Regional Capacity Building Workshop *for NWFPs in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus*

8-11 October 2024

# Background

A Letter of Agreement has been signed between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Chamber of Forest Engineers in Türkiye (OMO) on **29.0.2024** for provision of “*Developing regional guidelines on value chain development and market access for NWFPs in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus, implementing a regional capacity building workshop and conducting an online training on the use of the guideline*”.

In line with this LoA, OMO, as the Service Provider will produce, achieve or deliver the following outputs:

1. A regional capacity building workshop will be organized (to be informed about the current situation in the participating countries and gather information for their needs related to NWFPs)
2. Regional guidelines will be developed, and
3. Online Training will be conducted with the participation of respective countries from South and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus.

The dates for the Workshop are **8-11 October 2024** (excluding travel days) in Fethiye, Muğla, Türkiye.

Participants are expected to arrive in Fethiye at 7th of October, Monday, 2024 and leave at 12th of October, Saturday, 2024.

## Objectives of the Workshop

1. Facilitate a stocktaking exercise of initiatives, tools and approaches for NWFP value chain development in the context of sustainable bioeconomy.
2. Facilitate knowledge exchange among participants on enhancing NWFP value chains in the region.
3. Identify the main opportunities and challenges, as well as associated technical support requirements to optimize the development of NWFP value chains.
4. Define a prioritized proxy regional agenda of actions to optimize the development of NWFP value chains for sustainable bioeconomy.
5. Provide guidance on the content of the regional guidelines on NWFP value chain development.

## Expected participants

This workshop will bring together **15 countries from South and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus** to identify and analyse their needs in value chain development of NWFPs.

The target audience for the workshop includes two representatives from each of the participating countries (***28 Participants from 14 Countries***) and local participants ***(12 Local Participants from Türkiye).***

This may encompass representatives from government institutions responsible for forestry, agriculture, environment, food or other relevant topics, academia, relevant NGOs, local communities, civil society, development partners, certification bodies and the private sector from selected countries in South and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus.

All expenses related to the workshop will be provided by the OMO.

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| No | Country |
| 1 | Albania |
| 2 | Armenia |
| 3 | Azerbaijan |
| 4 | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 5 | Georgia |
| 6 | Kazakhstan |
| 7 | Kyrgyzstan |
| 8 | Moldova |
| 9 | Montenegro |
| 10 | North Macedonia |
| 11 | Serbia |
| 12 | Tajikistan |
| 13 | Turkmenistan |
| 14 | Türkiye |
| 15 | Uzbekistan |