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Exploring Strategies for Rainforest Preservation

Limiting climate change is an essential element of conflict prevention. Forests play a key role in trapping carbon and reserving water resources, but protecting the world's tree cover presents both challenging collective action problems and difficult equity issues. What is individually rational is potentially disastrous for society and for future generations, as French President Emmanuel Macron highlighted this past month at the G7 meeting.

The good news is that pioneering public servants and civic groups have teamed up to experiment with solutions and hone ideas.

- See how **Brazil implemented a monitoring system and new incentives to reduce deforestation** prior to the election of its current government.
- Assess the **mixed experience with supply chain certification**, one approach to reducing the demand for unsustainably produced commodities.
- Equity issues continue to pose a challenge. **Payments for environmental services, pioneered in Costa Rica and other countries**, remain an option for alleviating the potential burden on farmers and ranchers, but such approaches are unlikely to work unless linked to other policies.

Has your government experimented with solutions you would like to share with others? **Let us know** and ISS will try to help others learn from your experience.



Amazon rain forest, looking towards the Andes. Photo by Dallas Krentzel

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