



VI MFW
Mediterranean
Forest Week

Plenary sessions: take-home messages

Session 1: Where we stand



Objective: Role of Mediterranean forests in global commitments

- Although threatened by drivers of degradation, forests are a natural capital for the Mediterranean region
- The Paris Agreement has been ratified in 88% of Med countries and 76% of the NDC include the LU sector (so the forest sector). But the contribution of the forest sector to the NDC targets should be further clarified
- Achieving LDN + Increasing drought preparedness = increasing resilience to climate change in the Mediterranean

Session 2: Forest based solutions to adapt the economic sector and people to climate change at landscape level



Objective: show how forests can help facing the challenges of today and tomorrow (CC + demography). Need to consider other sectors in forestry management : water, agriculture, city, etc.

- Increase the recognition of forest role for water security (quality and quantity)
- 70% of population will live in cities in the next decades. Reconsider the role of forests in urban and peri-urban areas to mitigate CC
- The concept of landscape management has to be implemented to improve local development
- The integrated forest management including all goods and services provided is essential

Session 3: Creating value for nature and people with NWFP. Participatory approaches



Objective: exchange views on successful approaches to participatory approaches, social innovation and entrepreneurship in relation to NWFPs

- **North African countries:**

- **Achievements:** regulatory framework, strategies for management and valorisation, partnerships, financial mechanism for supporting SME, technical cooperation
- **Challenges:** strengthen the regulatory framework, consolidate sustainable management, fill in the knowledge gap, make NWFO contribute to the population wellbeing
- When the participatory approach is supported by and appropriate legal framework, the collaboration of **local communities can boost** the socio-economic conditions for the youth, preserve traditional knowledge and even restore forest ecosystems
- In NWFP sector, as in many sectors, different countries share the same problems. For them, someone usually has the solution, but it may be not disseminated enough. **Do not reinvent the wheel!** Let us gather together to share our knowledge and improve our conditions

Session 4: Enabling condition - monitoring



Objective: show that different monitoring systems are vital to implementing results-based mechanisms and promote integration to avoid duplication

- Monitoring systems are essential to prioritize forest based solutions
- Forest monitoring systems can provide tools to report to the 3 UN conventions, define national priorities and influence management decisions
- Current existing tools allow to reduce effort for reporting to different international frameworks (LDN, FRA, SDG...), but further synergies at different levels of reporting are highly encouraged

Session 5: Scaling-up programs, climate financing and current opportunities

Objective: share successful experiences in attracting funds for climate change and forest-based developed and implemented National Adaptation Plans; provide insights and recommendations on arising needs and the leverage of funds for NAP formulation and implementation

- Climate Finance Sparking Change
- Benefits to local economic opportunities.
- Consistency with the Paris agreement, support to low carbon and resilient development pathways
- Maximize climate impact and leverage, An Enhanced role with IFIs committed on Climate
- Transforming financial systems for climate program, Reliable Data is a must.
- Invest, how much does it cost, and what are the benefits?
- Private goods, public goods, global goods
- Low studies on cost benefits, very few projects have benefits and cost estimates.
- Changes from forest and landscape restoration to ecosystem restoration.
- If we cannot get the numbers, the cost and benefits of ecosystems restorations right, no finance can help us scale up restoration!

