

TreeCities4MED - Webinar 6

Urban forestry and urban greening in drylands: improving resilience, health, and wellbeing of urban communities

21 December 2022, 09.00-10.30 CET – Language: English

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We are pleased to invite you to join a webinar organized by FAO and the COFO Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems. The webinar will discuss challenges and opportunities for urban forestry implementation in drylands and launch the FAO publication *Urban forestry and urban greening in drylands: improving resilience, health, and wellbeing of urban communities*, developed by FAO in the framework of the Green Urban Oases (GUO) Programme. The programme was launched by FAO in 2021 to support dryland cities in Africa, Near East and Asia strengthen their policy and technical capacity to design and implement integrated urban forestry and urban greening strategies to address local challenges and sustainably increase the well-being and resilience of their urban communities. After the intervention of two international experts in the sectors of dryland forests and urban forestry, two of the cities involved in the GUO Programme will be invited to share key challenges of urban forestry in two Mediterranean dryland cities: Amman (Jordan) and Tunis (Tunisia).

Programme

- Introduction – by *Simone Borelli, Urban Forestry Officer, FAO*
- Dryland forests – by *Anders Malmer, Adjunct Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Chair of the COFO Working Group on Dryland Forests and agrosilvopastoral systems*
- From urban desert to forest cities: is that the way? – by *Fabio Salbitano, Professor, University of Florence; FAO Senior Forestry expert, Italy*
- Challenges and opportunities for UPF in Amman, Jordan – by *Maher Jamal Tadros, Professor, Jordan University of Science and Technology; FAO Forestry expert, Amman, Jordan.*
- Challenges and opportunities for UPF in Tunis, Tunisia – by *Maher Ben Abdallah, Executive Managing Director, URBA.DEV; FAO Forestry expert, Tunis, Tunisia*
- Launch of the publication “Urban forestry and urban greening in drylands: improving resilience, health, and wellbeing of urban communities” – by *Simone Borelli, Urban Forestry Officer, FAO*
- Q&A

