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INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PAYMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF TROPICAL FORESTS

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How Can Payments for Environmental Services of Forests (PES) Make a Difference?



Context

Payments for environmental services of forests (PES) have been touted as a vital means of addressing the challenge of financing sustainable forest management and tropical forest conservation with potential significant positive social and economic outcomes. A range of PES schemes have been developed and positive experiences have been generated, however at a global level, PES have not yet fulfilled their promise.

International Forum on PES

The International Forum on PES for Tropical Forests, aims to highlight the importance of developing and implementing robust and sustainable PES mechanisms in tropical countries and to share best practices and lessons learned to scale up global efforts to promote PES.

The Forum will be opened by the President of Costa Rica and will bring together policymakers, practitioners, civil society, the private sector, researchers, and regional and international organizations engaged in the development, implementation and support of PES mechanisms.

Field Trip

A visit to forest areas where PES are implemented in Costa Rica will provide participants with a firsthand experience of "PES in action".

Insights from the discussions of the themes and the field visit will form the basis for developing recommendations on how to increase the effectiveness of current PES programmes and how to engage more countries in developing successful PES initiatives, especially for tropical forests.

Themes

Discussions will revolve around four main themes:

- PES for sustainable forest management
- Developing innovative financing mechanisms
- Ensuring benefits for local communities
- Establishing robust governance and institutional arrangements

Forum Venue

Hotel Crowne Plaza Corobici
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