



Workshop on Desertification and Restoration in Mediterranean Drylands

09:00 - 10:45 SESSION 1: OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

- Opening remarks: welcoming of participants and introduction to the workshop – *Representative of Turkey*
- Presentation of *Silva Mediterranea* – *Ismail Belen, president of Silva Mediterranea*
- The Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests: policy orientations to restore Mediterranean forest landscapes and the global context for Forest and Landscape Restoration – *Christophe Besacier, FAO*
- The FAO Dryland Restoration Initiative and the Guidelines for the restoration of degraded forests and landscapes in drylands – *Nora Berrahmouni, FAO*
- Presentation of proposed terms of reference for the working group and introduction to the working group sessions – *Ludwig Liagre*

10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 13:00 SESSION 2: WORKING GROUPS SESSIONS

- Identifying the key thematic priorities based on the Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests Strategic Line 6: Restore degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes

GROUP 1: POLICY AND DECISION MAKERS

Recommendation 1: Recognize and ensure the contribution of forests and sustainable forest management in the combat against desertification

Recommendation 2: Identify restoration priorities and goals as well as required funding on the long-term

Recommendation 3: Develop capacity of foresters and users on restoration approaches, practices and tools

Recommendation 4: Manage restoration as a collaborative action by promoting good governance at local level, involving all relevant stakeholders and sectors

Recommendation 5: Plan forest restoration actions at the right scale and with an integrated approach on the long-term and addressing drivers of land degradation and desertification

GROUP 2: PRACTITIONERS

Recommendation 6: Select the right species, varieties and genotypes. The promotion of native species is often the best choice as they meet social, environmental, cultural and economic demand and they are well adapted to environmental constraints such as water scarcity and communities needs

Recommendation 7: Use high quality reproductive plant material (seeds, seedlings, cuttings) of Mediterranean trees, shrubs and grasses with wide genetic diversity

Recommendation 8: Promote natural regeneration to restore forest ecosystems as often as possible particularly after wildfires

Recommendation 9: Ensure sustainable management and protection of the restored areas

Recommendation 10: Ensure monitoring and evaluation for adaptive management

Recommendation 11: Develop and implement participative methods for assessment and monitoring of forest restoration projects for future improvement of results in degraded landscapes

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 16:00 SESSION 3: WORKING GROUPS REPORT TO PLENARY AND DISCUSSION

16:00 - 16:30 SESSION 4: NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP

- Road map and agenda for the next two years (validation) – *Ludwig Liagre*
- Concluding remarks – *Abdelkader Ouraini, Morocco*