

Payments for Ecosystem Services

Towards an Implementation Strategy

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Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) are increasingly considered as suitable economic instruments to maintain ecosystem functions and services by rewarding benefits through payments and markets. Today, numerous schemes – based on different methodologies - are in place and lessons learned can be drawn. Schemes can be local to global and cover diverse approaches, trying to bring private incentives in line with society's interests. Political guidance, support and regulation are often central to the success of PES.

Numerous studies, including The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) recommend to policy and decision makers at various levels to further consider the application of PES, where appropriate. The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), together with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), the Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (IUW) at the University of Hannover and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) decided to organise a workshop on "Payments for Ecosystem Service: Towards an Implementation Strategy" that aims to further the discussion on and the implementation of PES as instruments for the conservation of biodiversity and the maintenance of ecosystem services.

More specifically, the workshop will provide a platform to share lessons learned from the application of PES, based on individual case studies. Besides, thematic issues that are key to the success of PES will be analysed individually and mutually reviewed, with the aim to further reveal the potential and constraints of PES instruments. Thematic issues include, for example:

- equity / poverty alleviation impacts
- cost-effectiveness
- leakage and integrated policy planning
- governance structures

More practically, the workshop will (i) develop a proposal with key contents for PES capacity development, and (ii) outline a plan on how to proceed with building capacity - against the backdrop of current politics on this issue. Critical entry points to feed in the results of the workshop into national policy planning and design are the new Strategic Plan of the CBD and the revision of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) as well as other relevant regional and national policy processes.

The workshop brings together experts in the field of PES from science, policy and national as well as international non-governmental organisations. It provides ample opportunity to identify new partnerships and future concerted action.



Programme

Monday, 13 December 2010

18.30 ***Dinner***

20:00 Welcome to the Isle of Vilm and brief introduction to the International Academy for Nature Conservation and the unique history and nature of Vilm
Norbert Wiersbinski, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Vilm

Welcome of participants and introduction to the workshop
Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN, Bonn

Round of introduction

Tuesday, 14 December 2010

As of 7:30 ***Breakfast***

09:00 **Plenary Session 0:**
Setting the stage
Chair: Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN, Bonn

09:15 Key Note: PES in the context of the policy – research interface
Paul Maro, University of Dar es Salaam

10:00 An overview of market-based PES approaches
Etti Winter, Till Stellmacher and Dirk Röttgers, Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (IUW), University of Hannover

10:45 ***Coffee break***

11:00 Conceptual issues of PES and selected case studies – lessons learnt from TEEB
Augustin Berghöfer, Center for Environmental Research (UFZ), Leipzig

11:45 Challenges and opportunities for PES in the context of the new Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Markus Lehmann, CBD Secretariat, Montreal

12:30 Lunch

Plenary Session I:

Institutional dimensions and integrated policy planning

Chair: Unai Pascual, Cambridge University

13:30 Inequality, direct payment, and changing motivation - the institutional dimensions of PES
Sonny Mumbunan, UFZ, Leipzig

14:00 Is there a risk of an ecosystem service curse?
Jakub Kronenberg, University of Lodz

14:30 Legal frameworks for international PES schemes
John Costenbader, IUCN Law Centre, Bonn

15:00 Integration of PES in policy design and the role of government in scaling up – the case of Southern Africa
Moses Masiga, ENR Africa, Kampala

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Preparation of Working Groups Session

16:15 **Working Groups Session I:**
Institutional dimensions and integrated policy planning: issues, constraints and requirements for implementation

Moderator: Augustin Berghöfer, UFZ, Leipzig

18:30 Dinner

20:00 Working Group presentations and social gathering



As of 7:30 Breakfast

Plenary Session II:

Equity and / or efficiency issues of PES schemes with selected case studies from around the world

Chair: Haripriya Gundimeda, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai

- 08:30 Fairness and efficiency issue of PES from the RUPLES-ICRAF experience in Asia
Grace Villamor, Centre for Development Research, University of Bonn
- 09:00 Equity / poverty alleviation impacts of PES, the case of the Amazon Forest
Carolina Elia, Global Canopy Programme, London
- 09:30 Experiences with the Working for Water Programme in South Africa
James Blignaut, University of Pretoria
- 10:00 Coffee Break**
- 10:15 Prospect of reconciling conservation and poverty reduction in forest coffee landscapes of Ethiopia: The role of PES
Aseffa Seyoum, Environment and Coffee Forest Forum, Addis Abeba
- 10:45 PES approaches to wetland conservation in Zambia
Sesele Sokotela, Zambia Agriculture Research Institute, Chilanga
- 11:15 **Working Groups Session II:**
Equity and / or efficiency issues of PES schemes: issues, constraints and requirements for implementation
Moderator: Markus Lehmann, CBD Secretariat, Montreal
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 13:30 Excursion to the Isle of Vilm Nature Reserve
Jochen Krause, BfN, Vilm
- 15:00 Coffee break**

- 15:15 Continuation of Working Groups Session II
- 16:15 Group Presentations and Plenary Discussion
- Plenary Session III:**
Selected policy, governance, equity and implementation issues of PES: The case of Europe and beyond
Chair: Jakub Kronenberg, University of Lodz
- 17:30 New opportunities for PES implementation in south-eastern Europe in the context of future EU policies (why and how)
Maya Todorova, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme, Sofia
- 18:00 The role of civil society initiatives in the design and implementation of PES in Europe
Sarah Schomers, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, Müncheberg
- 18.30 *Dinner and Visit to the Vilm Photo Gallery***
- 20.00 Opportunities for further short ad-hoc presentation of activities as desired and social gathering

Thursday, 16 December 2010

As of 7:30 *Breakfast*

Plenary Session III continued:
Selected policy, governance, equity and implementation issues of PES: The case of Europe and beyond
Chair: Paul Maro, University of Dar es Salaam

- 09:00 Opportunities and challenges for PES in the context of agrobiodiversity
Unai Pascual, Cambridge University
- 09:30 Synthesising the multiple dimensions of PES: Implications for capacity development and implementation
Haripriya Gundimeda, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- 10:00 *Coffee Break***

- 10:15 **Working Groups Session III**
Selected policy, governance, equity and implementation issues of PES: issues, constraints and requirements for implementation
Moderator: Till Stellmacher / Etti Winter, IUW, University of Hannover
- 12:30 *Lunch***
- 13:30 Working Group Presentations and Plenary Discussion
- 14:45 *Coffee break***
- Plenary Session IV:**
Synthesis and way forward
Chair: Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN, Bonn
- 15:00 Synthesising the discussion and working group results
- 17:30 Wrap up and closure of the workshop
- 18.30 *Dinner***
- 20.00 Social gathering

Friday, 17 December 2010

As of 7:30 Breakfast

Individual departure of participants

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