

Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes in drylands

International Workshop

Analysis, evaluation and documentation of lessons learnt from forestation and
forest restoration in drylands

Rixos-Hotel

Konya, Turkey, 28-31 May 2012



Organizers	<p>Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey</p> <p>Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA)</p> <p>Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)</p>
Languages	English, French, Russian, Turkish
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing know-how from different countries/regions on forest restoration in drylands; • Identifying key elements of success and failure to improve effectiveness in forest restoration of drylands; • Contributing to the development of a comprehensive monitoring tool to guide implementers in the planning and implementation of field projects/programmes • Contributing to the development of operational guidelines; • Proposing recommendations on the next steps/process for the formulation of project ideas within the framework of existing cooperation initiatives and funding opportunities.
Who should attend?	<p>Participation is upon invitation only. Invited participants will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practitioners active in developing and implementing programmes/projects on afforestation and forest restoration in drylands worldwide • Experts from forestry departments, seed tree centres, NGOs, private sector, research institutions, development agencies, etc

Tentative Agenda

Sunday 27 May: Travel to Konya via Istanbul/Ankara

Monday 28 May: Workshop Day 1		
8.00-9.00	Registration of participants	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey
Session 1 – Opening and Introduction		
Chairperson: Mr. Hanifi Avci, Director General for Desertification and Erosion Control, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs (MFWA)		
9.00-9.20	Opening and welcome	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs; FAO Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia
9.20-9.35	Introduction of participants	Mr. Ekrem Yazici, FAO Ankara
9.35-9.55	Introduction to the collaborative drylands' restoration initiative, workshop objectives and expected outcomes	Ms. Nora Berrahmouni, FAO Rome
9.55-10.25	Assessment and monitoring of dryland restoration projects – the proposed FAO Monitoring Tool	Mr. Pedro Regato, FAO Consultant
10.25-10.40	Questions and answers	
10.40-11.10	Coffee Break	
Session 2 – Climate change and state of the art in forest restoration		
Chairperson: Mr. Ismail Belen, Deputy Director for Desertification and Erosion Control, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs (MFWA)		
11.10-11.30	Forest restoration in Turkey to enhance resilience to climate change	Mr. Mustafa Gozukara, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey
11.30-11.50	Ecological restoration in mediterranean drylands	Mr. Alejandro Valdecantos, Center for Mediterranean Environmental Studies, University of Alicante, Spain
11.50-12.10	Building resilience to climate change: costs and benefits of restoring natural capital in South African drylands	Mr. Christo Marais, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa
12.10-12.30	Questions and answers	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	

Session 2 continued

13.30-13.50	High quality seed and plant production for dryland restoration	Ms. Joelle Schmitt, MONTARAZ Group, Spain
13.50-14.10	Fighting sand encroachment: lessons learnt from Mauritania	Mr. Boubacar Diop, Ministry in charge of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania
14.10-14.30	Restoration of forest landscapes in the southern Caucasus	Mr. Hannes Neuner, WWF Caucasus Programme Office, Georgia
14.30-14.45	Questions and answers	
14.45-15.15	Coffee break	

Session 3 – Working Groups: Identification of significant elements of success and failure in drylands’ restoration programmes
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15.15-15.45	Work organization (formation of working groups, work procedure, moderators, rapporteurs, expected output)	Mr. Walter Kollert, FAO, Rome
15.45-18.00	WG 1: Planning of forest restoration projects, stakeholder participation and contribution to rural development	WG 1 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 2: Policy, governance and regulatory frameworks in support of forest restoration	WG 2 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 3: Production of seeds and seedlings, nursery management, transport of seedlings, economic and ecological considerations for species selection	WG 3 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 4: Field techniques, soil preparation, water and soil management, planting operations, natural regeneration, maintenance and protection of plantings	WG 4 moderator and rapporteur

Tuesday 29 May: Workshop Day 2

Session 4: Multiple benefits of forest restoration in drylands for integrated rural development
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Chairperson: tbd

9.00-9.20	Watershed management and forest restoration in Turkey	Mr. Mahmut Temiz, Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey
9.20-9.40	Enhancing agro-forestry landscapes and food security in drylands: The ‘farmer-managed natural regeneration in the Sahel’ project	Mr. Larwanou Mahamane, African Forest Forum, Kenya

Session 4 continued

9.40-10.00	Restoration of drylands for improved livelihoods and environmental resilience in Eastern and Southern Africa: the role of agroforestry	Mr. Daniel Ofori, World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF), Kenya
10.00-10.15	Questions and answers	
10.15-10.45	Coffee break	
10.45-11.05	Afforestation in the Aral sea water basin	Mr. Zinoviy Novitskiy, The Landscape and Forestry Research Center, Uzbekistan
11.05-11.25	The Acacia Operation Project : Lessons learnt from Niger and Kenya	Mr. Meshack Muga, Forestry Research Institute, Kenya, Mr. Abdou Maisharou, Ministry of Water and Environment, Niger
11.25-11.45	Forestation and restoration within the Great Green Wall Initiative in Senegal : preliminary results, lessons learnt and challenges	Mr. Papa Sarr, National Agency of the Great Green Wall, Senegal
11.45-12.00	Questions and answers	
12.00-13.00	Lunch	

Session 5 - Working Groups continue: Identification of significant elements of success and failure in drylands' restoration programmes

Including Coffee break	WG 1: Planning of forest restoration projects, stakeholder participation and contribution to rural development	WG 1 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 2: Policy, governance and regulatory frameworks in support of forest restoration	WG 2 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 3: Production of seeds and seedlings, nursery management, transport of seedlings, economic and ecological considerations for species selection	WG 3 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 4: Field techniques, soil preparation, water and soil management, planting operations, natural regeneration, maintenance and protection of plantings	WG 4 moderator and rapporteur

Session 6: Working groups report to plenary

Chairperson: tbd

15.00-15.30	WG 1: Planning of forest restoration projects, stakeholder participation and contribution to rural development, incl. Q &A	WG 1 rapporteur
15.30-16.00	WG 2: Policy, governance and regulatory frameworks in support of forest restoration, incl. Q &A	WG 2 rapporteur

Session 6 continued

16.00-16.30	WG 3: Production of seeds and seedlings, nursery management, transport of seedlings, economic and ecological considerations for species selection, incl. Q &A	WG 3 rapporteur
16.30-17.00	WG 4: Field techniques, soil preparation, water and soil management, planting operations, natural regeneration, maintenance and protection of plantings, incl. Q &A	WG 4 rapporteur
17.00-17.30	Briefing for field trip	TEMA and Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs

Wednesday 30 May: Workshop Day 3

Field trip

Proposed site: The Karapinar restoration project (Turkish Gov, TEMA, Selcuk University)

Thursday 31 May: Workshop Day 4

Session 7 - Working Groups: Assessing the proposed FAO monitoring tool for forest restoration in drylands

8.30-9.00	Work organization (formation of working groups, work procedure, moderators, rapporteurs, expected output)	Ms. Nora Berrahmouni, FAO, Rome
9.00-11.00 Including coffee break	WG 1 – Mediterranean countries	WG 1 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 2 – Central Asian countries	WG 2 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 3 – Sub-Saharan African countries	WG 3 moderator and rapporteur
	WG 4 – Drafting committee for a summary report on forest restoration guidelines (structure and contents)	WG 4 moderator and rapporteur
11.00-12.30	Reports of 4 working groups to plenary incl. questions & answers	WG-Rapporteurs
12.30-13.30	Lunch	

Session 8: Opportunities for international cooperation and funding		
Chairperson: tbd		
13.30-15.00	Cooperation and funding opportunities for dryland restoration projects. Brief presentation by international cooperation agencies and organisations (5-10 minutes each)	Representatives of international organisations
15.00-16.00	Outline of planned and on-going dryland restoration projects. Brief presentation by regions (max. 15 minutes each)	Rapporteurs from regions
16.00-16.30	Questions and Answers	
16.30-17.00	Coffee break	

Session 9: Follow up and closing		
17.00-17.30	Summary and conclusions	Ms. Nora Berrahmouni, Mr. Ekrem Yazici, Mr. Pedro Regato, FAO
17.30-17.45	Closing	Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey