

## Sixth Mediterranean Forest Week - Plenary Session 3

### **Forest-based Solutions: linking non-wood forest products with the economy: participatory approaches**

2 April 2019, Grand Hills Hotel of Brummana, Lebanon

**14:30 – 14:40 Session objectives and opening presentation**

**Christine Farcy**, Catholic University of Louvain; Chair FAO European Forestry Commission; EFI Board member

**Nabif Assaf**, FAO Representative in Algeria

**14.40 – 15:00 Keynote:** Realising the potential of Mediterranean non-wood forest products (NWFPs). Key opportunities for innovation

**Nedjma Rahmani**, General Directorate of Forests, Algeria

**15:00 – 15:50 Round table:** Examples of social entrepreneurship in Mediterranean forests and land restoration through NWFPs

**Christine Farcy** (moderator), Catholic University of Louvain, Chair FAO European Forestry Commission; EFI Board member

*Topic 1 - Use of traditional edible plants in ecological restoration projects in Lebanon*

**Tiziana Ulian**, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, UK

**Nizar Hani**, Shouf Biosphere Reserve, Ministry of Environment of Lebanon

*Topic 2 - The potential of truffles in rural development (in Spain and Iran)*

**Carlos Colinas**, University of Lleida, Spain

**Zahra Naghavi**, Andishe Pouya Rural Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Iran

*Topic 3 - Innovative initiatives to put in value aromatic, medicinal and edible plants*

**Karim Ergaieg**, Agricultural Development Group (GDA) Sidi Amor, Tunisia

*Topic 4 - Horizon 2020 INCREDIBLE project for social and participatory innovation around NWFP in several Mediterranean countries*

**Eduard Mauri**, European Forest Institute Mediterranean Facility (EFIMED), Spain

**15:50 – 16:00 Lessons learned and concluding remarks:** Promoting social innovation and active participation & unleashing the potential of Mediterranean youth

**Christine Farcy**, Catholic University of Louvain, Chair FAO European Forestry Commission; EFI Board member

**16:00 Session close**

