# Objectives

The Sixth MFW will consider the important role Mediterranean forests can play in helping to mitigate climate change and implement the Paris Agreement by addressing the following:

- How Mediterranean forests can contribute to the fulfillment of global climate change commitments
- The role of Mediterranean forests in adapting people to climate change
- The role of Mediterranean forests in facilitating sectoral • climate change adaptation in areas such as water, agriculture and cities
- The role of Mediterranean forests in helping to mitigate the effects of climate change

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## Languages

The official languages of the Sixth MFW are Arabic, English and French. Simultaneous translation will be available during the plenary sessions

# **Target audience**

MFW's target audience includes decision-makers from the Mediterranean region; national and local governments; technical and scientific organizations; forestry experts and managers; forest owners; environmental organizations; NGOs; investors and key donors; young professionals; media; scientists; stakeholders from non-forestry sectors (water, agriculture, cities); climate negotiators and authorities responsible for the NDCs.

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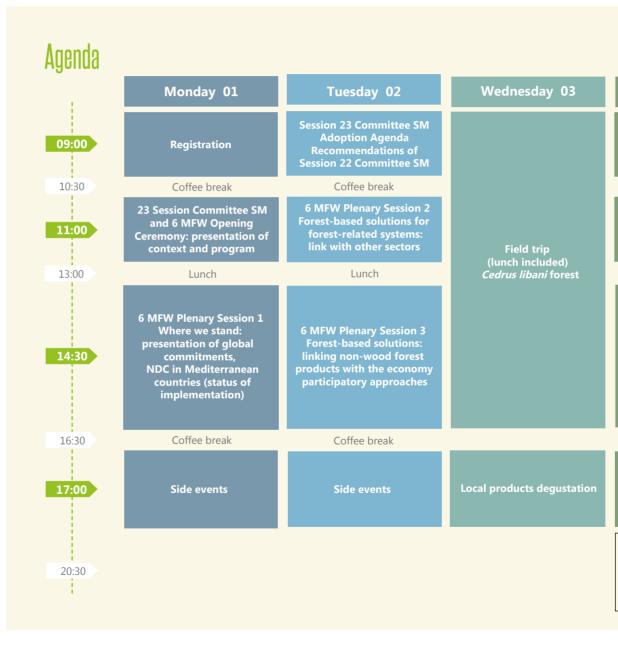
### Role of Mediterranean forests in the Paris Agreement: challenges and opportunities

Following the success of the Fifth Mediterranean Forest Week (MFW) in Morocco in March 2017, the Sixth MFW will take place in Lebanon on 1-5 April 2019. The Sixth MFW will bring together a diverse range of participants to consider how Mediterranean forests can assist countries in the region to achieve their goals under the Paris Agreement.

Held every two years, the MFW is a key platform for regional forestry cooperation and dialogue between the research community, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders. It highlights the specific challenges faced by Mediterranean forests and calls attention to their global importance. Participants include forest administrators, the scientific and academic community, the private sector, donors, civil society, environmental agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The Sixth MFW will promote the use of forest-based solutions to assist Mediterranean countries to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. Embodying countries' efforts to reduce their national emissions, NDCs are critical to both the success of the Agreement and global efforts to address climate change. By collaborating with other relevant land-based sectors at the landscape level, the Mediterranean forest sector can play an important role in helping countries in the region to meet their NDC targets.

The Sixth MFW will also showcase the use of forest-based solutions to address broader regional challenges such as sustainable development, energy transition, demographic change and migration. It will consider how to create an enabling environment to broaden the use of these solutions, while emphasizing the importance of recognizing and protecting the social, environmental, economic and cultural value of the goods and services already provided by Mediterranean forests.





### Thursday 04

Session 23 Committee SM Activities working groups and other initiatives

### Coffee break

6 MFW Plenary Session 4 Enabling conditions: monitoring (what, why, synergies)

Lunch

6 MFW Plenary Session 5 Scaling up. Climate financing: current opportunities (GCF, GEF), PES, NFF – recent developments from financing institutions on the Paris Agreement

### Coffee break

Session 23 Committee SM Election of the Bureau High level Segment

Gala dinner/Awards/ Closing ceremony

### Friday 05

Session 23 Committee SM Session 24 SM and 6 MFW closing

### Coffee break

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