



International
Model Forest
Network



MedForum 2019

Forest-based solutions: Model Forest impacts in the Mediterranean and beyond

April 1st to 4th, 2019, Grand Hills Hotel of Brummana, Lebanon
MMFN General Assembly - Technical sessions - Field trip

The meetings will be held in English only and will be videotaped

Main Rapporteur: Raquel Puntero

Program of activities

DAY 1 - Monday 1st, from 16:30 to 19:30 (Room IV) - Introductory Session

16:30 – 16:45 Welcome words – Chadi Mohanna (Lebanese Ministry); Nicolas Picard (FAO); Álvaro Picardo (Region Castile and León, MMFNS) - **Video message from** Richard Verbisky (IMFNS)

16:45 – 17:00 Med Forum introduction & Logistics – Riccardo Castellini (Cesefor)

17:00 – 17:20 Model Forest Regional Networks: an international update – Mark Johnston (IMFNS)

17:20 – 19:30 Current state of affairs of the Model Forest Associations (10 minutes each)

- **Florentine Mountains Model Forest (Italy)** – Toni Ventre (Secretary of the Association)
- **Tlemcen Model Forest (Algeria)** – Mohamed Moumani (President of the Association)
- **Mirna River Model Forest (Croatia)** – Ana Fornazar (President of the Association)
- **Ifrane Model Forest (Morocco)** – Mohamed Qarro (President of the Association)
- **Provence Model Forest (France)** – Ioanna Augustides (AIFM)
- **Yalova Model Forest (Turkey)** – Mohamed Tsiblisi (President of the Association)
- **Bucak Model Forest (Turkey)** – Mehmet Ozdemir (Marmara Research Institute)
- **Bergstad Model Forest (Sweden)** – Per Angelstam (SLU)
- **Komi Model Forest (Russia)** – Yuri Pautov (Komi Model Forest)
- **Palencia Model Forest initiative (Spain)** – Pilar Valbuena (Secretary of the Association)
- **Aterno Valley Model Forest initiative (Italy)** – Representative TBC

19:30 “What we heard” based on Model Forest presentations, a participatory approach to participants identifying thematic and programmatic areas of common interest/focus – Raquel Puntero

Closing remarks and end of meeting

DAY 2 – Tuesday 2nd, from 16:30 to 19:30 (Room IV) - Technical Session 1: Identifying Model Forest impacts and sharing of experiences, innovation and best-practices for accelerated learning and sustainable landscape management.

16:30 – 16:45 **Meeting introduction: the MMFN actual needs based on the swot analysis** – Riccardo Castellini (Cesefor)

The meeting continues in 3 thematic interviews-discussions sessions, based on backgrounder of specific topic and facilitated by a Moderator.

Session 1 - Research and landscape management approaches: 30 min including Q&A (Chair: Toni Ventre)

The FRESH LIFE Project: Demonstrating Remote Sensing Integration in Sustainable Forest Management - Duccio Bacci (Union of Municipalities Valdarno and Valdisevie) & Andrea Barzagli (University of Florence)

The involvement of users for the sustainable management of natural ecosystem goods and services: the experience of Ifrane Model Forest – Mohamed Qarro (ENFI)

Session 2 - NTFPS: 30 min including Q&A (Chair: Alvaro Picardo)

The natural resin extraction and its use in the north side of the Mediterranean & opportunities to foster this market in the south Mediterranean – Pablo Sabín (Cesefor Foundation)

The use of essential oils as a means of economic development in Algeria – Mohamed Moumani (Parc National de Tlemcen)

The Slow Food International Association: exploring new opportunities of collaboration – Barbara Massadd (Slow Food Lebanon)

Session 3 - Education and outreach: 30 min including Q&A (Chair: Mohamed Qarro)

Education for sustainable development based on forest pedagogy – Ana Fornazar (Mirna River Model Forest)

Learning for regionally adapted approaches to sustainable forest landscapes – Per Angelstam (Bergslagen Model Forest, Sweden)

WRAP UP – Action items (if any) resulting from discussion and links to addressing SWOT analysis.

Time available until 19:30 for bilateral meetings – questions/answers time.

DAY 3 - Field trip (Wednesday 3rd, all day shared with the 6th MFW organization)

All-day field trips to Lebanon's first nature reserve Horch Ehdén. The beautiful reserve is located 100 kilometres north of Beirut. Transportation via bus will be provided.

DAY 4 - Technical Session 2: "Business to Business" /// Administrative Session: MMFN General Assembly (Thursday 4th afternoon, from 16h30 to 18h30, Room tbc)

Session 1 – B2B

16:30 – 16:45 **Meeting introduction, presentation of the session and expected results** – Riccardo Castellini (Cesefor)

16:45 – 17:00 **Identification of Model Forest new business opportunities (products, services), based on the work of the precedent days** – Raquel Puntero (Cesefor)

17:00 – 18:00 **Round of presentations about the national sources of funding for bilateral cooperation** (expected 1 presentation per Country).

Session 2 - MMFN Assembly

18:00 – 19:00 **Governance of the Network: the rotation of the MMFN Secretariat: from Spain to Italy** Elisabetta Gravano (Tuscany Region) and Toni Ventre (Union of Municipalities *Valdarno & Valdiseve*)

Solutions to strengthening networking and communication (such as the IMFN Secretariat organizing virtual meetings/ leveraging the IMFN website/ other)

19:00 – 19:30 **Proposals for a new organization of the Network:** plenary discussion.

Record of decision – minutes

Next meeting

Closing remarks.