



**MEETING OF THE UNECE-FAO FOREST  
COMMUNICATORS NETWORK (FCN)**

**Antalya, Turkey, 19 to 21 June 2012**

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**DATES AND VENUE**

1. It will be held in Antalya, Turkey, from 19 June to 21 June 2012.
2. The opening ceremony of the FCN will take place at Dedeman Antalya Hotel & Convention Center, Antalya, and will start at 09:00 AM on Tuesday, 19 June 2012.

**REGISTRATION**

3. Participants are requested to kindly complete the attached registration form and return it as soon as possible to the two addresses indicated. Registration will take place from 08:00 to 08:45 hours at, Dedeman Antalya Hotel & Convention Center-Antalya.

**DOCUMENTATION**

4. The meeting documents will be made available to participants in English. You can get more information from [HTTP://WWW.UNECE.ORG/FORESTS/INFORMATION/FCN.HTML](http://www.unece.org/forests/information/fcn.html)

## **CLIMATE / CLOTHES**

6. Turkey is situated in western Asia, mostly in the Anatolian peninsula and in East Thrace in Southeastern Europe. Turkey is bordered by eight countries: Bulgaria and Greece to the northwest, Georgia to the northeast, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran to the east, and Iraq and Syria to the southeast. The Mediterranean Sea and Cyprus to the south, the Aegean Sea to the west, and the Black sea is to the north. The climate is temperate in the coastal areas of Turkey bordering the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea with hot, dry summers and mild to cool, wet winters. The coastal areas of Turkey bordering the Black Sea have a temperate Oceanic climate with warm, wet summers and cool to cold, wet winters. The Turkish Black Sea coast receives the greatest amount of precipitation and is the only region of Turkey that receives high precipitation throughout the year. The eastern part of that coast averages 2,000 millimeters annually which is the highest precipitation in the country.

The coastal areas of Turkey bordering the Sea of Marmara (including Istanbul), which connects the Aegean Sea and the Black Sea, have a transitional climate between a temperate Mediterranean climate and a temperate Oceanic climate with warm to hot, moderately dry summers and cool to cold, wet winters. Snow does occur on the coastal areas of the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea almost every winter, but it usually lies no more than a few days. Snow on the other hand is rare in the coastal areas of the Aegean Sea and very rare in the coastal areas of the Mediterranean Sea.

Antalya, due to its beaches is a popular destination for swimming and water sports. It was the first tourist destination in Turkey. It is located in in south-west Anatolia, on the Mediterranean Gulf of Antalya.

In June the average temperature in Antalya is 26° C. The maximum temperature is 45°C with minimum 11° C (night).

7. The official spoken languages during the meetings is English.

## **FORMALITIES FOR ENTERING TURKEY**

### **VISAS**

8. Participants are advised to contact as soon as possible the nearest Embassy or Consular Mission of the Republic of Turkey in their respective countries, to enquire about immigration regulations and visa requirements to enter Turkey.

9. For delegates coming from countries where no Turkish diplomatic representation exists, the National Organizing Committee could help to obtain an entry visa on arrival at Istanbul or Antalya airports, provided that passport details are sent at least three weeks before the arrival date. It must be noted however, that a visa fee may be required, including for holders of UN/ laissez-passer and diplomatic passports.

### **HEALTH**

10. No vaccination is required to travel to Turkey

### **FLIGHT CONNECTIONS**

11. The following are some of the airline companies from the Region flying to Istanbul and Antalya International Airport: Turkish Airlines, Anadolujet, Sunexpress, Pegasus Airlines, Onurair.

12. Participants having confirmed in due time the date, time and flight number will be met at Antalya airport on their arrival.

## **MONEY AND EXCHANGE**

13. Most convertible currencies can be carried to Turkey and should be declared on arrival. The exchange rates in June 2012 is as follow: 1Euro = 2.35 TL; 1USD = 1.80 TL. CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED IN MOST PLACES.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/ LIAISON AGENT**

14. Participant's personal correspondence can be addressed to the attention of:

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## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING**

16. The hotel identified for participants is Dedeman Antalya Hotel & Convention Center, Antalya.

Rates have been negotiated for all participants to:

- 80 €per pax. include accommodation, open buffet breakfast, open buffet lunch together a soft drink, open buffet dinner together a soft drink, two coffe breaks with cookies,meeting room,

- or 95€per pax additional with unlimited local (Turkish) alcohol drinks together with lunch and dinner or from 10:00 to 24:00 in the Lounge bar.

Main criteria in the choice of this hotel were Five stars Hotel– price ratio (very reasonable) in the city centre ; Participants can make reservations directly or have reservations made for them upon request (at least two weeks in advance) c/o Mr Abdurrahman KÖK or Mrs. Kamuran ÖZBAY  
A list of other hotels and prices will be sent to participants as soon as possible.

17. Meeting center is located in First Class Hotel.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

18. Transportation will be provided by the hosting country from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport.

Please send your flight details to Mr Abdurrahman KÖK ([ABDURRAHMANKOK@OGM.GOV.TR](mailto:ABDURRAHMANKOK@OGM.GOV.TR))  
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