

*Plenary session 3*  
*Forest-based Solutions: Linking NWFP with the Economy,  
Participatory Approaches*

# Introduction

The Mediterranean context is of high social and ecological fragility

The Mediterranean region is also facing broad challenges in particular

- Sustainable development in rural as well urban areas
- Energetic transition
- Demographic changes
- Migrations

The region can also count on internal opportunities

- Natural and cultural resources
- Curious and enterprising Youth



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The postulate of this session is that forest should be part of the solutions to conceive and develop

Mediterranean forest landscapes were always social-ecological systems: now it is time to see for new ways of synergies

The objectives of the session

- To exchange views on successful approaches to participatory approaches, social innovations, and entrepreneurship in relation to NWFPs
- To get inspired by existing relevant experiences in green entrepreneurship
- To discuss the need for new approaches to governance like those based in territorial animation and social innovation



Time	Content	Speakers
14:30	Introduction	Christine Farcy, UCLouvain, Chair FAO European forestry commission
14:32	Opening presentation	Nabil Assaf, FAO representative in Algeria
14:40	Keynote: Realising the potential of Mediterranean NWFPs. Key opportunities for innovation	Nedjma Rahmani, General Directorate of Forests, Algeria
15:00	Round Table with Inspiring examples on social entrepreneurship in Mediterranean forests and land restorations through NWFP	<p>15:00-15:10. Tiziana Ulian and Nizar Hani from Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK, and Ushouf Biosphere reserve, Min. of Env. Of Lebanon)</p> <p>15:10-15:20. Carlos Colinas from University of Lleida, Spain, and Zahra Naghavi, Iran</p> <p>15:20-15:30. Karim Ergaieg from Agricultural Development Group (GDA) Sidi Amor, Tunisia</p> <p>15:30-15:40. Eduard Mauri from the European Forest Institute's Mediterranean Facility, Spain</p> <p>15:40-15:50. Round table</p>
15:50	Concluding remarks	Christine Farcy, UCLouvain, Chair FAO European forestry commission
16:00	Closure of the session	



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