



International Workshop on Practicing PES in Asia: Making PES economically feasible and pro-poor

**25-26 January 2007
Lombok, Indonesia**

Introduction

Forests provide important environmental services, including slowing global warming, sustaining biodiversity, protecting watersheds to maintain clean water, preventing erosion and flooding, as well as offering direct and indirect economic opportunities for communities. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the creation of markets for these services to provide financial incentives for forest protection, and to improve the welfare of resource-dependent rural communities.

Initiatives to pay resource managers for the provision of environmental services, called Payment for Environmental Services (PES), are relatively recent in the Asian region but have been attracting more and more interest. This interest stems from a concern for environmental benefits, along with the desire to reduce poverty in forest-dependent communities.

This workshop will bring together practitioners, support or intermediary organizations, donors and resource people to explore emerging experiences, issues and lessons in PES. It will review cross-cutting issues related to the economic and institutional feasibility of PES, as well as key social issues that affect the extent to which PES may offer a pathway for poverty reduction. Finally, it will also aim to identify opportunities for future collaboration and action in Asia.

The workshop follows on from a technical conference on 22-23 January at the same venue, which focuses on the establishment of watershed markets from the 'demand' side. This workshop, on the other hand, will have a broader focus on cross cutting social and economic issues that pick up the 'provider' end of the PES equation. Key issues from this perspective include: What methods can help to assess the economic and social viability of PES schemes? What role do tenure issues play in establishing PES in Asia? Can institutional mechanisms for transferring PES benefits promote equity for the poor, and if so, how?

The workshop will include carefully selected PES cases from leading programs in the Asian region, and is being carefully designed as a learning event to support critical thinking and interaction among participants.

Workshop objectives

1. To analyze and share lessons learned from payment for environmental service programs in Asia with practitioners, policy makers and development agencies.
2. To examine experiences related to establishing viable PES programs that are also pro-poor, and the key factors contributing to viability and pro-poor outcomes.
3. To identify potential areas for future collaboration and action on PES in Asia.

Workshop outputs will include:

- Short summaries or policy briefs on cross-cutting issues (e.g. poverty reduction and PES, tenure and PES, the policy context for PES).
- Summary outlining key lessons and areas for future action for participants, intermediary/support organizations, and donors (document outlining key action areas and policy recommendations).
- CD compilation and web publication of proceedings and presentations.

This workshop is relevant to you if you are:

- a practitioner working on a PES initiative, or interested in finding out more about PES and its potential applications;
- a policy maker working in forest management; or
- from a donor or international development/resource management organization interested in or working with organizations and programs dealing with PES.

Venue and timing

The workshop will be held in Lombok, Indonesia, from 25-26 January 2007.

Participants will be staying at Grand Legi Hotel, Lombok. If needed, extra rooms will be made available at a neighboring hotel, Lombok Raya Hotel.

Participants may choose to also participate in the technical conference preceding the workshop, the training day, and an optional field trip. Your costs will therefore be calculated according to the number of days you participate. The daily rate for the meeting package (the meeting package includes the price for the room, airport transfer, lunches, dinners, and refreshments during the workshop) is:

US\$ 65/night/person on a single occupancy basis or
US\$ 45/night/person for shared occupancy of rooms.

Participation in the field trip: **US\$ 25**

Please register online before 12 December at:

<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/Default.aspx?tabid=184>

When registering, please ensure that you tick the 'practice workshop' event (25-26 January).

Additional training day and field trip

Participants who are new to PES are encouraged to attend the training day preceding the practice workshop on 24 January at the same venue.

For more information about the training, please see

<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/WorkshopProgram/TrainingonES/tabid/183/Default.aspx>

Participants are also invited to join a ½ day field trip. The same field trip will be offered both on the 24th and 27th January, so participants need only go on one of these field trips.

For more information about the field trip, please see

<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/WorkshopProgram/FieldTrips/tabid/202/Default.aspx>

Workshop Program

The program will include a mix of carefully selected keynote conceptual papers, case studies from the region, and opportunities for discussion.

Wednesday 24 January 2007

Optional training day on PES by Stefano Pagiola (World Bank)

OR Optional ½ day field trip to PES project site.

Thursday 25 – Friday 25 January 2007

- Session 1: Introduction to the key issues*
- Session 2: How do we establish the environmental and economic feasibility of PES? Keynote paper, case studies and discussion.*
- Session 3: Who are the service providers? (legal arrangements, ensuring voluntary participation, working with communities and individuals, tenure issues) Keynote paper, case studies and discussion.*
- Session 4: How do we reach the poor? Keynote paper, case studies and discussion.*
- Session 5: Consolidating cross-cutting lessons and issues emerging from case studies*
- Session 6: Identifying areas for future action*
Discussion of specific initiatives to support practitioners in the region and next steps to take them forward.

Saturday 27 January

Optional ½ day field trip to PES project site

On the first day we will have a facilitated ‘information market’ session, where participants can display, share and discuss information from their activities related to the workshop themes. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mikaela Rosander at RECOFTC, e-mail mikaela@recoftc.org.

A more detailed program will be available online at

<http://www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/Default.aspx?alias=www.worldagroforestry.org/sea/rupes> in early December.

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