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Education

1. Special Program for Senior Managers in Government, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Boston, the USA, 2013,
2. Master of Science in Public Management, Public Administration Institute for Turkey and The Middle East, Turkey, 2006-2010
3. Master of Science in Applied Science, Karadeniz (Black Sea) Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1996-2002
4. Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering, Karadeniz (Black Sea) Technical University Trabzon / TURKEY, 1986-1991

Professional Background

1. **Chief Inspector**, General Directorate of Forest, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye, 2022-Going on- <https://www.ogm.gov.tr/tr>
2. **Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert**, General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Parks, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Turkey (2015-2022)- <https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/DKMP>
3. **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion, Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, 2011-2015- <https://cem.csb.gov.tr/>
4. **Deputy Director General**, General Directorate of Forests, 2007-2011
5. **Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister**, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 2005-2007
6. **Head of the Department**, General Directorate of Afforestation and Erosion Control, Department of Planning and Coordination, 2003-2005
7. **Division Director** at the Research Planning and Coordination Department, General Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Forests, 2002-2003
8. **Engineer**, 1999-2001
9. **Engineer** of Forest Sub-District Directorate (Forest Ranger) at different locations 1992-1998

International Experience

1. Chair of the United Nations Forum on Forest (UNFF), 2024-Going on- <https://www.un.org/esa/forests/index.html>
2. Vice Chair of the United Nations Forum on Forest (UNFF), 2022-2024

3. Chair of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (Silva Mediterranean, FAO, 2012-2017- <https://www.fao.org/silva-mediterranea/About/afwc-efc-nefc-committee-on-mediterranean-forestry-questions---silva-mediterranea/en>
4. Vice-Chair of the European Forestry Commission, 2010-2011, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/efc/en/>
5. Member of the General Coordination Committee of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, 2011 , <https://foresteurope.org/>
6. Vice-Chair of the UNECE Forest and Timber Committee, 2010, <http://www.unece.org/forests/welcome.html>

For NGO:

1. President of “Association of the People Caring for the Future” www.gonder.org.tr
2. President “The International Platform of the Association for Nature and Forestry-PLANFOR” <http://www.carfu.org/?p=1478>
3. Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Chamber of Forest Engineers of Türkiye, <https://ormuh.org.tr/>
4. Adviser for Public Relations, Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) and Chipboard Manufacturers Association, <http://yomsad.org.tr/en/>
5. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Turkish World Parliamentary Foundation, <https://www.tdpv.org/en>
6. Member of the Green Türkiye Foresters Association, <https://yesilturkiye.org/>
7. Member of the Aybastı and Surroundings Development Association, <https://aykader.org.tr/>
8. Association of People from Alucra, <https://www.facebook.com/AlucralilarDernegi/>

Languages

1. Turkish, Native
2. English, Advanced Level
3. *French, Very Basic Level*
4. *Arabic, Very Basic Level*

International Projects

1. **Forestry Expert on Regional Networking** for Developing Regional Network of Forestry Actors in FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia, 2025, **going on**
2. **Team Coordinator** for provision of developing regional guidelines on value chain development and market access for NWFPs in South and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus, 2024, **going on**, <https://www.ogm.gov.tr/muglaobm/haberler/uluslararasi-odun-disi-orman-urunleri-calistayi-fethiye%E2%80%99de-basladi>
3. **Guidelines Designer** for the "Ecosystem Restoration Guidelines for Aral Sea Region", 2024. <https://www.fao.org/countryprofiles/news-archive/detail-news/en/c/1730753/>
4. **Team Coordinator** for developing guidelines on the implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbSs) to combat negative impact of climate change on forestry for the FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)-2023,
5. **Forestry Specialist for Central Asia** – Team leader for the Development of the drafts of two full-fledged project documents on
 - Strengthening the Collaboration Between FAO and Ministry of Agriculture and Forest of Türkiye Through Enhancing of the Capacity of the International Forestry Training Center, and, <https://www.fao.org/in-action/fao-turkey-partnership/projects/project-detail/en/c/1492114/>
 - Improving Biodiversity and Sustainable Forestry-2021/2022- [Improving Biodiversity and Sustainable Forestry | FAO and Türkiye Partnership | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#)
6. **Senior Agriculture and Forests Expert**, FAO/World Bank Cooperative Programme - Turkey Resilient Landscapes Integration Project, 2020, <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P172562>
7. **Coordinator of the Preparation the project titled** “Restoration of Degraded Forest and other Wooded Lands in Caucasus and Central Asia: Forest Restoration Improvement for ENvironmental Development and Sustainability-FRIENDS”, 2019-2020, <https://www.fao.org/turkiye/news/detail-news/en/c/1610431/>
8. **Legal Expert** for Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture Project (Turkey) –GCP/TUR/055/GFF-2018, <https://www.fao.org/dryland-forestry/projects/ongoing-projects/sustainable-land-management/en/>
9. **National Coordinator** for Alignment of Turkey's National Action Plan with UNCCD 10-Year Strategy and reporting process” GCP/TUR/060/GFF,2014-2015
10. **TCDC Consultant of** Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus GCP/SEC/002/TUR, 2013-2014 , <https://www.fao.org/in-action/fao-turkey-partnership/projects/project-detail/en/c/1236317/>

11. **Chair** of the steering committee of “Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria” Project, **2010-2011**, https://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/SEC/docs/stories/Story4_Forestry_en.pdf and <https://foris.fao.org/static/data/silva-med/fao-syria-capacity-building-sustainable-forest-management.pdf>
12. **Member** of the Steering committee of “Regional project” entitled “Adapting Forest Policy Conditions to Climate Change in the Mena Region” (Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey), **2009-2011**. <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/adapting-forest-policies-climate-change-mena-region-optimizing-sustainable-provision>
13. **Coordinator** of The Middle East Watershed Monitoring and Evaluation Project, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and the United States, 2004
14. **Member** of Advisory Committee Enhancing FOrEst RESearch in the MediTERRAnean through improved coordination and integration
15. International Co-operative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests, 2007-2010
16. Integrating Forest Fire Protection and Sustainable Wood Pellet Production in Turkey, 2010 (Not completed)

Awards

1. 2018, Honor Award of the Federation of Forest Engineers and Technicians of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. 2010, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
3. 2007, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
4. 2006, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Minister of Environment and Forestry
5. 1996, Certificate of Appreciation, Given by the Director General of Forests

Some Publications and Reports

1. 2023, Co-Author of the Guidelines on the Implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to Combat the Negative Impact of Climate Change on Forestry, <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc7450en>
2. 2020, Belen, İ, Karayılmazlar, S , Topçu, P , İritaş, Ö . (2020). **Use of Wood in Turkey’s Paper and Paper Products Sector**. Journal of Bartın Faculty of Forestry, 22 (3) , 910-918 . DOI: 10.24011/barofd.741899, <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/barofd/issue/56860/741899>
3. 2018, Co-Authors of the “State of Mediterranean Forests 2018” <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1171441/icode/>

4. 2018, Sustainable Land Management Legislation and Gap Analysis Report, prepared for FAOSEC under the project "Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture (GCP/TUR/055/GFF), <http://www.gonder.org.tr/?p=7478>
5. 2016, Co-Author of National Forest Funds: mechanisms adapted to today's challenges Overview of the situation of 4 Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries: Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey , http://www.foret-mediterranneenne.org/upload/biblio/foret_med_2016_3_237-246.pdf
6. 2015, Contributors to Global Guidelines for the Restoration of Degraded Forests and Landscapes in Drylands. Building Resilience and Benefitting Livelihoods. FAO Forestry Paper 175, <http://www.fao.org/policy-support/resources/resources-details/en/c/449353/>
7. 2015, Co-Author of "A Study on perception of Turks and Turkey by the attendees in Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government", <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/183411>
8. 2013, Foreword Writes of "Contributions of Forests to a Green Economy in the Middle East North Africa"
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/269992265_Contributions_of_Forests_to_a_Green_Economy_in_the_Middle_East_North_Africa
9. 2012, Newsletter of Silva Mediterranean, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/44192-093c15cc88e5e71c526a9a30eb1531069.pdf>