

Record of decisions

Second Organising Committee of the IV Mediterranean Forest Week (IV MFW)



Participants:

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CANO	Paco	PROFOR	excused
CHAUDRON	Alain	AIFM	
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KASTL	Alexander	GIZ	excused
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Location: EFIMED, Hospital Sant Pau, Barcelona, Spain. 26-27/3/2014

Acronyms used

AIFM: Association Internationale Forêts Méditerranéennes
CESEFOR: Centro de servicios y promoción forestal y de su industria de Castilla y León
CFC : Consorci Forestal de Catalunya
CO : Comité d'Organisation
COFO: Committee on Forestry / Comité des Forêts
COSE: Confederación de Organizaciones de Selvícultores de España
CPF: Centre de la Propietat Forestal de Catalunya
CPMF: Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests
CSFM : Cadre Stratégique sur les Forêts Méditerranéennes
CTFC: Centre Tecnològic Forestal de Catalunya
DAAM : Departament d'Agricultura, Ramaderia, Pesca, Alimentació i Medi Natural (Catalunya)
DG : Direction Générale
DIBA: Diputació Barcelona
EEC: Enlarged executive Committee
EC: European Commission
EU: European Union
EdFM: Etat des forêts méditerranéennes
EFIMED: Mediterranean Regional Office of the European Forest Institute
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FEM : Fonds pour l'Environnement Mondial
FFEM : Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial
GEF: Global Environment Facility
GIZ: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
ICTA : Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals
MAGRAMA: Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente (España)
MFRA: Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda
MFW: Mediterranean Forest Week
MMFN: Mediterranean Model Forest Network
OC: Organizing Committee
PCFM : Partenariat de Collaboration sur les Forêts Méditerranéennes
REMUFOR : Red de Municipios Forestales
SFM : Semaine Forestière Méditerranéenne
SFMF: Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forest
SoMF: State of Mediterranean Forest
UE : Union européenne
UfM: Union for the Mediterranean
UpM : Union pour la Méditerranée
WB: World Bank

1. Opening

- Alexander Kastl (GIZ), Robert Save (IRTA), Paco Cano (Profor) and Jose-Maria Solano (MAGRAMA) excused their presence.
- Email inputs received:
 - Algeria (DGF) will help with the follow-up of the Tlemcen Declaration
 - F. Lefevre (INRA Avignon) asks for a reinforced scientific programme
 - Lebanon, Morocco, France & Turkey have confirmed their interest
 - C. Salvignol has offered to participate to the education & training session
 - An offer to participate from a Chilean scientist
 - ONF-I offers help with the Carbon Finance session

2. Organisation of the IV MFW

2.1. Confirmation of the place of the meeting (based on the list from the previous meeting)

The final location is confirmed in the premises of the Historical Site of Sant Pau, with 2 conference rooms for 180 people, plus a series of side rooms for smaller or bilateral meetings, and 2 large areas for coffee breaks and exhibition areas.

2.2. Confirmation of the dates (considering other international events)

- The final dates are confirmed from 17/3 9 AM to 20/3 3 PM.
- Registration will be open on Monday 16/3 between 3 PM & 7 PM.

2.3. Confirmation of the title

“Improving livelihood: role of Mediterranean forests value chains in a green economy”

2.4. Greening of the MFW

- Catering should be organic and locally sourced
- Non-recycled/recyclable materials should be avoided

Ways to reduce the overall carbon footprint of the MFW should be actively pursued : reduce at the minimum the participant toolkit, list of hotel with environmental strategy and accessible on foot from the meeting place, etc.

3. Communication

3.1. Logo

- With a future vision, the website of the MFW would be the same and serve as an historical database (forestweek.org).
- Simple graphic, with sufficient space/blanc, easily readable, connected to social networks (ResearchGate, LinkedIn, Twitter)
- Agreement on GIZ sponsoring CESEFOR's offer
- Agreement on keeping overall look & feel of MFW3 but:
 - Tree and people must be “modernised” to produce a clearer image with a bit more impact
 - The letter and number become the week's logo : MFW4 / 4SFM
 - Include colours within the logo/letters
 - Find a way to have it well readable in B&W printing

3.2. “Save the Date” Leaflet

- Thanks to FAO for bringing in Spanish/Catalan colours, in a proposed version
- Agreement on the “Keywords” version, as a provocative/innovative/fresh option but:
 - Play with keywords to check if we can have a tree-shape
 - We must agree on the keywords (add “water”, “population”→”people”, “energy → bioenergy”
 - Keep overall harmony with colours from the website/logo
 - Special care in the choice of the pictures
- 500 exemplars each in French, English and Spanish
- PDF available for email/social networks diffusion
- FAO Sponsoring editing and printing
- To be ready for the COFO in June (the definitive layout has to be finished for mid-may 2014)

3.3. General Communication

- CESEFOR will prepare a short “Social networks communication guidelines”
- Terms of reference will be the base for the editing of the MFW4 booklet: important
- Terms of reference must be approved in Marseille in September, fine-tuned in October, for a December editing of the booklet
- During COFO, Spain should present the MFW4 and formally invite the rest of Mediterranean countries to participate
- Put a link on the IVMFW in the signature of our email
- The registration for the MFW4 should be done directly online, on the website. The registration platform should be available after the COFO at the end of June.

4. Transversal issues

4.1. Scientific perspective

- There is great value in maintaining the MFW as a space of dialogue space between science, management and administration
- EFIMED considering a review of the state of the MFRA
- Difficult to mix and balance people from different backgrounds; this is not a scientific event
- One of the special rapporteurs will be in charge of giving a scientific perspective to the general conclusions
- For each session, the moderators will choose 1-2 related posters and prepare with their (young) authors possible questions for the debate

4.2. Institutional aspects for the host country

- The Spanish Agriculture Minister should send information/invitation letters to his counterparts in September
- Spain should present MFW4 during COFO and invite other countries to participate, particularly MENA countries
- The Diplomatic network should be used to circulate information about MFW4
- The political high-level session will approve a Policy Brief including Key Messages from the Mediterranean to serve as inputs in other multilateral processes: World Forestry Congress, COP21, Mediterranean Water Forum (Murcia, Spain) and World Water Forum of Daegu
- The Spanish Secretary of State for Cooperation should be involved for the Donors’ session
- Approach possible candidates for the next MFW

4.3. Policy Brief (FAO/Univ. Leuven/EFIMED)

- It is an initiative of *Silva mediterranea*: what the MED has to say to the world

- A multisectoral approach is needed.
- It will be connected with international goals (sustainable development goals (SDG), millenium development goals (MDG))
- It has to be endorsed by each country BEFORE Barcelona
- Present the conceptual framework and proposed structure to the COFO in June

4.4. Gender & geographical balance

- We aim at an overall 50% distribution between Female & Male speakers, moderators & rapporteurs
- The same with the geographical balance
- A special side-event on gender balance will be organised (GIZ)

5. Content of the session

5.1. Welcome (DAAM/CTFC)

- Catalan Minister of Agriculture
- President of *Silva mediterranea*
- State Secretary. or DG MAGRAMA

5.2. Innovation in the Mediterranean forest sector (EFIMED/CTFC)

- Give a pan-Mediterranean perspective, not focused on some countries only

5.3. Continuity with previous MFWs (FAO/Algeria)

- Provides a synthesis of the uptake of Tlemcen & the SFMF
- The aim of this session is to compare and analyse how national forest policies or programmes fulfill the objectives of the SFMF.
- Presents the Policy Brief conclusions, which will be launched officially during the High-Level segment

5.4. Water & Forests (Plan Bleu/Efimed)

- Give a pan-Mediterranean perspective, not focused on some countries only
- Start with the point of view of the (private) water sector (water utility companies)
- Explore future scenarios
- Consider the following aspects:
 - implications of non-management
 - water security for operators
 - water producing/availability
 - water quality
 - “green water/blue water”
 - Water footprint of forestry products

5.5. Bioenergy & Forests (COSE/Remufor/CTFC)

- First part: MACRO level, Second part: MICRO level

- The session must be equilibrated so that the South is represented.
- Provide insights based on future scenarios
- Aspects to be covered
 - Certification of value-chains
 - Firewood use/production
 - Green chemistry
 - Link to Carbon Finance session (REDD+)
- Describe better the format & functioning of the session

5.6. Field visits (CPF & DIBA)

- Connect them to the topics of the MFW
- Leaving at 7h45 from Hotels/Sant Pau, back at Sant Pau at 14h
- Cold lunch during the visits
- Each visit with French/English/Spanish translation
- Possible sites: Mont negre, Montseny parc, Garraf parc

5.7. Tourism & Forests (Remufor)

- Tourism & public access or use
- Local economic development through tourism in forest
- Socio-economic impact of forest fires on tourism
- Short presentation of best practices
- Possible inclusion of hunting
- Associate Lebanon who was active in Tlemcen on that topic

5.8. Forest Products (CESEFOR, GIZ, CTFC)

- Cork should be present
- FFEM pilots sites can serve as examples of local economy development
- Give an overview of the wood markets in the Mediterranean area, related to local development (check SoMF)
- Bring in new faces, a fresh perspective
- Tasting of local products at the end of the session could be foreseen.

5.9. Forest entrepreneurship (EFIMED, CTFC)

- “Marketplace” format: a series of short presentation and then the entrepreneurs are available for free talks
- How to facilitate/foster forest entrepreneurship?
- Success cases from all the Mediterranean area (Lebanon, eco-tourism, hunting,...)
- The CONCERT project on European certification of competence#or forestry contractors is mentioned (Christian Salvignol).
- Explain well the concept in the booklet as this format is innovative
- Financing the participation of 5-10 entrepreneurs can be a problem

5.10. Tools and initiatives to support forest development (AIFM, CESEFOR)

- Some issues overlap the issues addressed in other sessions: biomass, implementation of SFMF. Some other are not considered as relevant in this session: evaluation of *Silva mediterranea*, EU Forestry strategy.
- 2 blocs:
 - 1st with synthesis of past/existing projects/initiatives (gap analysis),
 - 2nd with national strategies and available tools
- Be practical to avoid overlap with Donors sessions
- Take into consideration:
 - Could be Spanish & Tunisian national forest strategies

- Conclusions of part 1 could be a gap analysis of what is needed now
 - The Rapporteur should point out possible future pathways
 - Present situations/tools more than plain results of projects (synthesis)
- 1 special rapporteur to follow-up the whole week and provide a final insight of existing & future needs for cooperation/co-development

5.11. Carbon Finance (FAO, CTFC)

- Implicate the private sector: climate funds, voluntary markets (CTFC)
- Keep enough time for exchanges, including a longer coffee-break
- Prepare a 1 page sheet to be handed inside the room for non-specialists (terminology, structures)
- Involve the Barcelona EU-REDD+ facility (EFIMED)
- Invite 20-30 key people
- English only

5.12. Donors (FAO, Magrama, CTFC)

- Objective is to improve coordination and funding efficiency
- Chair could be UfM
- Implicate EC (ENV, KLIM, REGIO, AGRI, DEVCO)

5.13. Forest Education & Training (UDL, CF PACA)

- Parallel session
- Objective is to improve forest teaching and forest training
- Involve International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
- Involve CIHEAM (Zaragoza, Montpellier, Bari, Chania)
- Involve MEDFOR MSc.
- Mention: Gender education in forestry, dual teaching, distance learning
- Open-up to forest vocational training (and possibly certification schemes)
- Relocate nearer & lighten up the programme
- 2 possible blocks:
 - Challenges of today's Mediterranean forestry
 - Cooperation in Mediterranean forestry education & training: possible joint actions/projects (possible implication of UfM)

5.14. Plenary sessions

- 10' for each rapporteur (2)
- 25' for debate

5.15. General conclusions

- Report from the 2 special rapporteurs (scientific insight & public policy) – ideally one man and one woman, one person from the South and one from the North → synthesis of the whole week
- Presentation of Policy Brief and Key Messages for the World Forestry Congress
- Proposal for the next MFW

5.16. Gala Dinner (DAAM/DIBA)

- Invite Donors & High-Level
- Organised and paid-for by local organisers
- Emblematic place

5.17. High-Level session (Magrama/DAAM/FAO)

- Minister-level invitations
- Welcome: President of Catalonia, Minister of Agriculture of Spain, FAO ADG Forests
- Formal adoption of the Policy Brief
- There has to be a clear commitment from Spain, otherwise it can't be done
- COFO is the right place to launch the formal invitation, Spain has to present its own ideas and invite the rest of countries to get involved

5.18. Plantation/Final Ceremony (CTFC)

- Planting trees inside Barcelona makes little sense and going out is no option
- Replace it by a symbolic ceremony for the Day of the Forests
 - Wooden sculpture/exhibition
 - Offer for installing bird nesting boxes in Sant Pau
 - Handing over to the next host country
 - Ministers offer tree seedlings to young kids from local schools
 - Gastronomic happening around forest-based products

5.19. Side-events

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- Posters: 1st call after COFO, focused on the MFW's themes, 75 max., French, English or Spanish (CESEFOR)
- 4 side events per day max:
 - Triangular cooperation Marocco-Costa Rica-Germany (GiZ)
 - Presentation of other international events/processes: World Forestry Congress, COP21, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) (Plan Bleu/Fao)
 - Gender (GIZ)
 - Future projects (CTFC)
 - MFRA (EFIMED)
 - Young Researchers "Science Speed Dating": 2' presentations (CESEFOR/EFIMED)
 - TBC: Outputs of FFEM project "optimizing the production of goods and services by Mediterranean forests in the context of global changes"
 - Room for 1-2 more (ICTA, network of MED Biosphere reserves?)
- Side-event subject to the inscription of at least 10 participants at registration time

6. BUDGET

- We do not aim at centralising money fluxes: shared expenses model.
- It has to be equilibrated.
- Possible sponsors: water utility companies, energy companies
- Confirm expenses more accurately
- Explain who pays what and possibly adjust fees
- Include a daily attendance fee

7. NEXT STEPS

- 3rd CO on 26th June 2014 in Rome (during the COFO week)
- 4th CO on 17th September 2014, joint with MEDLAND2020 conference. Arrival 16/9, transport to the Forest Training Centre of PACA (in La Bastide des Jourdans – possible accommodation in Pertuis or Lourmarin). CO all day 17/9. 5 PM transport to Marseille. 18/9 MEDLAND2020 conference.

TUESDAY 17/3			WEDNESDAY 18/3			THURSDAY 19/3			FRIDAY 20/3			
8h-9h 9h-9h30 9h30-10h15 10h15-11h 11h-12h45 13h-14h15 14h30-16h30 16h30-17h 17h-17h45 18h-19h	REGISTRATION		7h45-14h 14h30-16h30 16h30-17h 17h-17h45	FIELD TRIP 1: CPF	FIELD TRIP 2: DIBA	9h-10h45 10h45-11h15 11h15-13h 13h15-14h15 14h30-16h30 16h30-17h 17h-17h45	Entrepreneurs hip, innovation & Industry	CARBON FINANCE (GEF/World Bank/African Development Bank...)	LLEIDA UNIVERSITY : education & knowledge transfer in mediterranean forestry			
	WELCOME									¿Breakfast High-Level?		
	KN1. innovation in the Mediterranean forest sector									10h-11h	HIGH LEVEL	(Closed doors)
	Coffee Break									11h-12h	SEGMENT	Plenary
	KN2. continuity with the III MFW									12h-12h30	PRESS CONFERENCE	
	LUNCH			13h-13h30	CEREMONY							
	WATER & FORESTS			OPTIONAL VISIT IN BARCELONA (Montjuic, Parc Güell, Sagrada Familia, etc...)								
	ENERGY & FORESTS											
	Coffee Break											
	PLENARY											
SIDE EVENTS: science, bilaterals, presentations, young researchers, posters, communication, etc...												
		20h30 - 23h	GALA DINER									

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Agenda of the Organizing Committee:

	Date	Location	Occasion
OC 1	8 November 2013	Solsona (Spain) : CTFC	Kick-off seminar of the MEDLAND 2020 project
OC 2	26/27 March 2014	Barcelone (Spain) : EFIMED	
OC 3	26 June 2014	Rome (Italy) : FAO	22 nd session of COFO
OC 4	17 September 2014	La Bastide-des-Jourdans (France) : AIFM	Final conference of the MEDLAND 2020 project
OC 5	January 2015	Barcelone (Spain) : DAAM	-

Other events in which communication regarding the IV MFW is desirable:

Date	Location	Occasion	Responsible
December 2013	Hammamet	EEC Silva Mediterranea&CPMF Steering Committee	FAO and CTFC
January 2014 & April 2014	-	Training course between journalists, NGO, forest administrations (from the Southern part of the Mediterranean)	GIZ
May 2014	-	UnaSilva	FAO
June 2014	-	EFIMED week	EFIMED
June 2014	Rome	COFO 2014	FAO/MAGRAMA
September 2014	-	MEDFORUM	CESEFOR/MMFN
15/19 September 2014	Barcelone (Spain)	Koli-Barcelona Forum	DAAM
22/26 September 2014	Solsona (Spain)	MedPINE 5	CTFC
1st Semester 2014	Greece	DG Forest EU meeting	MAGRAMA
2 nd Semester 2014	Italy	DG Forest EU meeting	MAGRAMA
November	-	Mediterranean Water forum	Plan Bleu

TO DO :

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- Send comments regarding the leaflet to Caterina before 7/4
- Send high-resolution logo to Caterina & Pilar before 7/4
- Confirm title of sessions to Caterina before 7/4
- Send CO the updated ToR with proposed speakers, moderators and rapporteurs before 10/5

CESEFOR

- Update forestweek's website with last versions of SoMF from FAO
- Send CO updated look & feel, logo (early April)
- Prepare 1-2p guidelines on promoting MFW on social networks
- Promote MFW4 during the Cantabria Forest Europe meeting

GIZ

- Promote MFW4 during the MED forest communicators meeting

CTFC

- Update & circulate the 'Communication windows/options' list
- Inform & Liaise with MAGRAMA & DAAM
- Contact private sector for the Carbon Finance session

- Invite EC to the next CO & contact DEVCO F2
- Prepare a list of all proposed speakers, rapporteurs and moderators per country & gender
- Update Budget
- Check with CESEFOR registration process
- Coordinate ToR revision before COFO
- Confirm implication of City of Barcelona
- Confirm Gala Dinner arrangements

FAO

- Send CO word version of leaflet
- Promote MFW4 during COFO (leaflets & posters/roll-ups)
- 3-5 slides on the conceptual framework and structure of the Policy Brief; circulated to partners in May & presented to COFO (by FAO or Spain) in June
- Prepare a 1p sheet for the Carbon Finance session (included in ToR)

MAGRAMA

- Present MFW4 during the June COFO and invite other countries to participate
- Provide input on concept and possible structure of Policy Brief

EFIMED

- Contact EU REDD+ facility for their participation and contacts of national donors

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GENCAT#

- Contact UfM for general participation/sponsoring and chairing EU Donors session

DIBA

- Confirm possible breakfast and commitments

