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Payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management

UNECE recommendations

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Most important terms (Pg. 4-5)

- Water related ecosystems
- Ecosystem services
- Payments for ecosystem services (PES)

Types of PES (Pg. 11 & Annex III, IV)

- Public schemes
- Private (self-organized) schemes
- Trading schemes

Financial arrangements

(Pg. 12 & Annex III)

- For sellers:
 - Direct compensation
 - Investment or developments funds
 - Land purchasing
- For buyers:
 - Customer-charged payments
 - Lump-sum contributions
 - Tax-based contributions

Other elements of PES schemes

- Identification of water management problems and links with ecosystem services
- Economic analysis
- Stakeholder involvement
- Legal and institutional framework
- Accompanying measures

Thank you for your attention!

More information: http://www.unece.org/env/water/.