


PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES: A TOOL FOR IMPROVING INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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Fourth meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention adopted Recommendations on Payments for Ecosystem Services in Integrated Water Resources Management

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Recommendations

- First example of international guidance for the establishment of PES
- Addressed primarily to governments, Joint bodies, Other actors
- Provide step-by-step guidance for the design and implementation of PES
- Are not for the UNECE region only



Core principles

- Adaptive learning process
- Environmental effectiveness, economic efficiency and social equity
- Transparency to support negotiation, trust and compliance
- Conditionality of payment
- Need for monitoring of the service and revisions of scheme






Water-related ecosystem services

- Water management problems and links with ecosystem services
- Economic analysis of water-related ecosystem services



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Basis for PES establishment

- Stakeholders involvement
- Types of PES schemes and financial arrangements
- Legal and institutional frameworks



Accompanying measures

- Information needs analysis and monitoring
- Awareness raising, communication and strengthening of capacities
- Research needs
- Financing



The way ahead

- Promotion and capacity building activities
- Testing it through pilot projects
- Assess its usefulness and implementation in 2009

Need for continued cooperation with other sectors



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Recommendations available at

[http://www.unece.org/env/water/
publications/pub74.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub74.htm)

