

18th ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE

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Kings College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Bioecon Policy Panel:
**Upscaling solution for poverty reduction and ecosystem management
through conditional transfers.**
15th September, 5pm to 6 pm. Keynes Hall

What is it about?

Over the past 20 years market-based instruments, such as Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) and conditional social transfers (CSTs) have been used to improve ecosystems and alleviate poverty. The experience of combining objectives and instruments is growing, as is our understanding of synergies (what do we gain by combining?) and trade-offs (what do we lose?), and what is necessary to upscale from local project to national programme.

IIED and partners from many countries have been exploring these issues, concentrating on national programmes that are tackling dual social and environmental objectives at large scales. As part of the strategy and parallel to Bioecon we will host a High Level Policy Workshop on the 14th of September. The workshop brings policy makers and researchers from China, India, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, South Africa, Madagascar, Kenya, Bhutan and Mexico as well as key partners such as UNEP, DFID, ESPA and The World Bank. Today's policy panel brings some of the people to share the main messages from the workshop and opens the space to engage with the wider Bioecon community.

Why now?

We believe that the advent of international agreements, such as the Sustainable Development Goals provides an entry point and increased momentum which could transform how we use economic instruments to address poverty and environment challenges.

Format of the session

Moderator:

Ina PORRAS, Senior Economist IIED.

Panellists:

Sven WUNDER, Principal Scientist, CIFOR. *Setting up the scene: the use of conditional transfers, including Payments for Ecosystem Services, to achieve social and environmental objectives.*

JIN Leshan, Prof., Dr.; Executive Director, China Eco-compensation Policy Research Center (CEPRC). *The Sloping Lands Conversion Programme in the People's Republic of China.*

Virgilio VIANA, Executive Director Fundação Amazonas Sustentável. *The experience of Bolsa Floresta in Brazil.*

Mr Abenet MENGISTU, Coordinator of PSNP Public Works; Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. *The experience of the Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) in Ethiopia.*

Essam Y MOHAMMED, Senior Economist IIED. Key messages from the IIED workshop on upscaling conditional transfers.