

Curriculum Vitae for

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## 1. Basic Information

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## 2. Professional Background

- [Deputy Director General](#), General Directorate of Combating to Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey, from 2011 to date,
- **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2007-2011.
- **Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister**, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007,
- **Head of the Department** of Planning and Coordination, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, Ministry of Forests, 2003-2005,
- **Division Director** at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
- **Engineer**, 1999-2001
- **Forest Ranger** at the Field, 1992-1998

### 3. Education

- [Special Program for Senior Managers in Government](#)- Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government<sup>1</sup>, 2013,
- [Master's Degree on Public Management](#)- 2006-2010, Institute of Public Administration for Turkey and Middle East (Accredited by European Association for Public Administration Accreditation<sup>2</sup>)
- [Seminar On EU Basics Programme, 2005](#), European Institute of Public Administration<sup>3</sup>(EIPA), Brussels,
- [Training Course on "Forest Resources Information Systems<sup>4</sup>"](#), 2000, Finland
- [Master's Degree on Forestry](#), 1996-2001, The Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences of Karadeniz Technical University<sup>5</sup>,
- [Undergraduate Education](#), 1986-1991, Karadeniz Technical University, Forestry Faculty<sup>6</sup>,

### 4. International Experiences and Projects

- **President** of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranea)<sup>7</sup>(2012-2016)
- **Member** of Advisory Committee of FORESTERRA<sup>8</sup> Project (2012-2015)
- **TCDC Consultant of Awareness Creation and Training for the FAO's Project** "Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds In Central Asia and the Caucasus [GCP/SEC/002/TUR](#)"- 2014
- **National Coordinator for the FAO's Project** "Alignment of Turkey's National Action Plan with UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and reporting process" GCP/TUR/060/GFF, 2014
- **Member** of "Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe", 2011
- **Vice Chair** of the **European Forestry Commission**, 2010-2011

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ksgexecprogram.harvard.edu/Programs/smg/overview.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.todaie.gov.tr/dosya/akreditasyon.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.gonder.org.tr/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2005-ismail-belen-Sertifika.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.gonder.org.tr/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/sertifika.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fbe.ktu.edu.tr/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.orman.ktu.edu.tr/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.foresterra.eu/>

- **Member** of the Steering Committee of European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds<sup>9</sup>
- **Chair** of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in **Syria**<sup>10</sup>” Project, 2010-2011
- **Member** of the “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region<sup>11</sup>” (**Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey**), 2009-2011.
- **Member** of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project<sup>12</sup>, **Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States**,2004

### *5. Some International Meetings and Visits*

- **2014, Turkey**, International Turkish - African Congress<sup>13</sup>: Sectorial and Financial Transformation in Africa,
- **2014, Turkey**, International Training Workshop on Seed, Nursery and Plantation Techniques in Semi-Arid Areas<sup>14</sup>,
- **2013, Turkey**, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and [Ecosystem Services](#), (IPBES<sup>15</sup>)
- 2013,**Tunisia**, Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea<sup>16</sup>,
- 2013,**Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forestry (UNFF10),
- 2013 **Algeria**, Third Mediterranean Forestry Week,
- 2013,**Senegal**, International Workshop on Building forest landscapes resilient to global changes,<sup>17</sup>
- 2012, **Niger**, Establishing Turkish-Niger Brotherhood Forest<sup>18</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/62778/en/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/Haberler/HaberGoruntule.aspx?List=b5227992-7788-41c4-8a38-24e745c3108e&ID=8112> or <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/SuriyeProjesi/Sayfalar/default.aspx> or <http://foris.fao.org/static/data/silva-med/fao-syria-capacity-building-sustainable-forest-management.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/mena/english/Sayfalar/WorkingGroup.aspx> or <http://www.giz-cpmf.org/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/globe/europe/mideast.htm#2>

<sup>13</sup> [http://www.tasam.org/en/Icerik/5237/rising\\_africa\\_meets\\_in\\_istanbul](http://www.tasam.org/en/Icerik/5237/rising_africa_meets_in_istanbul)

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.cem.gov.tr/erozyon/AnaSayfa/oak.aspx?sflang=tr>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.ipbes.net/plenary/ipbes-2.html>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/>

<sup>17</sup> [www.fao.org/forestry/aridzone/82537/en/](http://www.fao.org/forestry/aridzone/82537/en/)

<sup>18</sup> [http://www.ormansu.gov.tr/osb/haberduyuru/duyurular/12-08-07/T%C3%9CRK%C4%B0YE\\_-\\_N%C4%B0JER\\_DOSTLUK\\_ORMANI\\_A%C3%87ILI%C5%9EI\\_YAPILDI.aspx?sflang=tr](http://www.ormansu.gov.tr/osb/haberduyuru/duyurular/12-08-07/T%C3%9CRK%C4%B0YE_-_N%C4%B0JER_DOSTLUK_ORMANI_A%C3%87ILI%C5%9EI_YAPILDI.aspx?sflang=tr)

- 2012, **Austria**, First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe (INC-Forests<sup>19</sup>)
- 2012, **Algeria**, Fourth Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea<sup>20</sup>
- 2012, **Greek**, Regional workshop of experts to develop a Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests<sup>21</sup>
- 2011, **Brussels**, Preparatory meeting for INC<sup>22</sup>
- 2011, **Turkey**, United Nations Forum on Forests, First Meeting of the Bureau of the Tenth Session (UNFF10 Bureau)<sup>23</sup>
- 2011, **Czech Republic**, Preparatory meeting for INC<sup>24</sup>
- 2011, **Germany**, Regional Meeting Preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) for Annex IV<sup>25</sup>
- 2011, **South Korea**, UNCCCD COP10,
- 2011, **USA**, UNFF 9,
- 2011, **Egypt**, Regional workshop on “Forest policy and Integrating Climate change in NFPs in the Near East Region”.
- 2010, **Hungary**, Climate Change impacts on Forest Management in Europe and Central Asia<sup>26</sup>,
- 2011, **Norway**, Forest Europe Ministerial Conference<sup>27</sup>,
- 2011, **France**, Second Mediterranean Forestry Week<sup>28</sup>,
- 2011, **Germany**, Study visit to the plants producing electric from forest biomass<sup>29</sup>,
- 2009-2010, **Syria**, Project implementation<sup>30</sup>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.forestnegotiations.org/INC/INC1>

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/>

<sup>21</sup> <http://biodiversity-l.iisd.org/events/workshop-on-the-strategic-framework-on-mediterranean-forests-sfmf/>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/4.INCBureauAudiomeeting14December2011.pdf>

<sup>23</sup> [http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/bureau/unff10/minutes\\_28062011.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/forests/pdf/bureau/unff10/minutes_28062011.pdf)

<sup>24</sup> [http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/3.INCBureaumeetingPrague23\\_24Nov2011.pdf](http://www.forestnegotiations.org/docs/minutes/3.INCBureaumeetingPrague23_24Nov2011.pdf)

<sup>25</sup>

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/Regions/NM/meetings/regional/COP10%20Preparatory/Annex%20IV%20regional%20meeting%20report.pdf>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.fao.org/europe/meetings-and-events-2010/cc-forest/en/>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.iisd.ca/yimb/forest/femc/2011/>

<sup>28</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/birimler/merkez/egitim/disiliskiler/Dokumanlar/gorevraporlari/Avignon-gorev-raporu.pdf>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.db-technologies.nl>

- 2010-2012, **Italy**, Committee on Forestry of FAO<sup>31</sup>,
- 2010, **Belarus**, International Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in CIS Countries<sup>32</sup>,
- 2010, **Slovak Republic**, European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds<sup>33</sup>,
- 2010, **Hong Kong**, Study visit and conference on Mobile Government,
- 2009, **Denmark**<sup>34</sup>, UNFCCC COP 15,
- 2009, **Germany**, Bonn Climate Change Conference<sup>35</sup>
- 2009, **Spain**, Climate meetings for the preparation of UNFCCC<sup>36</sup>
- 2009, **Turkey**, 5th World Water Forum,
- 2009, **Turkey**, Forest Europe Workshop on Forest and Water<sup>37</sup>
- 2008, **Switzerland**, MCPFE Expert Level Meeting<sup>38</sup>
- 2008, **Jordan**, Study visit for the preparation of World Water Forum<sup>39</sup>.
- 2008, **Israel**, Study visit on dry zone forestry activities.
- 2008, **Canada**, International Model Forest Network (IMFN) Global Forum<sup>40</sup>
- 2008, **South Africa**, Study visit to Pilanesberg National Park<sup>41</sup>
- 2008, **Russia**, International Conference on Forest and Climate and International Forest Forum<sup>42</sup>,
- 2008, **Norway**, Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting<sup>43</sup>
- 2008, **Turkey**, COST Strategic workshop, "Forest Ecosystems in a changing environment"

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<sup>30</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/diger/SuriyeProjesi/Sayfalar/default.aspx>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.iisd.ca/fao/cof20/>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.fao.org/europe/meetings-and-events-2010/wood-energy/en/>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.fao.org/forestry/82642/en/>

<sup>34</sup> <http://web.ogm.gov.tr/Haberler/HaberGoruntule.aspx?List=b5227992-7788-41c4-8a38-24e745c3108e&ID=7809>

<sup>35</sup> [http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn\\_mar\\_2009/meeting/6312.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/bonn_mar_2009/meeting/6312.php)

<sup>36</sup> [http://unfccc.int/meetings/barcelona\\_nov\\_2009/meeting/6299/php/view/schedule.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/barcelona_nov_2009/meeting/6299/php/view/schedule.php)

<sup>37</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/mcpfe-workshop-forests-and-water](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/mcpfe-workshop-forests-and-water)

<sup>38</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/mcpfe-expert-level-meeting](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/mcpfe-expert-level-meeting)

<sup>39</sup> <http://trg.docdat.com/docs/135/index-5878-11.html>

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.imfn.net/events/20th?q=node/474>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.places.co.za/html/pilanesberg-map.html>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.rosleshoz.gov.ru/english/media/photos/11>

<sup>43</sup> [http://www.foresteuropa.org/other\\_meetings/expert\\_level\\_meeting\\_oslo](http://www.foresteuropa.org/other_meetings/expert_level_meeting_oslo)

- 2007, **Germany**, Steering Committee Meeting for the COST workshop "Forest ecosystems in a changing environment"
- 2006, **Kazakhstan**, Ministerial Meeting of Economic Cooperation Organization<sup>45</sup>,
- 2006, **Austria**, European Union Ministerial Meeting<sup>46</sup> on Environment,
- 2005, **USA**, UNFF5
- 2005, **Cyprus**, Meeting on Monitoring and Evaluation of Watersheds in the Middle East Region,
- 2005, **Brussels**, EU Basics Module- EuroMed Training of Public Administrations<sup>47</sup>
- 2005, **USA**, International Seminar on Watershed Management<sup>48</sup>,
- 2005, **Italy**, Study visit for "forest reproductive materials"
- 2005, **France**, Study visit for mountainous area management.
- 2003, **Cuba**<sup>49</sup>, UNCCD COP6<sup>50</sup>,
- 2003, **Switzerland**, Second Workshop for Northern Mediterranean focal points on regional cooperation activities within Annex IV<sup>51</sup>
- 2003, **Netherlands**, Study visit for nurseries and seedlings.
- 2000, **Finland**, Training Courses on Remote Sensing.

#### **6. Experiences on CSO's**

- Founding President of "Association of the People **Caring for the Future**<sup>52</sup>"-
- Member of the Aid Foundation for the Members of General Directorate of Forestry and Chairman of the Board of Representatives<sup>53</sup> for 2009-2010
- Member of "Forest Engineers Chamber<sup>54</sup>" Member of "Green Turkey Foresters Association<sup>55</sup>"

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<sup>44</sup> [http://www.cost.eu/events/node\\_1355](http://www.cost.eu/events/node_1355)

<sup>45</sup> <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2006/06/20060628-3.htm>

<sup>46</sup> <http://hurarsiv.hurriyet.com.tr/goster/haber.aspx?id=4446785&tarih=2006-05-20>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.eipa.eu/en/pages/show/&tid=60>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/watershed/welcome.htm>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.cem.gov.tr/erozyon/collesmePageGrup/faaliyetler/COP.aspx?sflang=tr>

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2003/08/20030831.htm#1>

<sup>51</sup>

<http://www.unccd.int/Lists/SiteDocumentLibrary/Regions/NM/meetings/regional/FP2003/participants-eng.pdf>

<sup>52</sup> [www.gonder.org.tr](http://www.gonder.org.tr)

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.ovak.org.tr/IcerikGoruntuleme.aspx?IcerikID=76&Tur=Duyuru>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.ormuh.org.tr/>

### *7. Testimonials and Prize Money*

- 2010, Given by the **Minister** of Environment and Forestry
- 2007, Given by the **Minister** of Environment and Forestry
- 2006, Given by the **Minister** of Environment and Forestry
- 1996, Given by the **Director General** of Forests

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<sup>55</sup> <http://yesilturkiye.org.tr/>