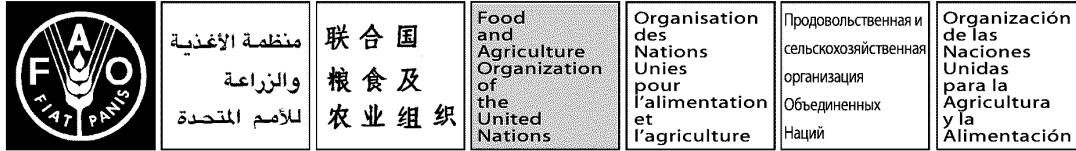


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<b>NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION</b>
<b>NINETEENTH SESSION</b>
<b>NEAR EAST FORESTRY WEEK</b>
<b>HAMMAMET, TUNISIA</b> <b>05 – 09 April 2010</b>
<b>Forests and range: adapting to global changes for sustainable development</b>
<b>INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS</b>

## DATES AND VENUE

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, the Nineteenth Session of the Near East Forestry Commission (NEFC) and the Near East Forestry Week will be held in Hammamet, Tunisia, from 5 to 9 April 2010.
2. The opening ceremony of the NEFC will take place at Hotel Diar Lemdina, Hammamet, and will start at 10:00 am on Monday, 5 April 2010.

## REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

3. Participants are requested to kindly complete the attached registration form and return it as soon as possible to the three addresses indicated. Registration will take place from 08:45 to 09:45 hours at Hotel Diar Lemdina, Hammamet.

## DOCUMENTATION

4. The meeting documents will be made available to participants in Arabic and English. To the extent possible they will be sent out before the sessions and posted on the NEFC Commission

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website: <http://www.fao.org/Forestry/site/nefc>. Delegates are kindly requested to take their own documents to the meeting since very few copies will be available during the sessions.

## **EXHIBITION**

5. A space for exhibition will be provided, for reservation and more information, please contact Mr Smair BelHaj at [samir.belhaj.salah@gmail.com](mailto:samir.belhaj.salah@gmail.com) (Mobile number + 216 98 42 62 01).

## **CLIMATE / CLOTHES**

6. Tunisia is situated in Northern Africa, bordered on the North by the Mediterranean Sea, the climate is temperate in the north, with mild rainy winters and hot, dry summers. The south of the country is desert. The terrain in the north is mountainous, which, moving south, gives way to a hot, dry central plain. The south is semiarid and merges into the Sahara.

Hammamet, Due to its beaches it is a popular destination for swimming and water sports. It was the first tourist destination in Tunisia. It is located in the south east of the northern peninsula of Cap Bon in the governorate of Nabeul.

In April, the average temperature in Hammamet is 19° C. The maximum temperature is 23°C with minimum 11° C (night).

7. The official spoken languages are Arabic and French. English is also spoken

## **FORMALITIES FOR ENTERING TUNISIA**

### **Visas**

8. Participants are advised to contact as soon as possible the nearest Embassy or Consular Mission of the Republic of Tunisia in their respective countries, to enquire about immigration regulations and visa requirements to enter Tunisia.

9. For delegates coming from countries where no Tunisian diplomatic representation exists, the National Organizing Committee could help to obtain an entry visa on arrival at Tunis airport, provided that passport details are sent at least three weeks before the arrival date. It must be noted however, that a visa fee may be required, including for holders of UN/ laissez-passer and diplomatic passports.

### **Health**

10. No vaccination is required to travel to Tunisia

### **Flight connections**

11. The following are some of the airline companies from the Region flying to Tunis Carthage International Airport: Air Algerie, EgyptAir, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Saudi Arabia, Tunis Air, Turkish Airlines

12. Participants having confirmed in due time the date, time and flight number will be met at Tunis airport on their arrival.

## **MONEY AND EXCHANGE**

13. Most convertible currencies can be carried to Tunisia and should be declared on arrival. The exchange rate of the Tunisian Dinar (TND) in January 2010 is as follows: US\$ 1= 1.31 TND, or 1Euro = 1.89TND. Credit Cards are accepted in most places.

## COMMUNICATIONS/ LIAISON AGENT

14. Participant's personal correspondence can be addressed care of:  
Mr Habib Abid  
Sous Directeur  
Direction Générale des Forêts  
Ministère de l'Agriculture et des Ressources Hydrauliques  
Tunis  
Tel: + 216 71 848 892  
Email:[habibabid2001@yahoo.fr](mailto:habibabid2001@yahoo.fr)

## STUDY TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

15. A field trip will be organized on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April to Zaghouan.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

16. The hotel identified for participants is Hotel Diar Lemdina, Hammamet. Rates have been negotiated for all participants to:

- **US\$42\* per night per person for half board.**
- **US\$ 38\* per night per person for bed and breakfast.**

(\*exchange rate of January 2010)

Main criteria in the choice of this hotel were (i) quality– price ratio (ii) proximity to the city centre and restaurants; Participants can make reservations directly or have reservations made for them upon request (at least four weeks in advance) c/o Mr H.Abid.  
A list of other hotels and prices will be sent to participants as soon as possible.

17. The conference center is located in Hotel Diar Lemdina, Hammamet.

## TRANSPORTATION

18. Transportation will be provided by the hosting country from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.  
Please send your flight details to Mr Habib Abid.

**19TH SESSION OF THE NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION  
Hammamet, Republic of Tunisia, 05– 09 April 2010**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete this form and send a copy as soon as possible but not later than 28 February 2010 to both of the following addressees:

<p>Mr Habib Abid Sous Directeur Direction Générale des Forets Ministère de l'Agriculture et des Ressources Hydrauliques Tunis, Tunisia Tel: + 216 71 848 892 Email: <a href="mailto:habibabid2001@yahoo.fr">habibabid2001@yahoo.fr</a></p>	<p>Ms Malek Hayder Forestry consultant FAO-RNE 11, Al Eslah Ezzirai Street, Dokki, Giza, Egypt Tel: 002 02 33316000, ext 2816 Direct: 002 02 33316170 Email: <a href="mailto:malek.hayder@fao.org">malek.hayder@fao.org</a></p>
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The undersigned (in Capital letters)

Surname (Mr./Mrs./Ms).....

Name.....

Title/Function.....

Organization/ Country.....

Address.....

Telephone.....Fax.....Email.....

Passport No.....

Place of issuance.....

Date of issuance.....Expiry date.....

Accompanied by.....

Will participate in:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1- The Near East Forestry Week                                       | yes | no |
| 2- The 19 <sup>th</sup> session of the Near East Forestry Commission | yes | no |
| 3- Study tour on .....                                               | yes | no |

Scheduled to arrive in Tunis on... April 2010 at ..... hours..... flight No.....

Scheduled to leave from Tunis on.... April 2010 at ..... hours.... flight No. ....

Please book : a single/Double Room (from...../04/2010 to .../04/2010) at the

Hotel .....

Date..... Signature.....

