

FOURTH MEDITERRANEAN FOREST WEEK

Forests and other woodlands are an integral part of Mediterranean landscapes. They are a source of energy, water, food, tourism and many other goods and services as well as other sources of income. The value chains of several goods and services provided by these ecosystems play a key role in improving the quality of life of people in the Mediterranean region.

Even if global changes (e.g. changes in societies, lifestyles and climate) underway in the Mediterranean region have a negative impact on these ecosystems (e.g. causing forest degradation, loss of biodiversity, increased fire hazards, water scarcity and desertification), forest goods and services should be considered as a relevant opportunity to promote the development of a green economy based on sustainable forest management in the Mediterranean region. In order to meet these challenges:

- Political and administrative authorities at national, regional and local levels as well as stakeholders and civil society, as a whole, have to adapt their strategies and regulatory frameworks to promote sustainable value chains that contribute to employment generation and to the development of a green economy in the Mediterranean;
- Forest scientists and managers are expected to develop and adapt silvicultural practices taking into account the diversity and use of forest goods and services as well as the influence of socioeconomic and climate changes, in order to improve the quality of life of Mediterranean populations.

After the success of the previous Mediterranean Forest Weeks, the Spanish authorities welcome this fourth edition in Barcelona focusing on the following issue: **“Improving livelihoods: the role of Mediterranean forest value chains in a green economy”**.



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OBJECTIVES

- ✦ Strengthen exchanges and synergies between stakeholders involved in the integrated management of Mediterranean forests and other woodlands
- ✦ Follow up on the Tlemcen Declaration and implement the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF): policy orientations for integrated management of forest ecosystems in the Mediterranean landscapes
- ✦ Promote innovation, cross-sectoral cooperation and the development of the economy (including green economy and bioeconomy) to increase resilience of forested ecosystems
- ✦ Involve key value chain stakeholders of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forest ecosystems (e.g. from the agriculture, water, energy, biodiversity conservation and tourism sectors) in order to incorporate their expectations as well as cross-sectoral issues into National Forest Programmes
- ✦ Strengthen the link between specialists and decision-makers to establish a common vision of the future of development and management of Mediterranean forests and woodlands
- ✦ Prepare a presentation of the results of the IV MFW for the World Forestry Congress to be held in Durban in September 2015

	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
08:00	Registration			
09:00	Welcome address			
09:30	Keynote Speaker 1 Innovation in the Mediterranean forest sector (EFIMED/CTFC)	Field Trip 1 Location linked with IV MFW sessions	Field Trip 2 Location linked with IV MFW sessions	High Level Segment
10:15	Coffee break			
10:45		Bag lunch (CPF)		Press conference
11:15	Keynote speaker 2 Implementation of the Tlemcen Declaration (FAO/Algeria)		Tools and initiatives for forest development	International Day of Forests ceremony
13:00	Lunch		Carbon finance in the Mediterranean	
14:30	Water & forests	Tourism & forests	Improved efficiency of financial resources mobilization in forested Mediterranean landscapes	Optional visit of Barcelona (Montjuic, Parc Güell, Sagrada Familia, etc.)
16:30	Coffee break	Coffee break		
17:00	Synthesis	Synthesis	Improved efficiency of financial resources mobilization in forested Mediterranean landscapes	
17:30				
18:00	SIDE EVENTS: Call for side events and posters to be launched in July 2014		Conclusion	
20:30			Gala dinner	

Parallel session

Plenary session

LANGUAGES

The official languages of the event are **English, French** and **Spanish**

REGISTRATION FEES

250 € - Regular rate for the week (from Tuesday 17 to Friday 20)

85 € - Daily rate

50 € - Students and unemployed

100 € - MENA countries (Middle East and North Africa)

TARGET AUDIENCE

Decision and policy-makers from the Mediterranean region

National, regional and local governments

Investors and donors

Forest technical and scientific organizations

Experts from other relevant sectors: water, tourism, agriculture, energy

Forest services

Public and private forest owners and managers

NGOs

Media

Researchers

Young professionals, students

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SUSTAINABILITY

Mediterranean Landscapes

FOREST

RESILIENCE

FOOD

PEOPLE

Bioenergy

BIOECONOMY

VALUE CHAIN

Water

Green Economy

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