

Regional Workshop: Capacity Building Workshop Valuation of Ecosystem Services for Effective Public Policy in Latin America

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Aims

The workshop which was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in close cooperation with the National Planning and Development Secretariat (SENPLADES) and the Ministry of Environment on behalf of the Government of Ecuador, and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO-Ecuador), aimed to set up a Latin American platform (network or think tank) dealing with policy innovations for realizing the values of ecosystem services. Such platform (led by governments from the region) will promote processes of policy innovation by means of encouraging research and sharing experiences of innovative public policies for converting ecosystem services into drivers of economic development.

Objectives

The specific objectives of the workshop were: 1) to enhance the capacity of senior level policy makers from the Latin American region to evaluate the different dimensions of ecosystem services, and to incorporate such values into policy design and 2) to share innovative experiences (tools and policy responses) from Latin America for realizing the economic value of ecosystem services.