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Report of the Sub-regional workshop for the Near East countries

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Background

FAO is conducting a series of regional and sub-regional workshops as part of the preparatory work for the country reporting process to the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (FRA 2020). The workshops respond to requests made by National Correspondents to increase FAO's support for capacity building in forest resources assessment.

Objectives of the workshop

The objective of the workshop was to provide National Correspondents with technical support for the finalization of the FRA 2020 Country Reports, due in October 2018. The workshop aimed also to provide an opportunity to assess the status of the compilation of the Country Reports and review data and information already entered in the Platform. This will ensure that data and information provided is as complete, consistent and transparent as possible and improve the quality and reliability of the FRA 2020 estimates.

Summary

The workshop was organized with the support of the FAO Country Office for Lebanon and was held at the premises of the Hotel Lancaster Tamar. In total eighteen (18) people participated in the workshop, among which ten National Correspondents and/or Alternates and FAO staff (list of participants in Annex 2).

Outcomes of the workshop

- Technical assistance and guidance provided to the National Correspondents for the compilation of the country reports and the use of the on-line Platform
- Obstacles that National Correspondents have encountered while compiling the country reports identified and addressed
- An effective learning platform for National Correspondents to interact and share experience on forest related reporting was provided
- A work plan for the compilation and submission of the country reports was established

Structure of the workshop

Mr Chadi Mohanna, Director of Natural Resources and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon welcomed the participants and Dr. Maurice Saade, FAO Representative in Lebanon opened the workshop.

Mr Örjan Jonsson, Forestry Officer FRA presented the FRA 2020 country reporting process and milestones and introduced the workshop objectives.

Countries were then invited to make a brief presentation on the status of their country report, highlighting any problems they have encountered and issues which should be addressed during the workshop.

The country presentations were followed by technical sessions – Work on FRA reporting using the on-line platform. During the technical sessions all FRA tables were reviewed in detail and time was allocated for clarifications and discussions related to preparing the FRA 2020 country reports and the use of the on-line platform.

The **Presentation of forests, trees and range resources in Lebanon** by FAO experts, Mr Michel Bassil, Sustainable Forest Management Expert and Mr Salim Roukoz, GIS Expert took place on the third day of the workshop, sharing in this way, the experience of Lebanon in this subject.

Annex 1: Agenda

11 September 2018 - Arrival of participants	
12 September 2018	
08:30	Registration of participants
09:00 – 10:00	1. Opening of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Chadi Mohanna, Director of Natural Resources and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon ○ Dr. Maurice Saade, FAOR in Lebanon
	2. Organization of work – Mr Orjan Jonsson, Forestry Officer, FAO
	3. FRA 2020: setting the scene – Ms Leticia Pina, Forestry Officer, FAO
<i>10:00 – 10:20</i>	<i>Coffee break and group photo</i>
10:20 – 13:00	4. Countries' presentations – Ms Leticia Pina, Forestry Officer, FAO
<i>13:00 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 15:45	5. Technical session -Work on the FRA 2020 country report – Mr Orjan Jonsson, Forestry Officer, FAO <i>(Coffee)</i>
15:45 – 16:45	○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue)
<i>19:00</i>	<i>Welcome dinner</i>
13 September 2018	
09:00 – 10:30	○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue)
<i>10:30 – 10:45</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 - 13:00	○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue)
<i>13:00 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 16:45	○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue) <i>(Coffee)</i>
14 September 2018	
09:00 – 10:00	○ Presentation of forests, trees and range resources in Lebanon – Mr Michel Bassil, Sustainable Forest Management Expert, FAO, Mr Salim Roukoz, GIS Expert, FAO
<i>10:00 – 10:20</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:20 – 13:00	○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue)
<i>13:00 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>

14:00 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Work on FRA reporting platform (continue)
15:45-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Coffee</i>
16:00 – 16:45	<p>6. Plenary feedback session - Ms Leticia Pina, Forestry Officer, FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ FRA 2020 next steps○ Closing of the workshop

Annex 2: List of participants

COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

Mr Mohammad Aman AMANYAR

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Director General

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LEBANON

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Ministry of Agriculture

LEBANON

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FAO

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Forestry Officer
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Mr Örjan Jonsson
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FAO, FRA

Mr Nabil Assaf
Technical Officer
FAO Algeria

Mr Abdel Hamied Hamid
Senior Forestry Officer
FAO RNE

Mr Salim Roukoz
GIS Expert

FAO – Salma project

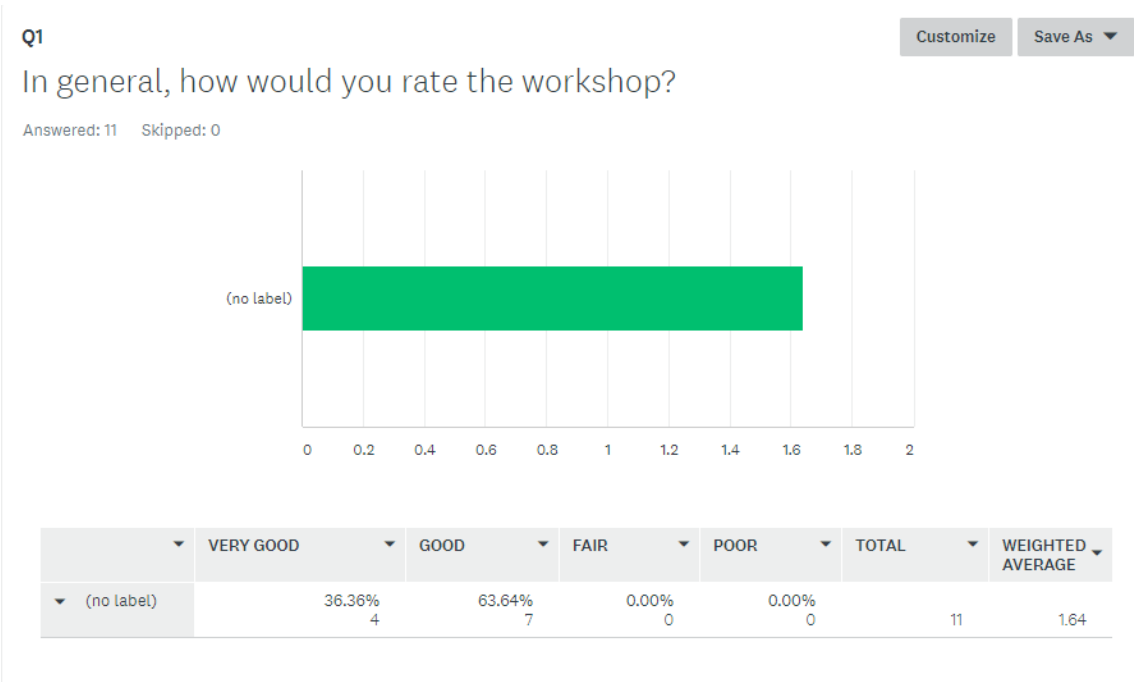
Mr Michel Bassil

Sustainable Forest Management Expert

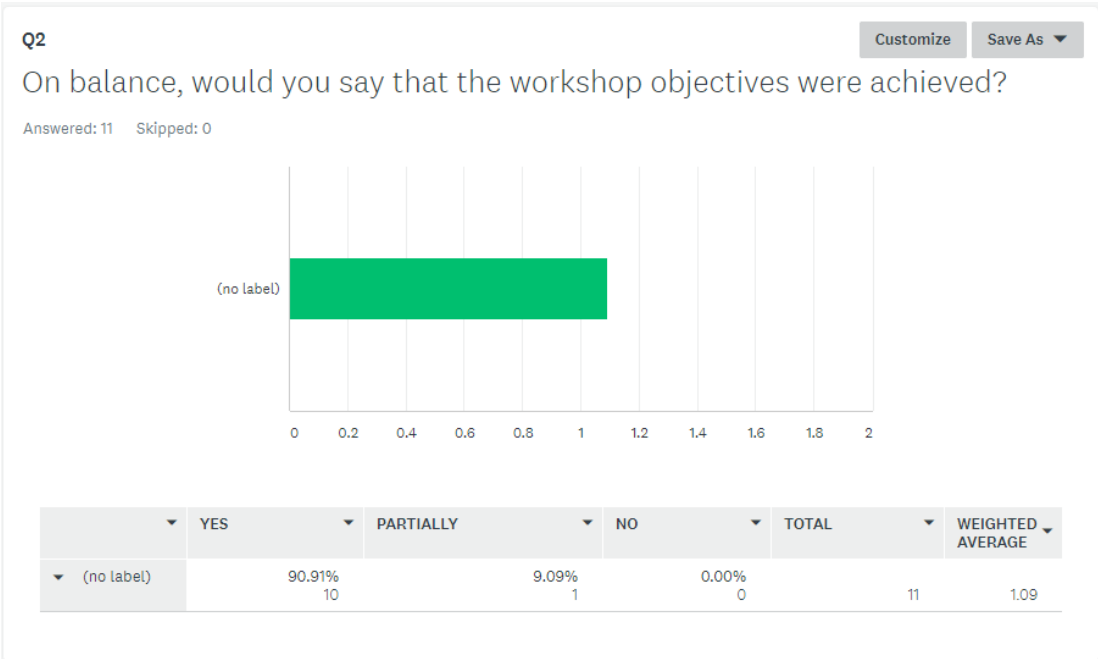
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Annex 3: Workshop evaluation

According to the workshop evaluation, from 11 evaluations, 4 participants rated the workshop to be very good and 7 rated the workshop to be good (figure 1)



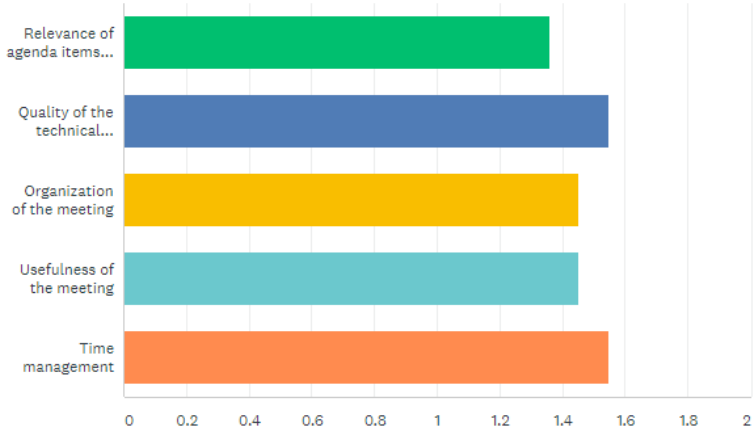
Most participants thought that the workshop objectives were achieved (figure 2)



In general, the overall organization and programme (figure 3) and Logistics (figure 4) were rated very good or good, with one evaluation in the organization and programme as fair concerning the time management.

Organization and programme

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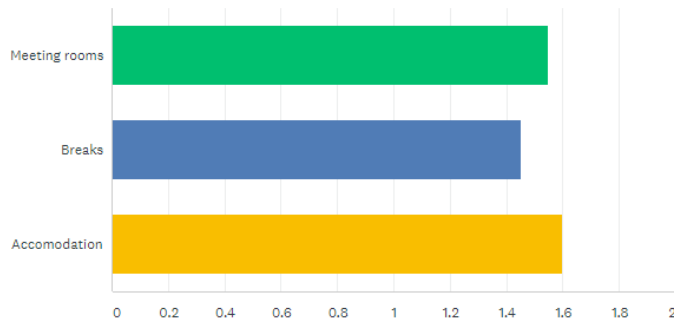
	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Relevance of agenda items to the objectives of the workshop	63.64% 7	36.36% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.36
Quality of the technical sessions	45.45% 5	54.55% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.55
Organization of the meeting	54.55% 6	45.45% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.45
Usefulness of the meeting	54.55% 6	45.45% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.45
Time management	54.55% 6	36.36% 4	9.09% 1	0.00% 0	11	1.55

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Logistics

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	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Meeting rooms	45.45% 5	54.55% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.55
Breaks	54.55% 6	45.45% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	1.45
Accomodation	40.00% 4	60.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10	1.60