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# NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION

### NINETEENTH SESSION

#### NEAR EAST FORESTRY WEEK

#### HAMMAMET, TUNISIA 5 - 9 APRIL 2010

#### Forests and range: adapting to global changes for sustainable development

## **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

Monday, 5 April morning	
08.00-09.25	Registration, Hotel Diar Lemdina
09.30	<b>Item 1:</b> Opening of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Near East Forestry Commission (NEFC) and 1 <sup>st</sup> Near East Forestry Week
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00	Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc FO:NEFC/2010/1.Rev.1)
	Item 3: Election of officers (no document)
	<b>Item 4</b> : Follow-up on requests and recommendations of the 18 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission

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	(i) Amendment of the name and mandate of the Near East Forestry Commission to the Near East Forestry and Range Commission (Doc FO:NEFC/2010/4.1)
	(ii) Secretariat report on actions taken on the requests and recommendations of the 18 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission (Doc FO:AFWC/2010/4.2)
12.30-14.30	Lunch break
Monday, 5 April afternoon	
14.30	<b>Item 5:</b> FAO and country activities in the region: priority issues for the 19th Session of the Commission
	(ii) Forests and range sustainable management
	(a) Rangelands and biodiversity conservation (Doc : NEFC/2010/5.2(a)
	(b) The State of the World's Forest Genetic Resources
	<ul><li>(Doc : NEFC/2010/5.5)</li><li>(c) Wildlife and protected areas management</li><li>(Doc : NEFC/2010/5.2(b)</li></ul>
16.00-16.30	Break
16.30-18.00	<b>Item 5:</b> FAO and country activities in the region: priority issues for the 19th Session of the Commission <b>cont'd</b>
	(i) Forestry policy and sustainable development:
	<ul> <li>(a) Institutions and legislation (Doc FO:NEFC/2010/5.1(a)</li> <li>(b) Guidelines for forest policy formulation</li> <li>(Doc FO:NEFC/2010/5.1(b)</li> </ul>
19:30-21.30	Reception offered by the Host Country
Tuesday, 6 April morning	
09.00	<b>Item 5:</b> FAO and country activities in the region: priority issues for the 19th Session of the Commission <b>cont'd</b>
	(iii) Forest protection
	<ul><li>(a) Forest and fire management (Doc: NEFC/2010/5.3(a))</li><li>(b) Forest health (Doc: NEFC/2010/5.3(b))</li></ul>
	(iv) Oil Trees (Doc FO:AFWC/2010/5.4)
11.00-11.30	Break

11.30	<b>Item 9</b> : Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2010 and National Forest Monitoring and Assessment (NFMA) (Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/9)
	Near East region presentation
	Discussion on needs for capacity development for collecting, reporting timely and reliable data for multi forest use and users to improve national planning and country reporting, further needs from countries.
12.30-14.30	Lunch break
Tuesday, 6 April, afternoon	
14.30	<b>Item 6:</b> Implementation of regional guidelines for good forestry and range practices in arid and semi-arid zones of the Near East (Doc: FO: NEFC/2010/6)
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-18.00	Parallel Events:
	<ul><li>(i) Forests and Climate Change in the Near East</li><li>(ii) Fire Management in the Near East</li></ul>
19:30-21.30	Reception hosted by FAO
Wednesday, 7 April, morning	
09.00	Item 11: Update on current and emerging international issues
	<ul> <li>(i) Report of the Near East Forestry Day (XIII World Forestry Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2009)</li> <li>(Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.1)</li> <li>(ii) Recommendations of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of COFO (March 2009)</li> </ul>
	(Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.2) (iv) International Year of Forests (2011) (Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.4)
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00	<b>Item 11:</b> Update on current and emerging international issues <b>cont'd</b>
	<ul> <li>(iii) National Forestry programme (nfps)</li> <li>(Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.3)</li> <li>(v) Working groups and networks (Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.5)</li> <li>(vi) <i>Silva Mediterranea:</i> progress report on activities</li> <li>(Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/11.6)</li> </ul>

12.00-12.30	<b>Mediterranean Regional Office of the European Forest</b> <b>Institute (EFIMED) Presentation on -</b> <i>The Mediterranean</i> <i>Forest Research Agenda</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-16.00	<b>Item 8</b> : Heads of Forestry Dialogue - <i>Near East forestry</i> <i>institutions: capacity development to meet the challenges of a</i> <i>changing world</i> (Doc: FO:NEFC /2010/8)
16.00-16.30	Break
16.00.30-17.30	<b>Item 7:</b> In-session seminar: <i>Assessing the risks of and vulnerability to climate change of forests and range in the Near Eas</i> t (Doc: FO:NEFC/2010/7)
Thursday, 8 April all day	Field Excursion, Zaghouan, Institut National de Recherche en Génie Rural Eaux et Forêts, Tunisia
Friday, 9 April morning	
09.00	<b>Item 10</b> : Regional issues identified by the 19th Session of the Commission for the attention of the 20th Session of the Committee on Forestry (October 2010) and of the 30th Regional Conference for the Near East (December 2010)
10.00 - 10.30	Break
10.30	Item 12: Any other business
	Item 13: Date and place of next session
	Item 14: Adoption of the report
12.00	Item 15: Closure of the 19th Session of the Near East Forestry Commission and of the 1st Near East Forestry Week