

Payments for Ecosystem Services: From Local to Global

JOIN US FOR A TWO DAY CONFERENCE IN COSTA RICA!

Learn about **Payments for Ecosystem Services** from those who implemented the successful pioneer programs!

This event will bring together those who wish to implement Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) mechanisms with those who have knowledge of ecosystem services and those who have implemented PES systems elsewhere. Experts, designers and implementers of successful PES mechanisms in Costa Rica and other countries will explain how this market mechanism works, the circumstances under which it works, and how it can be improved.

Plenary and panel sessions will cover:

- ▶ **What are Ecosystem Services?**
Understand the importance of ecosystem services to human survival and well-being.
- ▶ **What are Payments for Ecosystem Services?**
Learn how environmentalists, economists, policy makers, and the business community have been working together to address the degradation of natural capital by creating payment schemes for the provision of ecosystem services.
- ▶ **The Costa Rican Experience**
Uncover the keys to Costa Rica's success. A panel of experts including Olman Segura, Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Alvaro Umaña and Ricardo Ulate will discuss the development and implementation of Costa Rica's innovative PES program.
- ▶ **Experience Elsewhere**
Explore PES programs around the world.
- ▶ **Technical Improvements**
Discover ways to improve payment mechanisms, including how to better understand the linkages between ecosystem structure and the services it provides, how to identify who benefits from the services, how to improve upon valuation of ecosystem services, and how to reduce transaction costs.
- ▶ **Implementation and Governance**
Learn about governing the commons, political obstacles, and the role of government in implementing PES.

Heredia Declaration on PES:

A consensus statement will be signed by international and local experts outlining the mechanisms for successfully implementing PES at the global, regional and local level.

Optional Field Trip:

Saturday, March 10th through Sunday, March 11th, 2007
Visit beneficiaries and providers of both a public and private payment scheme!



When:

March 8th and 9th, 2007

Where:

Barreal de Heredia,
Costa Rica

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