



Climate change, forest invasive species and increasing fire incidence pose the environment at great risk, especially in those regions where living conditions are already challenging. Monitoring, early warning and early action systems, were proven to be among the most efficient tools to prevent and combat and such risks.

The **Near East Network on Forest Health and Invasive Species (NENFHIS)** and the **Near East Network on Wildlands Forest Fire (NENFIRE)** aim to foster the exchange of information and act as a link between experts, institutions, networks and other stakeholders concerned with forest fires and invasive species.

Objectives

- Raise national, regional and global awareness on forest risks in the region (fire, invasive species, climate change impact) for the future and foster regional collaboration.
- Facilitate Sharing of experience(s) on projects, programmes, good practices including information systems application and facilitate exchange of limited regional expertise.
- Enhance preparedness through web applications and information system aimed at supporting risk management and monitoring.

Join the discussion!

When:

February 23, 2021

11:00-13:00 Cairo time / EET

WEBINAR PROGRAMME

Time	Item	Speaker/presenter
11:00 -10:05	Welcoming remarks	Mr Yusuf Serengil Chairman, Near East Forestry and Range Commission
11:05 -11:10	Introduction of the webinar, its context and objectives and introduction of the presenters	Mr Abdel Hamied Hamid Secretary, Near East Forestry and Range Commission Senior Forestry Officer, FAORNE
11:10-11:40	National system for monitoring and managing forest damages risks in Morocco (Health and forest fire cases)	Dr Fouad Assali Head Forest Protection Service, Water and Forest Department, National Center for Forest Climate Risk Management, Morocco, Coordinator Near East Network on Forest Fire (NENFIRE)
11:40-12:10	Web applications and information Systems for health and forest fire in Morocco	Prof. Mouanis Lahlou IT Expert, Head of Department for Statistics and Applied Informatics, Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II in Rabat Morocco
12:10-12:25	Short reflections (5 minutes each) on the topic from fire management and forest health perspectives	1. Dr Peter Moore Forestry Officer, Fire Management, FAO 2. Dr Shiroma Sathyapala Forestry Officer, Forest Health, FAO 3. Prof. Mohamed Habib Ben Jamâa General Director of Plant Health and Control of Agricultural Inputs, Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia, Coordinator Near East Network on Forest Health & Invasive Species
12:25-12:45	Reactions to questions/comments from participants (posted in the chat)	Peter Moore / Shiroma Sathyapala / Abdel Hamied Hamid
12:45-12:50	Summary points from the seminar	Dr Peter Moore
12:50-12:55	Follow up actions	Mr Abdel Hamied Hamid
12:55-13:00	Thanks to the presenters and closure	Mr Yusuf Serengil Chairman, Near East Forestry and Range Commission

Where:

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlumpqTovHdcfldDMOIEIF5f8gUfy1U9>

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Reference sites:

[Near East Network on Forest Health and Invasive Species \(NENFHIS\)](#)



[Near East Network on Wildlands Forest Fire \(NENFIRE\)](#)



This is one of a series of webinars to be delivered under the frame of the two NENA regional networks NENFHIS & NENFIRE to facilitate experience sharing between the countries of the region.

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