



Please join Catholic Relief Services and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for an online *Catholics Confront Global Poverty* discussion on:

***Natural Resource Extraction:  
Blessing or curse? Insights from the Democratic Republic of Congo***

with

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**2:00-3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**

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Participants will need a phone and a computer with a high speed internet connection to join our webcast.

Natural resources are fueling the conflict in The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This *Catholics Confront Global Poverty* webcast will explore the issues around natural resource extraction such as tin, coltan (used in cell phones), diamonds, gold and other minerals and its effects on the people of the DRC. We will examine the Church's position on natural resource extraction, the conflict in the DRC and legislation in Congress that is supposed to address these issues. We will also discuss concrete ways for Catholics to make a real impact in the debate.

Thirty minutes of this webcast will be reserved to take questions from the audience.

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- Watch a brief video on global poverty, conflict and peace: [http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/ccgp\\_podcasts.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/globalpoverty/ccgp_podcasts.shtml)
- Learn more about the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops work on promoting peace in the DRC: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/callafrica/drc.shtml>
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