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Outcome of the 23rd Session of the Near East Forestry and Range Commission



General Overview

- Held in Beirut, Lebanon on 11-14 December 2017
- Attended by 40 participants from 13 countries and 1 IGO
- Discussed issues of relevance for forestry, rangelands, food security and climate change
- Included a technical session on forest health and a field visit to pest-affected pinus forest and to Shouf Biosphere Reserve (cedar forest).



Priority issues to the Committee on Forestry

- Capacity enhancement to review and update forest and rangeland policies for restoration and sustainable management of forests and rangelands
- Capacity building for accessing CC funds (GEF7, GCF, REDD+) and related investment planning
- Analysis of resilience strategies in drylands with focus on SFM and restoration of forests & rangelands
- Integrate rangelands into FRA planning and implementation



Priority issues to the Committee on Forestry

- Forests contribution to Food Security and Nutrition (including agroforestry, agrosilvopastoral systems and non-wood forest products and services)
- Urban and Periurban Forestry (UPF) & promoting private sector investment, including for recreation and eco-tourism
- Best practices regarding mainstreaming food security in forestry
- Forest and landscape restoration (Agadir Commitment)



Priority issues to the Committee on Forestry

- Capacity building for FRA reporting and the use of associated tools (Collect Earth)
- Contribution to Global Climate Action Agenda and promotion forest related initiatives and programmes at COP 23.
- Translate outcomes of international negotiations to concrete actions
- Support to UNFF (including through analytical work such as State of the World Forests and FRA)





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