

# THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECO-COMPENSATION AND PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

LINKING GROWTH, CONSERVATION AND RURAL WELFARE VIA  
NATURAL CAPITAL

**8-9 DECEMBER 2017  
CHONGQING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

## Organizer;

- China Eco-compensation Policy Research Center (CEPRC)

## Co-sponsors and Supporters:

- Western Region Development Department of the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (NDRC)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI)
- Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (CAEP/MEP)
- International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
- Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (RCEES/CAS)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Chongqing Development and Reform Commission (CDRC)

## Background

Eco-compensation encompasses a range of different mechanisms including transfer payments, monetary subsidies, project support, favorable policies, and other measures that governments at all levels in the PRC use to compensate those who invest money or suffer from economic losses when protecting or restoring ecosystems. Internationally, the most similar approach that can be compared to eco-compensation is the concept of “Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES)”.

Whilst the PRC has been relatively successful in implementing several large-scale eco-compensation schemes over the years (e.g., the sloping land conversion program), the increase in the number of eco-compensation programs (at varying scales) in the recent years continues to reveal both success stories and new challenges. The PRC’s 13th Five-Year Plan also identifies the further development, application and monitoring of eco-compensation as a high priority in order to achieve PRC’s broader agenda of “ecological civilization.”

More recently, the PRC takes eco-compensation as one of the main policy instruments to reduce poverty in ecological function areas (e.g. biodiversity rich), and to protect the Yangtze River Basin, which runs through Chongqing and ten other provinces before entering the East China Sea at Shanghai. Momentum for eco-compensation is growing with the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and three other ministries jointly issuing a paper which urges each province to establish its watershed eco-compensation mechanism by 2020, and aims to establish trans-provincial watershed eco-compensation mechanisms for all the major rivers in the PRC by the year 2025.

Since 2009, ADB has been collaborating and supporting the PRC on the eco-compensation agenda in numerous ways. ADB has worked with NDRC and other agencies to carry out technical assistance on eco-compensation policy, national legislative framework, and co-sponsored five previous international conferences on eco-compensation and PES.

These international workshops have shared with an international audience the rapid progress within PRC. Chinese participants, particularly NRDR as the lead agency were also eager to learn international experiences on PES. A number of knowledge products have been resulted from the past conferences including *An Eco-Compensation Policy Framework for the People’s Republic of China: Challenges and Opportunities* (2010), and *Advances of China Eco-compensation* (2016).

## Conference Objectives

Given the rapid progress in eco-compensation development and practice in the PRC, especially in the recent years, this 6th international eco-compensation/PES conference will function as an avenue to:

- a. facilitate lesson learning on innovations and developments in eco-compensation and PES among Chinese and international stakeholders;
- b. share recent progress of eco-compensation related to key themes including transboundary watershed management, poverty reduction and performance measurement
- c. promote and strengthen regional and global networks amongst eco-compensation and PES practitioners.

## Thematic Focus and Sessions

Thematic sessions include:

- a. What's new in eco-compensation in PRC and globally;
- b. Transboundary watershed eco-compensation: opportunities and challenges;
- c. Poverty reduction and eco-compensation: why should we do it and how;
- d. Evaluating the performance of eco-compensation: Natural capital accounting and other indicators

## Key Outputs

The following outputs are anticipated:

- a. Launch and publication of the “Gross Ecosystem Product Accounting for Eco-compensation (Chinese version)” during the conference;
- b. Proceedings of the Conference (to be published in 2018).

## Participants

The target audience for the conference includes political leaders, ministries, public agencies, provincial and local governments in the PRC, private sector, NGOs, academia, media, and international development partners. There are about 150 participants expected.

## Organizers

The Conference will be organized by China Eco-compensation Policy Research Center (CEPRC) and co-sponsored and supported by the Western Region Development Department of NDRC, Asian Development Bank (ADB), ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative (RKSI), International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (RCEES/CAS), Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (CAEP/MEP), WWF, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, CBD, and Chongqing Development and Reform Commission (CDRC).

## Supporting Journal

*China Population, Resources and Environment*

## Language

Simultaneous translation of Chinese and English

## Venue

Hyatt Regency Chongqing Hotel, <https://chongqing.regency.hyatt.com/zh-Hans/hotel/home.html>

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## Website and online registration

<http://2017pes-en-1.eventdove.com/> (English version)

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### **Weather in Chongqing in early December:**

December is the cool dry season. There is little rainfall, the average daily low and high temperatures in early December are respectively 8 °C (46 °F) and 13 °C (55 °F).

## DRAFT AGENDA

Date	Activity
<b>7 December</b>	<b>Arrival of Participants in Chongqing and Early Registration</b>
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Registration / Collection of Conference Materials at Hyatt Regency Chongqing Hotel</b>
<b>8 December</b>	
08:00 – 08:30	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Plenary: Setting the Stage</b> <b>8:30 – 10:00</b> <i>Chair: Wang Zhiqiang, Deputy Director General, Chongqing DRC</i>	
08:30 – 09:15	<b>Welcome Remarks and Keynote Speeches</b> Ou Xiaoli, Director General, Western Region Development Department, NDRC Indu Bhushan, Director General, East Asia Department, Asian Development Bank He Jun, Deputy Director General, Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning, MEP Shen Xiaozhong, Director General, Chongqing Development and Reform Commission
09:15 – 09:30	<b>Keynote Presentations:</b> <b>Mainstreaming Eco-Compensation into Development: The ADB Vision</b> - <i>Qingfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB</i> <b>In Focus: Book Launch</b> <i>Gross Ecosystem Production Accounting for Eco-compensation (Chinese version)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Group Photo and Coffee / Tea Break</b>
<b>Session 1: What's New in Eco-compensation and Payments for Ecosystem Services?</b> <b>10:00 – 12.15</b> <i>Chair: Qingfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB</i>	
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opportunities and Challenges of Eco-compensation in the PRC</b> - <i>Jin Leshan, Executive Director, China Eco-compensation Policy Research Center</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Opportunities and Challenges with Payments for Ecosystems in Brazil</b> - <i>Virgilio Viana, Director General, Sustainable Amazon Foundation, Brazil</i>

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10:30 – 10:45	<b>Eco-compensation and agriculture: lessons from the United States, questions for China</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Jim Harkness, former president of Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Table Discussion: Which of these innovations will apply in your context of eco-compensation?</b>
11:15 – 12:15	<b>Panel Discussion and Q &amp; A</b> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Michael Bennett, Senior Advisor, Forest Trends; Adjunct Research Fellow, CEPRC</i></li> <li>- <i>Chen Shang, Research Professor, The First Institute of Oceanography, State of Ocean Administration (SOA)</i></li> </ul>
12:15 – 13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13:30 – 15:25	<b>Session 2: Transboundary Watershed Management and Protection and Eco-Compensation</b>  <i>Chair: Alvin Lopez, Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB</i>
13:30 – 13:45	<b>Trans-provincial Eco-compensation Schemes in the PRC: Experiences and Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Liu Guihuan, Research Professor, Chinese Academy of Environmental Planning</i></li> </ul>
13:45 – 14:00	<b>US Transboundary Watershed Management: Experiences and Lessons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Hu Tao, Director of China Program, WWF US</i></li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>Trans-provincial Eco-compensation Schemes in the Chishui River Basin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Jiang Ping, Deputy Director General, Guizhou Environmental Protection Department</i></li> </ul>
14:15 – 14:45	<b>Table discussions: What are the opportunities and challenges of financing transboundary watershed management and protection?</b>
14:45 – 15:25	<b>Panel Discussion and Q &amp; A</b> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Liu Tong, Deputy Director, Western Region Development Department of NDRC</i></li> <li>- <i>Ye Zhendong, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Capital Utilization and Overseas Investment, NDRC</i></li> <li>- <i>Ren Wenwei, WWF China Water Practice Leader</i></li> <li>- <i>Wang Xiqin, Professor, Renmin University of China</i></li> </ul>

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15:25 – 15:40	<b>Coffee / Tea Break</b>
15:40 – 17.55	<p align="center"><b>Session 3: Natural Capital Accounting and Eco-compensation Performance Evaluation</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Chair: Zhu Chunquan, Country Representative, IUCN China Office</i></p>
15:40 – 15:55	<p><b>GEP Accounting: Methodology and Pilot in Qinghai, Yunnan and Guizhou Provinces</b></p> <p>- <i>Ouyang Zhiyun, Deputy Director of RCEE, Chinese Academy of Sciences</i></p>
15:55 – 16.10	<p><b>Policy Implication of Natural Capital Accounting</b></p> <p>- <i>Stephen Polasky, Prof. University of Minnesota</i></p>
16.10 – 16:25	<p><b>Indicators of Eco-compensation for Agricultural Structural Adjustment Based on N-loss-control</b></p> <p>- <i>Luo Lianguo, Prof. Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, CAAS</i></p>
16.25 – 16.55	<p><b>Table discussions: From your experience, how should eco-compensation performance be measured?</b></p>
16.55 – 17.55	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p>- <i>Meng Han, China Representative, UNEP-WCMC</i></p> <p>- <i>Ina Porras, Senior Economist, IIED</i></p>
19:00 – 21:00	Internal meeting on Environment and Poverty Partnership – by invitation only

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<b>9 December</b>	
<b>8.45 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 4: Ecosystems investments for poverty reduction: why should we do it and how?</b> <i>Chair: Paul Steele, Chief Economist, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)</i>
<b>8.45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Synergy of Poverty Reduction and Environmental Protection: UN Case Studies and Lessons Learned</b> - Zheng Haixia, Senior Advisor to International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IRPCC), and Prof. Agricultural Information Institute, CAAS
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Conditional transfers, ecosystem services and poverty alleviation</b> - Ina Porras, Senior Economist, IIED
<b>9.15 – 9.45</b>	<b>Table discussions: How can eco-compensation reduce poverty?</b>
<b>9.45 – 10.30</b>	<b>Panel Discussion and Q &amp; A : Practical Experiences in Combining Poverty and Environment at National Level</b>  <b>Bangladesh</b> - Syed Arif Azad, Director General, Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh  <b>Viet Nam</b> - Nguyen Manh Hiep, Forestry Administration, Viet Nam  <b>Brazil</b> - Virgilio Viana, Director General, Sustainable Amazon Foundation, Brazil
<b>10:30 – 10:55</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>10:55 – 12:15</b>	<b>Concluding Session</b> (Chair: Liu Tong Deputy Director, NDRC)  <b>Concluding Remarks</b> Wang Zhiqiang, Deputy Director General, Chongqing DRC Alvin Lopez, Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB Liu Tong Deputy Director, Western Region Development Department, NDRC
<b>12:15 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

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