**Extraordinary Session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-**

***Silva Mediterranea***

***27 June 2014 Friday***

***(Iran Room – 9H15 to 12H30 –***

***Simultaneous Interpretation to be available in French and English)***

**9H15-9H30 : Opening session**

* Welcome address by **Susan Braatz** (Team leader ‘’Dryland Forests and Climate Change’’)
* Opening speech **by Ismail Belen** (President of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*)

**9H30-10H15 : Fourth Mediterranean Forest Week (IV MFW) – Session to be chaired by Ismail Belen**

* Presentation of the Fourth Mediterranean Forest Week to be held in Barcelona in March 2015 (Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*, representative of Spain and representative of CTFC)
* Discussion with member States and key partners on the key sessions scheduled during the IV MFW (mainly the high level session and sessions with bilateral and multilateral donors)

**10H15-10H45 : Next Presidency of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea -* Session to be chaired by Ismail Belen**

* Discussion with member States for the next Presidency of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* after Turkey (Candidates requested by 2016)

**10H45-11H00 Coffee Break**

**11H00-12H30 : Evaluation of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea -* Session to be chaired by Eduardo Rojas-Briales**

* Presentation of the report with key recommendations proposed by the Evaluation Panel of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* (Christine Farcy)
* Discussion on the recommendations with member States of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea (Moderation by the Chair of the Session:* ***Eduardo Rojas-Briales)***

**Conclusions of the Extraordinary Session of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea***

THE SIDE EVENT ON “**DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS**”

23th of June, Monday, 2014

Within the framework of the next 22nd session of the FAO Committee on Forestry and the World Forest Week <http://www.fao.org/forestry/57758/en/> a side event on “**Dryland forests and agroforestry systems**” that will be held on the 23th June (prior to the plenary session) to build momentum from COFO delagates participants and feed the discussion during the plenary session on dryland forests and agrosilvopatsoral systems scheduled on the 26th June.

It was aimed to invite a panel of countries to intervene highlighting their commitments / partnerships on dry lands.

(The presence of Turkey in the event would be really key, as it will give us the opportunity to showcase our role in the drylands arena, our collaboration with FAO on the guidelines (and Great Green Wall for Sahara), we will be hosting the next UNCCD COP 2015 and we are also the president of ***Silva Mediterranea and leader of the working group on “arid zone restoration and combating desertification”***. We also are planning to organize a symposium on drought and desertification at 16-18 September, 2014- <http://sempozyum.konyatopraksu.gov.tr/en/>

The side event will gather countries and organizations to:

(i) share information on the scope and status of knowledge, programmes and ongoing partnerships on dryland forests and agroforestry systems at regional and global levels;

(ii) define priority actions and agree on next steps to boost the conservation, sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agroforestry systems at the global level within the framework of the three conventions (UNCCD, UNCBD and UNFCCC) and SDGs;

(iii) forging a global partnership and framework for assessment, conservation, sustainable forest management and restoration of dryland forests and agroforestry systems.