

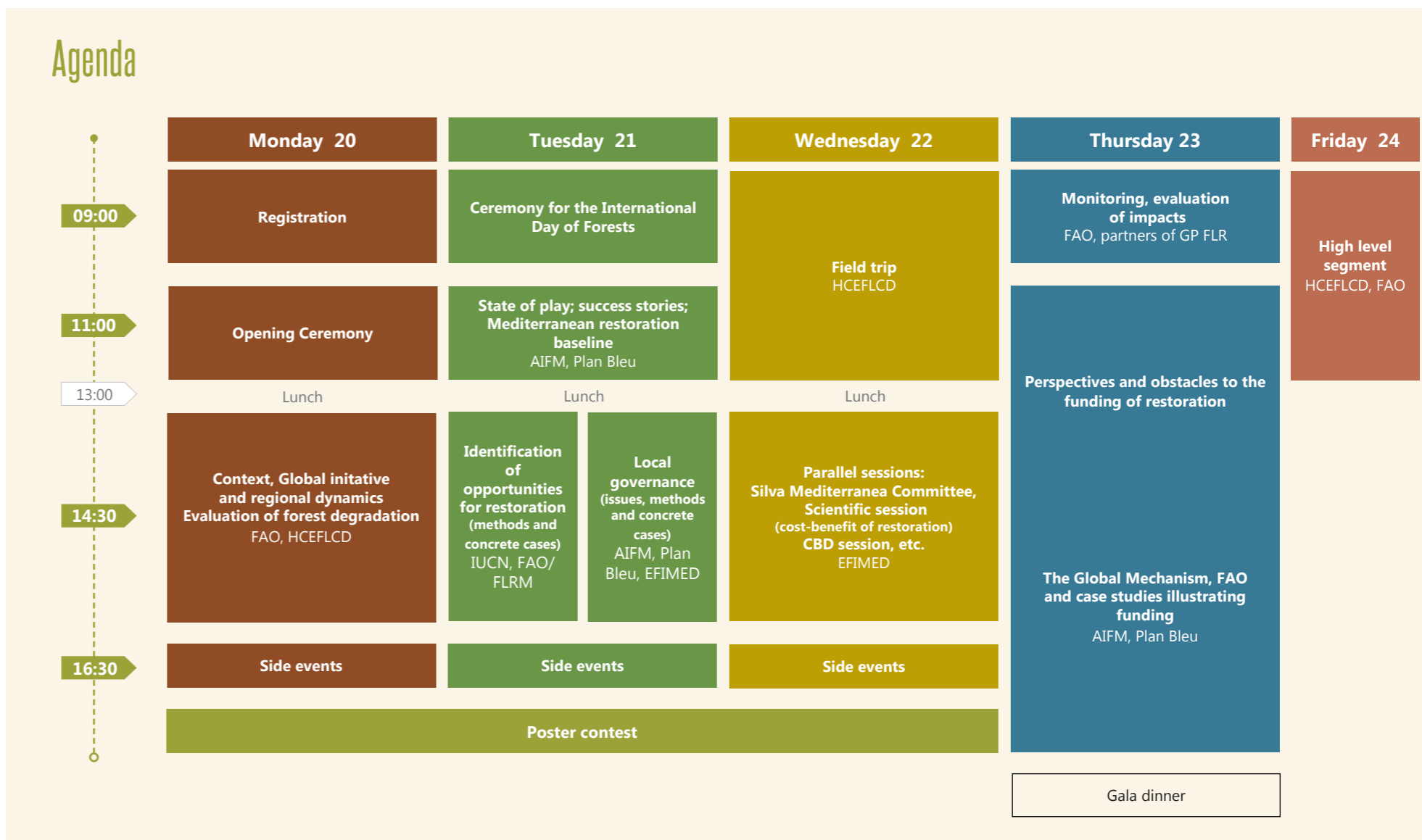
The Fifth Mediterranean Forest Week

Towards an enhanced regional cooperation to restore Mediterranean landscapes: improving resilience for the benefit of people and environment

The Mediterranean Forest Week (MFW) brings together a diverse set of actors to participate in one of the most vital fora on Mediterranean forests today. The biennial event facilitates cooperation amongst the research community, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders by providing a common regional platform for dialogue. The event also promotes the relevance of Mediterranean forests globally and calls attention to the specific challenges these forests face. Participants include forest administrators, the scientific and academic community, the private sector, donors, civil society, environmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.

This year, Morocco will host the fifth MFW, which will focus on the restoration of Mediterranean forests and landscapes. The event will promote forest and landscape restoration as essential to the ongoing initiatives of the Rio Conventions and will call for an ambitious action agenda in the field that mobilizes technical and financial partners across the Mediterranean.

The fifth MFW will advance a new approach to forest restoration that encourages cross-sectoral cooperation by working with local actors to foster productive and multifunctioning landscapes that increase economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach promotes synergies between the three Rio Conventions on climate change, biodiversity and desertification and thereby contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Objectives

- To strengthen exchanges and synergies between global stakeholders in the restoration of Mediterranean forests and landscapes.
- To help achieve SDG 15, especially target 15.3, by supporting efforts on the restoration of degraded lands in the Mediterranean.
- To contribute to Aichi target 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) by facilitating the conservation and restoration of biodiversity in Mediterranean forest ecosystems.
- To facilitate the mitigation and adaptation of Mediterranean forest landscapes to climate change, as well as the achievement of non-carbon benefits in order to support the implementation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) as part of Article 5 of the Paris Agreement.
- To reach the land degradation neutrality goals set by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) by actively promoting forest restoration.

Languages

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

Target audience

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.

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