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**Looking forward: future initiatives to boost/unlock the contribution of
NWFP to sustainable development**



Chadi Mohanna

Some NWFP statistics & concepts:

- Total economic value of Mediterranean forests 133 Euro/ha (2001 prices)
- 35% of this value can be attributed to wood forest products, 10% to grazing and 9% to **Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs)**
- Socio-economic importance of NWFPs
- NWFPs provide raw materials for large-scale industrial processing including raw materials for internationally traded goods

Keep the concept of forestry to a mere wood and pulp supply chain is limiting



FAO recent activities for the development of NWFP

- Algeria : Cork, Medicinal and aromatics plants (MAP)
- Mauritania : Arabic gum, Jujube, Maera and baobab fruits, Cassia, henna, and *Desmidorchis acutangula*
- Morocco : Argan oil, rosemary
- Tunisia : Mastic tree oil, essential oil from rosemary and thyme
- Portugal : Cork oak (management and increased use of cork)
- Lebanon: *Pinus pinea*, Carob,



Call for Actions (1)

- Agadir commitment: NWFP can contribute to:
 - Provide sustainable value chain supporting FLR efforts
 - Increase resilience to climate change of Med forest ecosystems,
 - Promote and enhance food security in Med drylands



Call for Actions (2): Silva Mediterranea

- Platform to exchange on good practices in the Mediterranean; Support stakeholders to increase impact on the ground to achieve **SDGs**;
- **Facilitator or catalyzer** - call for action to support viable NWFP value chains in all regions. Need for **interregional partnerships** to secure legal and sustainable value chains, knowledge exchange, data, good practices;
- **NWFP Working Group** possible platform to exchange information and facilitate partnerships
- Committed partner to support implementation of recommendations of workshops and White Paper



Looking to future initiatives

- Forest management plans - need for an inventory of NWFP, allowing tracking;
- Branding and labeling, bioterritories;
- Creation of consortiums - Exchange successful case studies;
- Favor private initiatives: Access to grants and credits;
- Design marketing strategies - training and knowledge transferring - networking;



Looking to future initiatives

- Reducing regulative and administrative barriers: adopting trans-disciplinary and participatory governance approaches;
- Promoting citizens’ engagement - creating new job opportunities and new skills;
- New market opportunities for the economy (local and at European level) by mobilizing investments, also according to SDGs 1 “End poverty in all its forms everywhere” or “Reduce inequality within and among countries.





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