



Special Panel on “International Cooperation, Lessons Learned and Best Practices in Sustainable Management of Zagros Forests”

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Agenda

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Inaugural Ceremony

- Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Recitation from the Holy Quran
- Remarks by H.E. Dr. Kazem Gharibabadi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the I.R. of Iran
- Remarks by Mr. Ali Teimouri, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Jihad & Head of Natural Resources and Watershed Organization of the I.R. of Iran
- Remarks by Mr. Hamid Amani Hamedani, Deputy for Technical infrastructure and production Affairs of Plan and Budget Organization of the I.R. of Iran
- Remarks by Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator in the I.R. of Iran

10:00-10:10 Video Clip on Zagros Forests and its Natural Resources

10:15-11:15 Thematic Session 1: Mainstreaming a local community-based approach in Designing and implementing workable pathways, programs and solutions

Facilitator: Dr. Naghi Sha'banian, Advisor to the Head of Natural Resources & Watershed Management Organization (NRWO) of I.R. of Iran

- **Mr. Osvaldo Quintanilla Loayza**,
UNDP Regional Advisor for Climate and Forests Programme (virtually)
- **Mr. Moghaddasi**,
Former Head of Center of International Affairs of Department of Environment of the I. R. of Iran
- **Dr. Hamid Nouri**,
Director General of Watershed Management and Soil Conservation, Natural Resources and Watershed

Management Organization of Iran, Director of the International Center for Integrated Watershed Management and Biological Resources in Arid and Semi-arid Regions under the auspices of UNESCO (ICIMWB)

- **Mr. Mozafar Afshar**, “Father of Iranian Oak Trees”, Conservationis, Representative of Local Community
- **Ms. Maedeh Salimi**, Representative of Environment and Sustainable Development NGO
- Questions and Answers

11:15-11:30 Tea Break

11:30-12:45 Thematic Session 2: Legal, social and economic implications and successful Domestic and international experiences and best practices in sustainable forest Management

Facilitator: Mr. MirGhaesemi, Former National Project Director (NPD) in Minarid & Former Director General of Bureau of Land Capability Mapping & Public Land Utilization Affairs Center for International Cooperation in FRWO

- **Mr. Ilias Animon**,
Forestry Officer, FAO Regional Office, Bangkok (**virtually**)
- **Ms. Letizia Rossano**,
Director, UN ESCAP Asia and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, Tehran
- **Dr. Mohammad Pouryegan**
Head of Secretariat Group of the Supreme Council for Spatial Planning of Iran
- **Dr J.V. Sharma**,
Senior Director, The Energy Resources Institute, India (**virtually**)
- **Mr. Sinan BİLGE**,
General Directorate of Forestry Department of Forest And Village Relations of Türkiye (**virtually**)
- **Ms. Maria Sokolenko**,
Deputy Head of analytical unit, Federal Forestry Agency of Russia (**virtually**)
- Questions and Answers

12:45-14.00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Thematic Session 3: International cooperation and technical and financial support

Facilitator: Ms. Ayshanie Medagangoda-Labe, Country Representative, UNDP-Iran

- **Mr. Matthias Georg Jurek**,
Mountains Team Leader - Biodiversity, People and Landscapes Unit, UNEP (**virtually**)
- **Dr. Hannes Knapp**,
Geobotanist and landscape ecologist (**virtually**)
- **Mr. Satrio Wicaksono**
Regional Coordinator, Forest and Drylands, IUCN Asia (**virtually**)
- **Mr. Osamu Tanaka**, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency in Iran

- **Mr. Philipp Winkler**, Counselor, Embassy of Austria in Iran
- Questions and Answers

15:00-16:00 Thematic Session 4: Role of United Nations in supporting sustainable management of forests in the world, particular focus on Zagros forests

Facilitator: H.E. Gholamhossein Darzi, Director General for International Environmental and Sustainable Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the I.R. of Iran

- **Dr. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi**,
Chief, Policy Analysis and Intergovernmental Support Section, Secretariat of the UN Forum on Forests (virtually)
- **Mr. Javad Momeni**,
First Counselor, Permanent Mission of the I. R. of Iran to the UN in New York (virtually)
- **Mr. Alireza Mohammadi**,
National Programme Officer, UNDP Iran
- Questions and Answers

16:00 – 16:30 – Closing Session

- Concluding remarks by the UN Resident Coordinator to the I.R. of Iran, **Mr. Stefan Priesner**
- Concluding remarks by **H.E. Gholamhossein Darzi**, Director General for International Environmental and Sustainable Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the I.R. of Iran

16:30-17:00 Tea Break and End of event
