

Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Fire Management in Syria

GCP/SYR/014/TUR “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria” is a project implemented under the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme. It has a modest budget of about US\$ 200.000 and duration of 19 months. Project aims at “establishment of adequate institutional capacities to undertake ecosystem based participatory forest management planning, implementations, monitoring and assessment in Syria”. Targeted project outputs are as follows: (1) a forest management plan prepared, with the stakeholders participation, based on ecosystem-based multi-functional forest management methodology for a selected forest management unit in Syria; (2) a forest fire management plan prepared with the stakeholders participation for the same forest management planning unit; (3) Syrian forestry organization gained adequate knowledge and experiences in sustainable forest management planning and implementations, through on-the job training and training courses”. Up to present progress and achievements of the project made the forestry organizations, stakeholders, decision makers in both countries (Turkey and Syria) as well as FAO-SEC and Syria FAO believe that it is a success. Project progress is closely followed by the other region countries.



**Signature ceremony: Minister of Agriculture of Syria,
FAO Representative (right) and the Turkish Ambassador (left)**