

Key questions to be addressed

- How to transfer/adapt lessons learnt among practitioners and further disseminate them within interested actors and organizations working on drylands (initiatives, ongoing projects)?
- What is the real impact of the current projects and programmes?
- Is there a good systematic global monitoring and evaluation system to trace progress and lessons from current projects and programmes?
- Can we improve/develop an effective networking framework for sharing know-how and establishing a sustainable cooperation mechanism among practitioners?
- What is needed to upscale the lessons learnt and results so far?
- What is needed to be done for strengthening synergies and coordination (among different stakeholders and organizations within and between countries) to address environmental and socio-economic challenges in drylands?



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XIII WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS SIDE EVENT ON

**Arid zone forests' contributions to biodiversity conservation,
 combating desertification and sustainable livelihoods:
 The Global Challenge in a Changing World**



A side event organized by FAO in collaboration with the African Union Commission, The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)/Senegal, NGARA (Network of Gum Arabic and Resins), IUCN Mediterranean Cooperation Centre, Mediterranean Regional Office of the European Forest Institute (EFIMED), UNEP-WCMC, CBD Secretariat, the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD and GTZ.

Venue: Sala Lapacho **Date:** 22 October (18:30 - 20:30)

Format: Brief presentations/statements by key note speakers from panel, followed by discussion.



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Objectives

- To share information on the vulnerability of dryland forest landscapes to global change (environmental and socio-economic challenges) and the social, environmental and economic implications of continued dryland forest degradation and loss.
- To share information about needs and opportunities (ecological restoration, adaptive management, capacity building, research, good governance, market opportunities, monitoring systems) to build and/or enhance resilience (both at socio-economic and environmental levels) of dryland forest socio-ecosystems.
- To share lessons and promote networking among current initiatives addressing environmental and socio-economic challenges in dryland forest landscapes.

Expected Outputs

- Networking opportunities identified for current on-going initiatives.
- Synergies with UNCBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC, and a joint position to raise the profile of dryland forests in conventions negotiations (including the forthcoming Climate Change COP in Copenhagen).
- Sharing tasks for an initiative on building resilience of dryland forest landscapes. Who? Where?



Agenda

Time	Speaker	Title
18:30 – 18:35	Chairman	Welcome to the panelists and participants. Presentation of the panelists
18:35 – 18:45	Moujahed Achouri (FAO, Chief FOMC)	Introduction to the side event, objectives and expected outputs
18:45 – 19:00	Representative from AUC and Cisse Matar, GGWSSI (Senegal)	The Great Green Wall for the Sahara and Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bringing the political will into implementation• Country-level implementation: The case of Senegal
19:00 – 19:10	Sheila Mbiru, NGARA Secretariat	The Network for Natural Gums and Resins in Africa (NGARA): Lessons learnt and challenges
19:10 – 19:20	Pedro Regato, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	Building resilience of dryland forest landscapes in the Mediterranean: Securing environmental services and livelihoods under a global change scenario
19:20 – 19:30	Marc Palahí, EFIMED	Adapting the forest research agenda to the global change: An example from the Mediterranean
19:30 – 19:40	Jones Ruhonbe Kamugisha, GM-UNCCD	UNCCD: Major issues of COP 9 with regards to forests
19:40 – 19:50	Tim Christopherson, UNCBD Secretariat	The UNCBD commitments on forestry and agroforestry in dry and sub-humid lands
19:50 – 20:20	All	Discussion
20:20 – 20:30	Chairman	Wrap-up and next steps