



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

### ID: G3

Landscape restoration and livelihoods enhancement through payment for ecosystem services– ongoing work in Sebeya catchment, under the embedding integrated water resources management in Rwanda project.

### Hosts:

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### Abstract:

The Embedding Integrated Water Resources Management in Rwanda (EWMR) project is being implemented by the Rwanda Water Resources Board (RWB) with technical assistance provided by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV) with funding from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN). The EWMR) project aims to improve catchment management, contributing to increased resilience of communities & landscapes to the impacts of climate change and other drivers of environmental and water resource degradation. Payments for Ecosystems Services (PES) represents a broad range of tools that can incentivise upstream users and managers of water catchments to adopt practices that promote landscape restoration, reduce degradation, sedimentation and flooding. Besides the most well-known PES mechanism of direct payments to land users for certain sustainable land practices, IUCN is also working to pilot a Community Environmental Conservation Fund (CECF)– a low cost approach to catalyse restoration and improve livelihoods by providing financial grants to farmers, based on a set criteria for conservation actions.

### Goals and objectives of the session:

This proposed session aims to highlight ongoing PES approaches in Sebeya catchment (supporting landscape restoration and livelihoods improvements) and activities to value ecosystem services in other catchments in Rwanda.

### Planned output / Deliverables:



Contribution to Policy briefs for upscaling PES and increasing awareness on the value of ecosystems.

**Voluntary contributions accepted:**

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

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