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## SESSION DESCRIPTION

### Session ID: T16

Policies and practices in payments for ecosystem services in Asia – key challenges and opportunities

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#### Abstract:

Payment for ecosystem services (PES) is a voluntary transaction with a well-defined ecosystem service (ES) with an ES buyer from an ES provider. PES schemes are being piloted/ implemented across Asia with the aim to create financial incentives for ecosystem services. PES programs often integrate sustainable management with the bundling of the ecosystem services of carbon stocks or sequestration, biodiversity protection or enhancement, watershed protection or enhancement, and landscape management for ecotourism. Many of the Asian countries like Thailand and the Philippines have experiences with voluntary PES scheme whereas PES in Viet Nam is mandatory to actors and runs based on government policy framework. The success of these countries in their respective PES is interesting to learn from, especially on the contribution of PES program to both development of forest resources and enhancement of income of forest dependent communities in Asia. The experiences of both voluntary and non-voluntary PES scheme in these Asian countries will be useful in designing future PES programs. This session is important for PES providers, beneficiaries and government officials in Asian countries to exchange knowledge, to

update the current policy and practices in PES and to discuss challenges and opportunities for PES to move forward.

### **Goals and objectives of the session:**

This session aims to create a platform for various stakeholders to exchange experiences and lessons learned. Through the session, regional-level network on PES will be established to generate further collaboration and continued exchange in the future. It is understood that the effectiveness of PES is strongly influenced by specific political, social, and economic contexts in each country and there is no “one-size fits all” formula for PES. With this in mind, this session does not aim to highlight best practices or suggest a model of PES, but rather to provide a platform to exchange lessons learned among participants. Furthermore, through the session, it is expected that gaps in policy, implementation, or monitoring can be identified and the way to address these gaps discussed together. Last but not least, the session will also identify enabling conditions for PES to contribute to the conservation of ecosystem services and poverty alleviation while maintaining social inclusion.

### **Planned output / Deliverables:**

Asian Regional-Level Network of PES practitioners established for further collaboration and continued exchanges in the future.

Learnings on PES pilot and implementation in the Asian context facilitated to guide future PES programs in the region.

### **Voluntary contributions accepted:**

YES. We would like to invite contributions for country-level presentations from policy-makers, practitioners and researchers.

### **Related to ESP Working Group/National Network:**

TWG 16 - ES Financing mechanisms (incl. PES)