**URBAN AND PERIURBAN FORESTRY IN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**

**Information meeting on the Silva Mediterranea Working group on UPF**

**1st Meeting of the Provisional Secretariat of Silva Med Working Group on UPF Follow-up to MED-Ways Workshop**

Leipzig, Germany

*Date: Tuesday, 08 May 2012, 13h30 to 15h30*

*Venue: Leipziger KUBUS, Lecture Hall 2*

**Back-to-Back to the Seminar**

**“15thEuropean Forum on Urban Forestry**

**''Urban Forests - Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Management"**

**Leipzig, Germany, 8-12 May 2012**

**(Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research – UFZ)**

**- Provisional Annotated Agenda –**

**Background**

The 21st session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-Silva Mediterranea (Antalya, 2-3 February 2012) approved the new Silva Med Working Group on Urban and Periurban Forestry (WG 7) with the purpose of strengthening the exchange of experiences and the networking among the Mediterranean countries on the emerging theme of Urban and Periurban Forests (UPF).

The working group is co-lead by Italy (*Fabio Salbitano* and *Giovanni* *Sanesi*) and Turkey (*Serhun* *Sağlam* and *Sami* *Baycelebi*) with the support of the FAO Forestry Department (*Michelle* *Gauthier* – *FAO Forestry Officer*) (See Secretariat Note # 14 for the background and the proposed TORs of the WG).

Since its approval, the Provisional Secretariat has hired an Intern located in FAO who will support the Provisional Secretariat for the first 3 months (20 April to 20 July 2012). It also supported, FAO as Partner, to the preparation of ENPI CBC Med call for proposals - Dépôt GOFOPMED “Governance for managed and shared mediteranean periurban forests” (“Gouvernance pour des FOrêts Périurbaines MEDiterranéennes gérées et partagées”) (David Gasc, AIFM – Association Internationale Forêts Méditerranéennes/International Association for Mediterranean Forests).

The priorities are to define mandate and modalities of work, secure funding for its activities, constitute a core group of members and partners for an efficient functioning.

In 2011, the University of Bari and Florence, the EFUF and FAO have organized a 2-day workshop “Medways” to strengthen UPF networking in Mediterranean countries and improve their relationship with the European Forum on Urban Forestry (Firenze, 16-19 December 2011).

In occasion to the 15th European Forum of Urban Forestry (Leipzig 8 to 12 May 2012), FAO and the Working Group on Urban Forestry of Silva Mediterranea are organizing a back-to-back meeting on 8th May in order to undertake the 1st meeting of the Provisional Secretariat of the UPF WG of Silva Med and provide a follow-up to the Medways workshop.

The Silva Med meeting will be immediately followed in the same venue by a meeting on UPF Guidelines and Global Issues (from 16h00 to 18h30).

**Objectives of the meeting**

The objectives of the meeting are: (i) to inform the participants on Silva Med and its UPF Working group; (ii) held the 1st Provisional Secretariat meeting and get advice from the participants for its programme of work based on collaboration and partnership; and, (iii) follow-up on the recommendations of MED-Ways workshop for improving the synergy between global activities on UPF (including the FAO preparation of Guidelines) and taking opportunities of international events; (iv) explore areas of collaboration and partnership, including for resources mobilization.

**Programme**

The proposed programme of the meeting is presented in Annex 1.

**Secretariat of the meeting**

The Secretariat of the meeting will be chaired by Fabio Salbitano. The secretariat of the meeting is composed of Serhun Saglam (Turkey), Bertille Fages (FAO) and Michelle Gauthier (FAO).

**Invited Participants**

The invitation is extended to all 15th European Forum on Urban Forestry 2012 to be held in Leipzig from 8 to 12 May 2012; those attending the Meeting on Silva Med are encouraged to participate to the following meeting on Global issues and UPF Guidelines (16h00 to 18h30). The invitation was also extended to the 26 Member Countries of Silva Med

***References***

1. Proposal of a provisional budget (April 2012 to April 2013) for the Working Group on UPF
2. First draft of the Chapter 2.4 (deadline: 31 July 2012) and Case-Study (deadline: 31 May 2012) on Urban and Periurban Forests for the State of the Mediterranean Forests (SoFM)
3. Proposal of a Concept note to raise money for the first year of activity (April 2012-April 2013) of the Working Group on UPF
   * + Silva Med Home Page << [http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/](https://faohqmail.fao.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=8aa02a5897f84880b4364ed0e1ac6abe&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.fao.org%2fforestry%2fsilvamed%2fen%2f)>>
     + Silva Med Newsletter March 2012:

<<[http://www.fao.org/forestry/31800-093c15cc88e5e71c526a9a30eb1531069.pdf](https://faohqmail.fao.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=8aa02a5897f84880b4364ed0e1ac6abe&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.fao.org%2fforestry%2f31800-093c15cc88e5e71c526a9a30eb1531069.pdf)>>

* + - Secretarial Note # 14 on UPF <<[http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/](https://faohqmail.fao.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=8aa02a5897f84880b4364ed0e1ac6abe&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.fao.org%2fforestry%2fsilvamed%2f4911%2fen%2f)>>

Annex

* Annex 1: Proposed programme for the meeting
* Annex 2: Calendar of related Events

**Annex 1**

**Proposed Programme of the meeting**

***“Global issues and Urban and Periurban Forestry Voluntary Guidelines”***

**(from 13:30 to 15:30)**

1. Brief introduction (by Chairpersons)
2. UPF Working Group of Silva Med
   1. Information on Silva Med and the UPF WG of Silva Med
   2. State of Mediterranean Forests (SOMF) – Preparation of a chapter 2.4 on UPF and Case-Study
   3. Programme and Modalities of work based on collaborative partnership
   4. Areas of common interests and collaboration with EFUF, participants and other partners
3. Participation to the finalization of “Towards UPF Guidelines” and “UPF Guidelines”
4. Follow-up to the MED-Ways workshop
5. Any other related matters
6. Closure of the Meeting (by Chairpersons)

***Note: The meeting will be followed by the meeting on Global issues and Urban and Periurban Forestry Voluntary Guidelines, same venue, from 16h00 to 18h30.***

**Annex 2**

**Calendar of related events 2012 - 2014**

**Selected international events related to urban and forestry issues**

* 16-20 January 2012: *18th Session African Forestry and Wildlife Commission*, FAO, Cotonou, Benin.
* 29 January - 2 February 2012: *20th Session Near East Forestry and Range Commission*,Antalya, Turkey.
* 2-3 February 2012: *21st Session Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – Silva Mediterranea*, FAO, Antalya, Turkey.
* 5-7 March 2012: *1st Biennial Congress on Urban Green Spaces (CUGS)*, Aravali Foundation for Education and Delhi Government, New Delhi, India.
* 5-9 March 2012: *27th Session Latin America and Caribbean Forestry Commission*, FAO, Asunción, Paraguay.
* 8-9 May 2012: *26th Session North American Forest Commission*, FAO, Québec, Canada.
* 8-12 May 2012: *15th European Forum on Urban Forestry ''Urban Forests – Ecosystem Services and Sustainable Management"*, EFUF – IUFRO, Leipzig, Germany. Back-to-back: FAO workshop for Mediterranean countries; 1st meeting of the Working Group on UPF of the Silva Mediterranea Committee.
* 12-15 May 2012: [*Resilient Cities 2012 – 3rd  World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change*](http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/bonn2012/), ICLEI, Bonn, Germany.
* 22 - 24 May 2012: *Conference “Forest for People”*, IUFRO, Alpbach, Tyrol/Austria.
* 12-14 June. *EFIMED week*, EFIMED, Tunis, Tunisia
* [30 May-2 June 2012: *World Congress 2012*](http://www.iclei.org/?id=12137), ICLEI, Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
* 4-6 June 2012: [*Rio+20 Global Town Hall*](http://local2012.iclei.org/iclei-and-rio-20/), ICLEI, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
* 20 - 22 June 2012: *Rio+20*, The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
* 1-7 September 2012: *World Urban Forum 7 – The Urban Future*, UN-HABITAT, Naples, Italy.
* *6-15 September 2012: IUCN World Conservation Congress 2012. Venue: International Convention Center, Jeju (Cheju-Do), Korea, Republic of Korea*
* 24-28 September 2012: *21st Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO)*, FAO, Rome, Italy.
* 1st October 2012 (1st Monday of October): *World Habitat Day* (UN-Habitat)
* 8-19 October 2012: *COP of the CBD*; Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), India
* 20-22 November 2012: [*Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea*](http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/)*,* Algeria
* 5-12 November 2012: *Biannual IUFRO Forest Landscape Ecology Conference – Sustaining Humans and Forests in Changing Landscapes: Forests, Society and Global Change*, IUFRO, Concepción, Chile.
* 17-21 March 2013*, 3rd Mediterranean Forest Week,* Tlemcen*,* Algeria
* 9-18 April 2013: *10th Session of United Nation Forum on Forests (UNFF) Item on "Benefits of forests and trees to urban communities"*; Istanbul, Turkey.
* May 2013: *16th European Forum on Urban Forestry*, EFUF – IUFRO – University of Florence and University of Bari, Milan, Italy
* 2014: *3rd World Congress of Agroforestry*, ICRAF, New Delhi
* *[calendar to be completed]*