

**4th Plenary Meeting of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) Workshop 4:
Motors of Deforestation, new Pressures and Issues in the Management of the Congo Basin
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Presentation 1: Analysis of Factors that Contribute to Deforestation

- Direct Factors:
 - o Timber Industry
 - o Agricultural Industry (Palm Oil)
 - o Mining Industry (not a big factor in Africa)
 - o Local firewood gathering
 - o Local needs
- Indirect Factors:
 - o Population growth
 - o Poverty
 - o War, conflict, and migration
 - o Poor governance
- 1st Solution = “Leave the forest”
- 2nd Solution = Land Management/Planning

Presentation 2: Policy Solutions

- DRC = National Strategy for REDD+
- Challenges:
 - o Lack of land management/planning
 - o Conflicting contracts
 - o Lack of regulation
 - o Lack of government capacity
- Policy intervention must address indirect sources, including poverty
- Local level solutions needed in addition to high level solutions

Presentation 3: Drivers of Deforestation and Carbon Emmissions

- Historical Vs Current Drivers
 - o Historical drivers different for every country
 - o Current drivers more and more the same
- Discussion of REDD+
- REDD+ Jurisdictional (emphasis on local level)
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- Conclusion: Need to address direct causes in short term and indirect causes in long term

Presentation 4: Role of Civil Society

- Presentation of “Country Team” concept: a multi-sector team that analyzes the processes of forest governance in a country. The team includes representatives of government, civil society, and the private sector.
- Country Team Objectives:
 - o Facilitate planning and synergy by sharing information
 - o Develop strategies to promote civil society’s role, such as micro subventions
- Conclusion: Civil society must be involved in forest management, because they are involved at the ground level

Overarching Themes:

- Role of agro-industry, especially palm oil plantations, in deforestation
- Role of poor governance in causing deforestation
- Need for decentralization and community-level solutions