



## FORESTS AND WATER IN DRYLANDS: A VIRTUOUS CYCLE

### Information exchange from the Mediterranean to Central Asia



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Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland,  
room IX

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**Draft programme**

#### Day 1

**10.00h. Opening Session**

10.00h. **Welcome and Introduction**

Chairperson, organizers

10.15h. Forest and water in drylands -an overview

*Mr. Thomas HOFER- Food and agricultural organization of the United Nations (FAO)*

10.40h. Forests and water resources in the Mediterranean: situation, challenges and prospects

*Ms. Marion BRIENS- PlanBleu*

11.00h. Forests and Water resources of Central Asia in the changing climate

*Mr Viktor NOVIKOV – ZOI*

**11.30h. Session 1: Functions of the forests in drylands**

11.30h. Main messages from the Mediterranean Forest Report

*Mr. Robert MAVSAR- European Forest Institute*

12.00h. Main issues on Forest and water relations in Tajikistan (tbc)

*Mr. Ismat ESHMIRZAEV - Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources, Tajikistan*

12.30h. Time for discussion

**13.00h. Lunch**

**15.00h Session 2: Policies and Tools**

15.00h. Lake Issikul project, Central Asian case of Payment for Ecosystem Services: lessons from Chon Aksu watershed, Kyrgyzstan  
*Ms. Simon CHARRE- Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre*

15.30h Forest for drinking water – will the water pay?  
*Mr. Olivier PICARD - Institut pour le Développement Forestier / CNPF*

16.00h. Economic analysis of the water production function of forests  
*Mr. Omer EKER - Kahramanmaras Sutcu Imam University Orman Fakultesi (Faculty of Forest), Turkey*

16.30h. Coffee & Tea Break

16.50h. Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests and future activities to be implemented in the context of the future FFEM project REDD+ in the context of water scarcity  
*Mr. Christophe BESACIER, FOMC-FAO*

17.20h. Time for short interventions on other tools/policies (5 minutes) and discussion

**18.00h. End of the first day**

## Day 2

### 09.30h. Session 3: Case studies

- 9.30h. The case study of oak forest of Ain Snoussi in Tunisia  
*Mr. Mounir BALLOUMI - University of Sousse, Tunisia*
- 10.00h. Possible mechanism of interaction of rivers and forests along them in the Aral Sea Basin  
*Mr. Yusup KAMALOV - The Union for Defense of the Aral Sea and Amudarya*
- 10.30h. Impact of forests on runoff and sediment transport in Tunisia  
*Mr. Hassen Lotfi FRIGUI - Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Water Resources Directorate, Tunisia*
- 11.00h. Coffee & Tea Break
- 11.20h. FAO/World Bank project in the Toirsu Valley of Tajikistan  
*Mr. Abdudzhabbor KHAKIMOV - NGO "Innovations and Participation for Development"*
- 11.50h. Time for short interventions (5 minutes) and discussion

### 12.30h. Lunch

### 14.30h. Session 4: Future

- 14.30h. FAO-led activity aiming at preparing global guidelines on afforestation in drylands  
*Mr. Paolo CECI, FAO*
- 15.00h. Dryland afforestation future prospects under carbon finance  
*Mr. Henri RUEFF - Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern*
- 15.30h. Time for discussion/Looking back/ Conclusions etc.  
Chairperson/organizers

### 17.00h. The End