2019, Brussels

UfM CC EG,
April 2019,
Barcelona

(WG ENV and CC) + Ad Hoc
SOM



2nd UfM Min on
ENV and CC
end 2019/early 2020

- **Priorities**
- **Operational Modalities**
- **Work Programme**

