



# Annual Report 2013

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# Board of Directors

Mandates in the board of directors are unsalaried. At the moment, the board is composed of the following people:

## Chair

- **Wivina Demeester-De Meyer:** former Minister in the Flemish and Federal governments, administrator of several non-profit organisations and companies

## Secretary

- **Tom Sauer:** Professor International Politics at the University of Antwerp, Department of Political Science

## Treasurer

- **Emiel Vervliet:** Lecturer at the Sociale School Heverlee, former president of Coprogram

## Members

- **Jo Hanssens:** Former Chair of Pax Christi Vlaanderen
- **Dirk Timmermans:** Educational facilitator for AGSO (Autonoom Gemeentebedrijf Stedelijk Onderwijs), member of the board of the non-profit organisation Vredescentrum of the province and the city of Antwerp, chair of the Educational Working Group at the United Nations Association of Flanders - Belgium
- **Jan Pollet:** Political Affairs Officer of the Belgian/Flemish Section of Amnesty International
- **Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck:** Minister of State, European Member of Parliament, President of the European Liberal Party (ELDR), former Minister in the Federal and Brussels governments
- **Cathy Suykens:** Senior Operational Risk Manager at KBC Global Services N.V.

## Members of the General Assembly

Wivina Demeester-De Meyer, Tom Sauer, Emiel Vervliet, Jo Hanssens, Dirk Timmermans, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Cathy Suykens, Tomas Baum, Peter Danssaert, David Crieke-mans, Etienne De Jonghe, Philip Nauwelaerts, Stefaan Smis

# From the Chair

Antwerp, May 2014

Looking back at 2013, the Board of IPIS welcomes the further consolidation of the four research programmes. Through a growing number of solid publications, IPIS has covered once more the most recent evolutions in its field, being armed conflict and security in the Great Lakes Region, natural resources, business and human rights, and international arms transfers. The publication of new interactive web maps on Eastern DRC and the Sudan-South Sudan border area that are both relevant for our stakeholders and visually appealing, demonstrates that IPIS is committed to implement new technologies to disseminate its research findings.

Needless to say, continued growth and organizational change brings its challenges. Firstly, the recent external evaluation of our work shows clearly that, while our partners highly value the quality of our reporting and expertise, they advise IPIS to invest more in its partner work. Indeed we can notice a shift from 'publications' towards 'research projects' where partners are more closely involved from the planning stage up to the dissemination of the research findings. IPIS will work to improve the quality of these processes, both with our partnerships in the North and those in our region of focus that is 'capacity building' driven.

Secondly, managing larger research projects in high-risk areas and increasing project budgets, often with local partners involved, require a solid grasp of project management, financial scrutiny and risk awareness. The IPIS Board keeps on following these evolutions closely.

Hereby I would like to thank the members of the Board for their contribution to good governance in IPIS. Lastly, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all staff members for their commitment to the IPIS projects and publications throughout 2013.

Wivina Demeester-De Meyer

Chair





# Preface

Throughout 2013, IPIS has closely monitored the evolutions in the Great Lakes Region. The large scale mapping of the security surrounding artisanal mining sites in Eastern DRC that IPIS has carried out throughout 2013 with the support of PROMINES/World Bank and the Belgian Foreign Affairs will find its conclusion early 2014. The fall of M23 and a number of defeats of other armed groups in the East strengthened the confidence of governmental actors, but the collected data demonstrates that armed group presence in mining sites is still wide spread, both by rebel groups and FARDC.

While the research team working on the Soudan-South Sudan border conflict was drafting its conclusions, the situation in South Sudan saw a drastic escalation that is now transforming into a catastrophic famine. A few months later, while IPIS was preparing a research project on the conflict dynamics in the Central-African Republic after the coup of the Seleka coalition, the country collapsed into chaos and large scale fighting between its citizens. IPIS is closely monitoring both conflicts and will keep reporting on the often intransparent en complex motives of the political and armed actors.

When it comes to the matter of Business & Human Rights and natural resources governance, IPIS has further monitored the international initiatives to improve responsible sourcing of 'conflict minerals' and its impact on the ground. 2013 was a difficult year in this regard, as both the OECD initiatives on 3T minerals and gold, as well as the Kimberley Process on diamonds, faced criticism from NGOs and other stakeholders. A new EU initiative that would be the 'European answer' to the US Dodd-Frank Act deserves a close and critical look. This year, IPIS increased its attention on oil, specifically focusing on Uganda, DRC and Chad. In Uganda in particular, IPIS has worked with local partners to map the national context onto the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and is continuing these collaborations into 2014.

The work on international arms transfers has reached a new phase now the long anticipated UN Arms Trade treaty has become a reality. Though a landmark success for NGOs devoted to peace, development and human rights, the civil society now faces the challenge to push governments further to implement the Treaty on a global scale. A good understanding of mechanisms to monitor and report the arms flows will be key to the success, and IPIS will continue to provide this expertise to its partners, drawing from its ongoing research on supply chains and defence logistics.

Filip Reyniers

Director



# Mission

IPIS is a research centre that collects, structures, assimilates and processes information into reports, dossiers, articles, briefings, training modules, workshops and lectures. Our primary target group are governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental development actors, as well as private corporations and law making bodies. Through channels such as the media, the academic world and think tanks, our information also reaches a wider range of stakeholders. In the largest sense, our target group consists of all individuals and organisations that are committed to peace, human rights and development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Our 'action research' focuses on facts and figures rather than on theoretical knowledge, because we wish to offer practical solutions – workable policy recommendations, training, capacity enhancing workshops – to our primary target group, after the diagnostic research phase. IPIS research activities are structured into four research programmes, around which IPIS has built a unique, field-based expertise and network over the last 25 years.

The research programme Arms Trade & Security sheds light on facts related to the opaque international arms trade with and in our region of focus. The analysis of these data offers insights into the consequences of arms flows on conflict and underdevelopment, and recommendations to prevent the proliferation of arms in Sub-Saharan Africa. In this respect, IPIS investigates logistical chains and infrastructure that facilitate arms transfers to our focus region.

The research programme Natural Resources brings in-depth research on the exploitation of natural resources and puts into perspective issues such as the redistribution of rents, poor governance and corruption, the financing of conflicts.

The research programme Business & Human Rights deals with corporate social responsibility (CSR) and the role of the private sector in our focus region. In the course of many years we have witnessed the potential of private companies to create wealth and promote peace, as well as conflict and inequality. The research focuses on all aspects of sustainable development, respect for human rights, and the implementation of self-regulatory and legal frameworks. At the request of our clients we apply our CSR expertise in the development of methodologies which can also be employed outside our region of focus.

The research programme Conflict Mapping aims to map the various motives of conflict actors. A significant part of this research is devoted to the collection of reliable data on the field and its visualisation into cartographic material.

# Research method

The nature of IPIS' research stands midway between a journalistic and an academic approach. With journalism we share a strong focus on the factual, as opposed to the rather theoretical line of approach of academic research. However, IPIS goes deeper and more thoroughly into its themes of research than is usual within the journalistic profession. By doing so, we come near to investigative journalism and its digging extending to sources outside the public domain.

Our gathering of information is a permanent activity and is done through consulting sources on the internet, studying academic and journalistic publications, analysing confidential documents, fieldwork and interviews within an extensive network of contacts built up over many years. That data stream is processed by our researchers and forms the basis of the research projects that we carry out for external clients.

Depending on our clients' requirements, IPIS' output consists of publishable reports or dossiers that are only intended for the client. In the latter case, it can be, for instance, a dossier serving as the basis of an NGO campaign, or one for a public authority to map out its policy options.

The analyses we provide in our dossiers are always accompanied by workable recommendations that have been submitted for review by legal and technical experts and by policy makers. These recommendations are addressed to all the stakeholders involved in the research topic. Besides dossiers and reports, we also compile courses, training modules, and give workshops and lectures.

IPIS often deals with sensitive information and in handling this we pursue deontological principles such as reliability, critical sense, impartiality and check & double-check.

# Research Programme

## Arms Trade/Security

### Building the case for a robust Arms Trade Treaty

*Peter Danssaert  
& Ken Matthysen*

#### Description:

IPIS contributed to the research for this Amnesty International report that brings harrowing testimonies and images from conflict zones and human rights crises around the world, as a result of abuses and atrocities committed with conventional arms and ammunition. This underlines the urgent need to end irresponsible arms transfers and illicit trafficking.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

Amnesty International

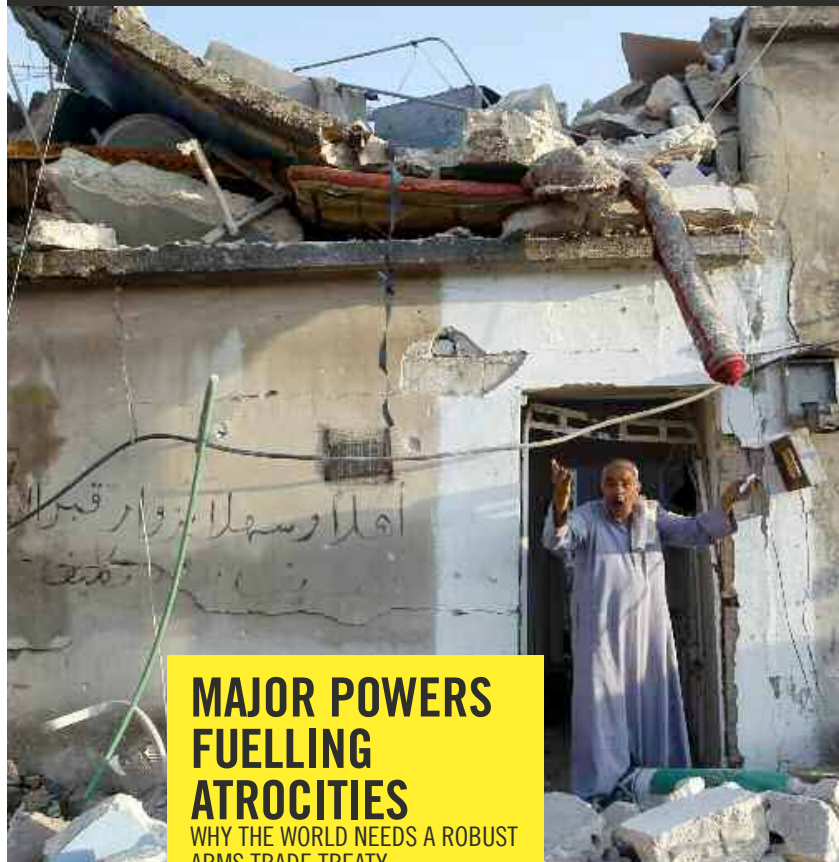


#### Output:

Report: March 2013. Major Powers Fueling Atrocities. Why the world needs a robust Arms Trade Treaty. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=403](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=403)

#### Impact:

The report has been used by Amnesty International to pressure states, and in particular the five permanent member states of the UN Security Council, to create the most viable Arms Trade Treaty.





# Research Programme: Arms Trade/Security

***Pinocchio Ltd.  
The NRA and its  
corporate partners:  
US shipments of  
small arms  
ammunition by sea***

*Sergio Finardi  
& Peter Danssaert*

## Description:

During the negotiations for the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the National Rifle Association (NRA) targeted the initiative for supposedly impacting Second Amendment rights. This report demonstrates that the international community's call for the inclusion of ammunition and civilian arms within the scope of the ATT is used by the NRA to claim that the ATT could restrict the lawful ownership of firearms in the United States.

## Commissioned/funded by:

The report was commissioned and co-authored by TransArms USA and funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation



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## Output:

Report: March 2013. Pinocchio Ltd. The NRA and its corporate partners: US shipments of small arms ammunition by sea. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=405](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=405)

***Pinocchio Ltd***

*The NRA and its corporate partners:  
US shipments of small arms ammunition by sea*

By Sergio Finardi and Peter Danssaert



*Transport Services under an Arms Trade Treaty Series*  
TransArms-Research - International Peace Information Service

March 18 2013

# Research Programme

## Arms Trade/Security

### The role of the Arms Trade Treaty in disarmament

*Sergio Finardi,  
Brian Wood,  
Peter Danssaert  
& Ken Matthysen*

#### Description:

This article examines and suggests proposals that could enhance the role of the international Arms Trade Treaty in the regulation of the international arms trade and in addressing the role of the legal trade.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

The article was commissioned by Solutions Journal and funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation



#### Output:

Article: The Arms Trade Treaty: Building a Path to Disarmament. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=404](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=404)

#### Impact:

The article has been published in Solutions Journal, which is an online journal. It aims to inform a wide audience on discussions regarding 'the world's integrated ecological, social, and economic problems' and wishes to discuss 'bold and innovative ideas for solving ...' these problems. The article was widely reproduced on social networks.



# Research Programme

## Arms Trade/Security

### UN sanctions on North Korea: critical assessment of the findings on an illegal arms flight

*Sergio Finardi,  
Peter Danssaert  
& Brian Johnson-Thomas*

#### Description:

This report reviews the conclusion of a recent UN report on North Korea sanctions about an arms flight grounded in Thailand. It analyses the information that is presented as evidence to support its claim against three individuals accused of being complicit in the organization of an illegal arms flight from North Korea. Regrettably, the conclusion is that those accusations are not supported by facts.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

This publication was commissioned and co-authored by TransArms USA and funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation



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Sergio Finardi, Peter Danssaert, Brian Johnson-Thomas

## Ambushed in Bangkok?

*The U.N. Panel on North Korea  
and the case of the IL-76 "4L-AWA"*

#### Output:

Report: November 2013. Ambushed in Bangkok? The U.N. Panel on North Korea and the case of the IL-76 "4L-AWA". [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=429](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=429)

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# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights

### Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas: Tin, Tantalum, and Tungsten

*Anna Bulzomi  
& Evie Francq*

#### Description:

This report is the final in a cycle of three reports on the pilot implementation by upstream companies of the “Supplement on Tin, Tantalum and Tungsten of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas”. The goal of the report is to provide an overall assessment of the progress and impact of the one-year pilot implementation phase of the OECD Guidance and its Supplement on Tin, Tantalum and Tungsten.

The pilot implementation phase of the Guidance focused on Africa’s Great Lakes region and was carried out during the period August 2011 – October 2012. Drawing on lessons from the ground, this final report identifies key trends and common approaches to overcome challenges as well as tools used by companies to implement the OECD Guidance.

Commissioned/funded by:

OECD



#### Output:

Report: January 2013. Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. Final Report on one-year pilot implementation of the Supplement on Tin, Tantalum, and Tungsten. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=398](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=398)

#### Impact:

The OECD Guidance and the 3T Supplement represent the benchmark for due diligence implementation in the supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas in all regions of the world.

IPIS’ work was especially beneficial to companies sourcing and trading minerals from the Great Lakes. IPIS worked with over 60 companies active at different levels of the supply chain in Africa, and after three cycles of in-region visits and reporting, most of them now adopted a due diligence policy and have a clearer understanding of the broader due diligence landscape.

After carrying out the implementation phase, IPIS continues to work with the OECD and with other stakeholders across business and civil society to identify best practices and address current challenges. Notably, IPIS became a member of the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA) in 2013, and one of IPIS Researchers was elected to serve on the PPA’s Board.

*Miner engaged in sifting process, Rwanda (IPIS 2012)*





# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights

### The need for human rights impact assessment: the case of SOCO International Oil Company in Virunga National Park, DRC

*Gabriella Wass*

#### Description:

Taking a closer look at the presence of the British oil company SOCO International in the Virunga Park (DRC), IPIS demonstrates why it is so vital for companies to employ rights-respectful processes, such as those advised in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, from the very beginning of the prospection stage.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



#### Output:

IPIS Insights: August 2013. Why businesses should assess human rights impacts from the outset of projects. SOCO International Oil Company in Virunga National Park, DRC. <http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications/detail.php?id=414>

#### Impact:

IPIS' research informed WWF's October 2013 submission to the UK's OECD National Contact Point (NCP), alleging breaches of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The NCP is now formally reviewing the case against SOCO. [http://awsassets.panda.org/downloads/wwf\\_files\\_oecd\\_complaint\\_against\\_soco\\_key\\_findings.pdf](http://awsassets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_files_oecd_complaint_against_soco_key_findings.pdf)



# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights

### China National Petroleum Corporation in Chad: Theory and Practice of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan

*Anna Bulzomi*

#### Description:

In this report, IPIS sheds light on the gaps between theory and practice of the stakeholder engagement plan designed and implemented by the Chadian branch of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) in their Rônier project. IPIS was also tasked to facilitate the dialogue between the company and the largest coalition of Chadian civil society organizations working on natural resources, the Commission Permanente Pétrole N'Djamena (CPPN). After introducing the context of Sino-Chadian relations and the details of the Rônier operations, this study focuses on the discrepancies noted between CNPC's policies on paper and the reality on the ground in Chad

#### Commissioned/funded by:

The report was commissioned by 'Arbeitsgruppe Tschad' and was supported by the Belgian Development Cooperation



#### Output:

Report, December 2013. Practice What You Preach: Theory and Practice of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)'s Stakeholder Engagement Plan in Chad. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=437](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=437)

#### Impact:

The document produced by IPIS feeds into the current discussion on stakeholder engagement in large-scale oil projects in Chad and serves as baseline for both CNPC and civil society groups to revise current engagement policies and progressively improve their engagement practices, even more so in light of the next phases in the Rônier project and of CNPC's interest in developing corporate-NGO partnerships.

Engaging with community leaders in Djermaya, Chad (IPIS 2013)





# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights

### The Kimberley Process revisited

*Fiona Southward*

#### Description:

Ten years after the launch of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), this report is the first in a two part series providing an overview of where the Kimberley Process and international efforts to combat the trade in conflict diamonds currently stand. This part provides a broad overview of the issues facing the Kimberley Process as it stepped into 2014, outlining some of the general developments that have taken place both within the diamond industry and the wider social context since the KPCS' negotiation, addressing some of the strengths and weaknesses of the Kimberley Process itself, and exploring some of the proposals for reform currently on the table.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



#### Output:

Aricle, November 2013. IPIS Insights: Kimberley Process: observations from the sidelines. Part I.  
[http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=431](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=431)

#### Impact:

The paper was well received in furnishing government policy makers, as well as civil society and industry actors, with a contextualised understanding of the Kimberly Process at a time fraught with questions about the future of the scheme due to challenges posed to its efficacy and relevance. In doing so, it fed into enquiries made at the Belgian parliamentary level, where IPIS was, inter alia, invited to elaborate on its findings before a select committee XXX, and was circulated amongst parties attending the Kimberley Process Plenary in November 2013. IPIS will continue to provide insights in this area in 2014 with a second insight in recent proposals for due diligence guidance or the gemstones sector."



# Research Programme: Business & Human Rights ° *Capacity Building*

## *Uganda's oil sector and potential threats to human rights I*

*Gabriella Wass  
& Chris Musiime*

### Description:

This is the first part of a series of reports that sheds a light on the oil sector in Uganda, its possible impact on human rights, and how government, companies, and civil society can best enable a positive bond between oil and the welfare of the Ugandan people. The report provides a situational analysis of the oil sector in Uganda, looks at the legislation surrounding oil extraction, and looks at future developments in the industry. For this series, IPIS collaborates with ActionAid International Uganda.

### Commissioned/funded by:

Commissioned and co-authored by ActionAid International Uganda and supported by the Belgian Development Cooperation

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### Output:

Report: July 2013. Business, Human Rights, and Uganda's Oil. Part I: Uganda's oil sector and potential threats to human rights. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=413](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=413)

### Impact:

This report has proved to be an invaluable capacity building tool for IPIS's partner in Uganda: ActionAid. Over 2000 copies have been disseminated of the report, which ActionAid continues to use as a position statement on and backgrounder to oil's impact on Uganda's across their work Africa and internationally. Likewise, IPIS has increasingly been approached to deliver training in 2014 on the business, oil and human rights nexus as a result of this research.

Fishing is a form of livelihood for many Ugandans living around Lake Albert.





# Research Programme: Business & Human Rights ° *Capacity Building*

## *Uganda's oil sector and potential threats to human rights II*

*Gabriella Wass  
& Chris Musiime*

### Description:

This is the second part of IPIS and ActionAid's series of reports exploring business and human rights issues in Uganda's oil sector. In accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, this second report assesses the duty of the Ugandan, British, French and Chinese States to prevent, investigate, punish and redress human rights abuse by businesses.

### Commissioned/funded by:

Commissioned and co-authored by ActionAid International Uganda and supported by the Belgian Development Cooperation

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### Output:

Report: December 2013. Business, Human Rights, and Uganda's Oil - Part II: Protect and Remedy: Implementing State duties under the UN Framework on Business and Human Rights. <http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications/detail.php?id=436>

### Impact:

The utility of this report is the delineation it makes between business and State responsibility. Where resources are extracted, local and nationals often struggle to locate where responsibility should fall. In Uganda, resettlement of populations living near oil sites has been a particularly key such issue. This paper has formed part of a national debate regarding whether the Ugandan State or businesses should be held accountable for ongoing problems surrounding relocation.

An oil truck transport's petroleum within Uganda. Copyright: Stefan Gara, 2004,



# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights ° *Capacity Building*

### Human rights and the mining industry in Katanga, DRC

*Andrés Zaragoza Montejano*

#### Description:

In the DRC's Katanga province, rich in cobalt and copper, some industrial mining companies operate provoking significant pollution of water sources, seriously affecting the local population. This report analyses the mining sector and the legal framework it operates in, and gives an overview of the responsibilities of the Congolese government towards the right to water as defined under human right law.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

This report was commissioned by WaterLex and written in cooperation with the Congolese NGO RRN-RDC. The publication was supported by the Belgian Development Cooperation.



#### Output:

Report: November 2013. In search of clean water: human rights and the mining industry in Katanga, DRC.  
[http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=434](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=434)

Boy running to gather water for the day, Democratic Republic of the Congo. (IPIS 2013)



# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights ° *Capacity Building*

**What does business & human rights mean, and how can we bring about a healthy relationship between the two?**

*Gabriella Wass  
& Anna Bulzomi*

### Description:

A few days after attending the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, IPIS ran a two-day training with ActionAid Uganda for businesses and NGOs in Kampala, Uganda. The training provided a space for businesses and civil society to meet, get to know each other and take stock of what is being done to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights in Uganda. IPIS published the training materials online, and put together a report summarising some thoughts and observations from the participating organisations, as well as providing snapshots of the current relationship between business and human rights in Uganda

### Commissioned/funded by:

Commissioned by ActionAid Uganda and organised with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



### Output:

Training materials: <http://prezi.com/klqzrtryfs7j/uganda-business-and-human-rights-cb-dec-2013/>.

Report: March 2014. Business & Human Rights in Uganda: What's on the Agenda? [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=442](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=442)

### Impact:

19 organisations participated, and reported that the training was an invaluable introduction to an emerging topic.





# Research Programme

## Business & Human Rights ° *Capacity Building*

### The Human Right to Water and Sanitation

*Andrés Zaragoza Montejano,  
Gabriella Wass  
& Evie Franco*

#### Description:

A new training module was developed to raise awareness on the importance of the right to water and sanitation. The training gives an outline of: The legal basis of the right to water at the international level; Water and sanitation challenges faced by the poor and most vulnerable groups; Role and responsibilities of governments with respect to the right to water and sanitation; Bringing national concerns to the international level; and Methods of advocacy.

In February 2013, IPIS delivered this training in Lubumbashi DRC, and Kampala, Uganda. IPIS partnered with local organisations in order to tailor content to the specific audiences, and secure the most receptive participants. IPIS also produced a number of publically available training materials to complement this work: a video (in French and English) on the right to water, a poster (in English) and a training manual.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

The training manual was produced in partnership with Waterlex and the Franciscans. The project was funded by the Belgian Development cooperation and the City of Antwerp.



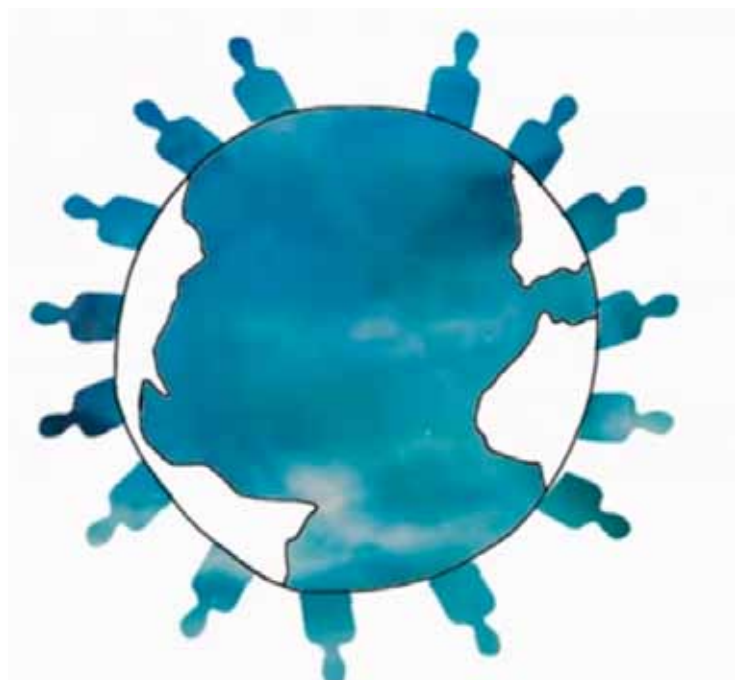
#### Output:

IPIS Video - The Human Right to Water (English) . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT1F2hukSk>

IPIS Video - Droit à l'eau (French). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jczpZ\\_iuzHM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jczpZ_iuzHM)

The Presentation in English. <http://prezi.com/kxdbdnic2ark/right-to-water-workshop-uganda/>

The Presentation in French. [http://prezi.com/elb\\_guhsbxa5/droit-a-leau-atelier/](http://prezi.com/elb_guhsbxa5/droit-a-leau-atelier/)





# Research Programme: Natural Resources

## Conflictmineralen en conflictresolutie in Oost-Congo

*Ken Matthysen*

### Description:

This article assesses the role of the combat against 'conflict minerals' in conflict resolution in Eastern DRC. It argues that the link between conflict minerals and insecurity is rather complex, and formulates some lessons learned from existing policy initiatives.

### Commissioned/funded by:

Commissioned by Internationale Spectator and funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation

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### Output:

Article: July 2013. Strijd tegen conflictmineralen: sleutel tot conflictresolutie in Oost-Congo? [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=412](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=412)

### Impact:

The Internationale Spectator is a magazine that wants to offer thorough analyses of issues within the field of international relations to its audience, including e.g. academics, students and politicians. With this article it wanted to sensitize its audience and offer them a balanced view on the issue of conflict minerals.

Miner panning tin ore in Uvira territory, South Kivu.. (IPIS 2014)



# Research Programme: Natural Resources

## Study of the mining sector in the Central African Republic

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& Ian Carkson*

### Description:

Though the Central African Republic might be considered an appropriate candidate for analysis within the conflict-mineral perspective, this framework ignores the country's mining sector's very specific characteristics. This report aims to analyse both the Central African Republic's gold and diamond mining sector and related environmental and socio-economic issues.

### Commissioned/funded by:

This report was commissioned by Action-Aid and funded by Cordaid



### Output:

Report: March 2013. Gold and diamonds in the Central African Republic. The country's mining sector, and related social, economic and environmental issues. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=406](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=406)

Report: L'or et les diamants de la République centrafricaine. Le secteur minier et les problèmes sociaux, économiques et environnementaux y afférents. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=432](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=432)

### Impact:

The report had to be presented at a workshop in Bangui, organised in collaboration with Cordaid, in order to sensitize stakeholders in CAR on the country's mining sector and related environmental and socio-economic issues. However due to the worsening security situation and the subsequent withdrawal of Cordaid from the CAR, the workshop did not take place in the end. Nevertheless, the report has been welcomed by a wide range of stakeholders, including people within the CAR Ministry of Mining.

Artisanal diamond miners sifting gravel near Sam-Ouandja (IPIS 2008)





# Research Programme

## Natural Resources

### How local mining communities perceive 'conflict minerals' initiatives in DRC

*Ken Matthysen  
& Andrés Zaragoza Montejano*

#### Description:

The exploitation of minerals is an important source of income for many communities in eastern DRC. Yet this mineral wealth also plays a significant role in the continuation of insecurity in parts of the country. Therefore, initiatives have been developed to address the so-called 'conflict minerals' problem and the high level of informality in the DRC's artisanal mining sector. This report aims to provide insight into the impact of these initiatives on the livelihood strategies of local communities and gives recommendations for a possible EU initiative on responsible sourcing of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

This report was commissioned by EurAc and funded by Humanity United



#### Output:

Report: November 2013. Conflict Minerals' initiatives in DR Congo: Perceptions of local mining communities. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=426](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=426)

#### Impact:

The report has been launched at an event in the European Parliament in November 2013. EurAc has used it to influence European policy makers with regard to the EU's initiative on responsible sourcing of minerals originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

Artisanal miners working in Kalimbi mine, near Nyabibwe (PLS, April 2013)



# Research Programme

## Natural Resources

### The G-Sextant project: geospatial intelligence for mineral mapping

*Filip Hilgert*

#### Description:

The G-Sextant Project, part of the EU-funded Copernicus Programme, helps to improve the management of natural resources and of humanitarian or regional crises. IPIS provides field data and analysis to validate spatial data from earth observation satellites.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

This project was commissioned by DLR, the German national aeronautics and space research centre, and funded by the European Commission.

#### Output:

IPIS provided analysis of satellite images of mining areas, and data from the field.

Gold washing pits at Akyanga mine (Misisi), South Kivu, DR Congo (IPIS, April 2014)





# Research Programme

## Natural Resources

### A census of the mining site of Kamituga, South Kivu (DRC)

*Filip Hilgert*

#### Description:

Drawing from its expertise in mapping artisanal mineral sites in remote areas, IPIS was contracted by the Catholic University of Bukavu and IOB (Antwerp) to facilitate a census of the mining site in Kamituga, South Kivu (DRC). IPIS facilitated the field research with technical assistance and a map of the Kamituga area.

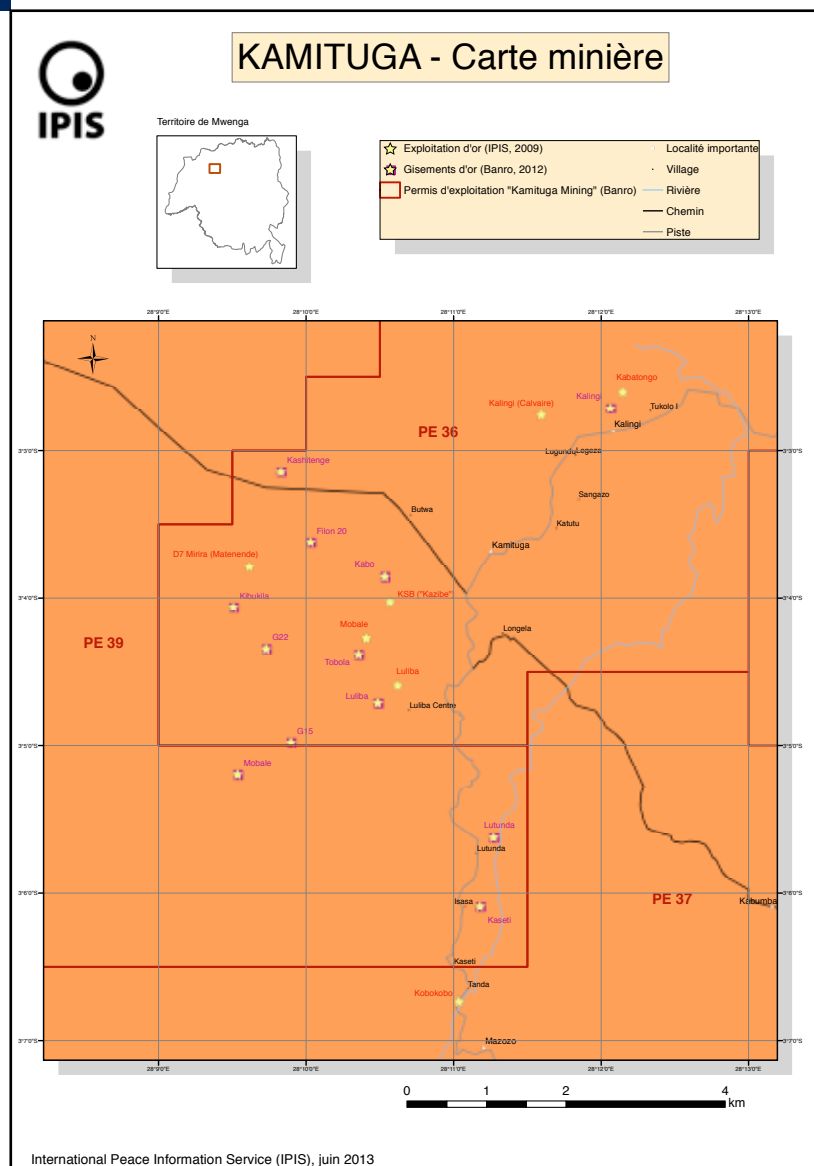
#### Commissioned/funded by:

This project was commissioned by the Catholic University of Bukavu and IOB



#### Output:

IPIS provided a map of the Kamituga area and facilitated the field research. The results will be integrated in the PhD research of Janvier Kilosho Buraye of the Catholic University of Bukavu.



# Research Programme

## Natural Resources ° *Capacity Building*

### Child labour in the mining site of Bisie, Walikale (DRC)

*Prince Kihangi Kyamwami*

#### Description:

More than twenty years after the Convention on the Rights of the Child came into force in the DRC, the situation of children in the Walikale Territory remains critical. This report is a case study on children's rights in Bisie, a large mining site in North Kivu.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

The report is a partner publication with the Congolese NGO BEDEWA, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



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#### Output:

Travail des enfants dans le site minier d'exploitation artisanale de Bisie en territoire de Walikale. Une crise oubliée en République Démocratique du Congo. [http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=430](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=430)

Miners digging for minerals in the territory of Fizi, South Kivu (IPIS 2013)



# Research Programme

## Conflict Mapping

### Mapping artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC

IPIS

#### Description:

In 2012, IPIS and the Congolese Mining Cadastre agreed to set up a permanent system to monitor artisanal mining activities and the involvement of armed groups in the mineral exploitation and trade. The first version of the resulting webmap shows the location of nearly 800 mining sites and 85 trading centres, including information about armed groups presence and involvement, and the scale of the mining activity. The map includes at least 410 cases of illegal taxation by armed groups or the Congolese army. The map will be updated in 2014.

#### Commissioned/funded by:

The research and the map were funded by World Bank/ PROMINES and the Belgian Foreign Affairs. The analysis was funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation.



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#### Output:

Report: November 2013. The research findings are presented through an interactive webmap and a report: Analysis of the interactive map of artisanal mining areas in Eastern DR Congo.

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications\\_detail.php?id=428](http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=428)

<http://ipisresearch.be/mapping/webmapping/drcongo>

Gold dust from an artisanal mine in South Kivu (IPIS, 2012)





# Research Programme: Conflict Mapping

## Conflict motives in the Sudan - South Sudan border area

*Steven Spittaels  
& Yanncik Weyns*

### Description:

This report maps and analyses the conflict dynamics in the wider border area spanning Sudan and South Sudan, and looks into the motivations and interests of the parties involved in the interstate, intrastate and local conflicts in this area. Together with this text, a series of interactive web maps of the area of focus is available. The maps include information on security incidents, cattle migration, natural resources and agriculture, amongst a number of other features.

### Commissioned/funded by:

This project was funded by the Belgian Foreign Affairs.



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### Output:

Mapping Conflict Motives: the Sudan - South Sudan border. Interactive webmap

Acacia gum tree (IPIS 2013)





# Social media

Over the past years, IPIS' online presence has inevitably become our primary means of interfacing with the public. The way organisations are perceived nowadays means that IPIS cannot purely expect its research content to speak for itself; we must also allow the public and clients to understand what it is that we offer. The core means by which we can offer this interface are through the website and the weekly briefing, both of which have undergone significant changes.

## Website

The new website was launched in February 2012. The overall layout communicates IPIS' personality well, and modernises IPIS' public image. The new interface enables IPIS to catch and hold the attention of those who come across our website or work, inviting them to explore what we have to offer

them in terms of services, information and resources.

IPIS' website is designed to act as an engaging virtual magazine; a reader can browse or navigate to a particular page with the intention of finding specific information.

The website continues to attract a growing number of readers, as illustrated by the visitor statistics over the last four years shown in the table below.

	Number of visits	Unique visitors
2009	55,235	35,847
2010	72,589	47,179
2011	81,954	51,885
2012	94,332	61,318
2013	129,486	76,739

In 2013, we have implemented minor changes to the website to increase user-friendliness. In addition to this, a new web space has been created to publish a new series of interactive webmaps. The first one was the mineral map of Eastern DRC. A webmap of the Sudan-South Sudan border area was published early 2014 and a similar map of the Central African Republic will be published in the last months of 2014. With these maps we aim to present our data in way that is visually appealing.

In addition to these, IPIS has started to use other means by which to engage with the public, including Facebook and a Twitter (news) feed. Both are closely linked to the redaction of the weekly briefing.



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# Social media

## Weekly briefing

Since June 2008, IPIS has been compiling a weekly briefing, providing an overview of relevant news reports from reliable sources on natural resources and arms trade/security in the African Great Lakes Region (DRC, Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda). The briefings are compiled by systematically scanning

a selected number of websites from relevant media, NGOs, multilateral and governmental organisations and research institutes. Less readily publicly available information is also included, either from other briefings and newsletters, or from publications purchased for the IPIS' specialist working library. Additionally, the briefing includes information on IPIS's latest publications and upcoming events.

The IPIS Briefing is posted on the IPIS website and is weekly disseminated to a group of over 2,000 recipients. This group includes, amongst others, national and international NGOs and institutes, UN agencies, academics, politicians and policy makers. IPIS' aim is to assist these actors in the time consuming task of gathering and structuring information whilst providing them with a short digestible overview of current events as they relate to issues of peace and security in the region. Our online briefing archive, which goes back to April 2012, also has the potential to act as a repository for weekly news events relating to our area of focus.

In 2013 IPIS made some minor changes to the structure and scope of the briefing in order to increase its relevance even more. A new evaluation with user consultation was carried out as part of IPIS' 2010-2013 External Evaluation, and highlighted that the Briefing continued to be valued by its users and is held in high regard amongst practitioners. A growing number of retweets and comments posted on Twitter and Facebook confirm these findings. As the briefing develops and further feedback received, we hope to continue evolving the briefing into as user friendly and useful a service as possible.

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/weekly-briefings.php>

This service has been made possible by the support of the Belgian Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (DGD).

# Library

The thematic division of our library corresponds to the key themes of our research: arms trade/security, the exploitation of natural resources, and corporate social responsibility in Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to this, there is a separate section with reference books and general publications ( for example politics, history etc.).

In order to provide interested public with the opportunity to consult our collections, we provide open access to our library during office hours. Visitors are asked to make an appointment before they visit the library so that we can arrange for them to be assisted by one of our researchers during their library consultations.

## Current journals and magazines

- Africa-Asia Confidential
- Africa Confidential
- Africa Energy Intelligence
- Africa Mining Intelligence
- Jane's Defence Weekly
- Jane's International Defence Review
- Keesings historisch archief
- La lettre du continent
- NJCM Bulletin
- Strategic Survey
- The Military Balance

## Impact:

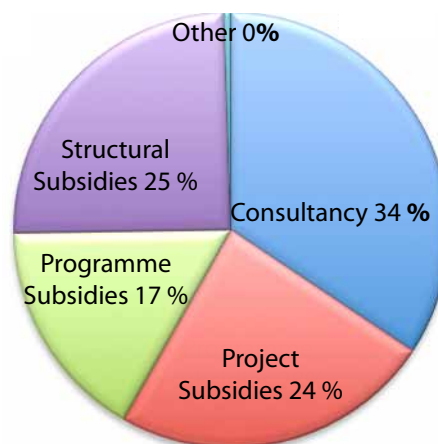
Impact: The formation of the collection is the responsibility of our researchers. It is of vital importance for their information gathering. By permanently processing purchased and otherwise acquired publications, they can expand their expertise. In addition to that, the library is open for non-IPIS-researchers, students and stakeholders who want to expand their knowledge of our core themes and put it to use in their various work or education.



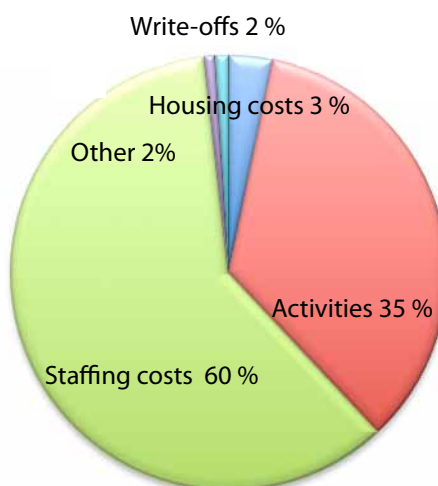
# Finances

IPIS vzw	Turnover 2013
Turnover	995.365 €
Consultancy	342.034 €
Project Subsidies	237.436 €
Programme Subsidies	164.647 €
Structural Subsidies	246.093 €
Other	5.155 €
Expenses	987.126 €
Housing costs	32.143 €
Activities	343.043 €
Staffing costs	594.393 €
Write-offs	7.768 €
Other	9.779 €
Allocated funds	9.628 €

**Turnover**



**Expenses**



IPIS vzw	Balance 31/12/2013
Total assests	296.309 €
Permanent assets	13.633 €
Current floating assets	282.561 €
Totaal liabilities	296.309 €
Own funds	137.821 €
Provision	5.000 €
Debts	153.488 €



# Assignments 2010-2012

## 2012

### **Transparency and Accountability - Monitoring and Reporting Methods Under An Arms Trade Treaty**

For: Originally prepared in 2009 for the internal use of Amnesty International International Secretariat. After receiving requests from other organizations on the issue of common standards for the ATT, the report is now jointly published, with updates and additions, by IPIS and TransArms

### **Rough Seas – Maritime Transport and Arms Shipments - Transport Services under an Arms Trade Treaty**

For: in cooperation with TransArms, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

### **A Code of Conduct for Arms Transport by Air**

For: Originally written in 2006 for UNDP. The report remained unpublished. The authors believe that the information and considerations this report offers may benefit the present debate on how to regulate the transport of conventional arms. Publication was made possible by funds from the Belgian Development Cooperation.

### **Analysis of arms supplies to the Democratic Republic of Congo**

For: Amnesty International

### **Conventional arms sales of the UN Security Council Permanent Five Members**

For: In cooperation with Omega Research Foundation and funded by Amnesty International

### **The formalisation of artisanal mining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda**

For: The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the European Union

### **Mapping of gold and diamond extraction and related social, economic and environmental issues in the Central African Republic**

For: ActionAid Nederland and Cordaid

### **A profound analysis of The East African multi-modal transport network**

For: In cooperation with TransArms, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

### **The impact of oil Extraction on human rights in Uganda**

For: ActionAid

### **Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence**

**Guidance for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas**

For: OECD

### **Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas (final report)**

For: OECD

### **Mapping Mining Activities in Eastern DRC**

For: Promines/World Bank, Belgian Foreign Affairs

### **Map of artisanal gold mining sites in South Kivu, DRC**

For: BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion)

### **Mapping artisanal gold mining sites in Ituri**

**For: IKV Pax Christi, with the support of the** Belgian Development Cooperation

### **Mapping Conflict Minerals: GMES**

For: GMES

### **Mapping Conflict Motives: M23**

For: EurAC

### **Participatory Workshop on the Right to Water**

For: Civil Society in Katanga, DRC. Made possible by the City of Antwerp and the Belgian Development Cooperation

### **Planning and Running a Research Project**

For: IPIS Capacity Building, with the support of the Belgian Development Corporation

### **Working With Conflict Dynamics**

For: IPIS Capacity Building, with the support of the Belgian Development Corporation

### **Introduction to Cartography**

For: IPIS Capacity Building, with the support of the Belgian Development Corporation

### **Online Databases for Arms Trade Research**

For: IPIS Capacity Building, with the support of the Belgian Development Corporation

## 2011

### **Study on irresponsible transfers and the EU arms embargo on Sudan**

For: TA-R, ASER, Black Book campaign project on EU arms transfers

### **Transparency and the Arms Trade Treaty**

For: Prio, TransArms, Amnesty International International Secretariat

### **Analysis of the Flemish bill on the import, export and transit of MSP material and related technology**

For: Amnesty International

### **Assessment of existing practice regarding end-user certification**

For: UNODA

# Assignments 2010-2012

## **Guide to Current Mining Reform Initiatives**

For: Eurac, Fatal Transactions, Belgian Network on Natural Resources

## **Analysis of Congolese gold traded through Kenya**

For: Belgian Network on Natural Resources

## **Assessment of gold exploitation and trade in Eastern DRC'**

For: GIZ, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region

## **Study on violence against women in Eastern DRC**

For: ITUC

## **Monitoring of the implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible supply chains of Minerals from Conflict Affected and High Risk Areas**

For: OECD

## **Production of maps illustrating the link between natural resources and armed conflict in the DR Congo**

For: Commission Justice et Paix

## **Scrutiny of mining and trade at the DRC's principal cassiterite mine Bisie**

For: The Fatal Transactions network

## **Joint publication on the social conditions in mining areas in Eastern DRC**

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## **2010**

## **Study into conflict motives of armed groups in the Province Orientale of the Democratic Republic of the Congo'**

For: Fatal Transactions, EU, Belgian Development Cooperation

## **'Production of a map of mining concessions in the DR Congo'**

For: Broederlijk Delen, Belgian Development Cooperation

## **'Study of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands (Northern Katanga, Maniema and Bafwasende/Mambasa)'**

For: International Alert

## **'Capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the exploitation of uranium'**

For: Cordaid, Niza-Action Aid

## **'Study of international initiatives regarding transparency and certification of minerals in Eastern DRC, including interviews with local stakeholders'**

For: Swedwatch, Finnwatch, SOMO/MakelTfair

## **'Inventory of the energy sector in the Democratic Republic of the Congo'**

For: CRE-AC

## **'Analysis of trade networks in Eastern DRC with regard to the mineral sector and their links with the military and politics'**

For: International Alert, Directorate-General Development Cooperation of the European Commission

## **'Short study on the problematic relationship between artisanal mining and armed conflict in Eastern DRC'**

For: European Parliament

## **'Collecting background information for a series of lectures'**

For: Broederlijk Delen, Pax Christi Vlaanderen

## **'Research on the present and future role of MONUC with regard to the resource issue'**

For: Free the Slaves

## **'Documenting cases of irresponsible arms transfers'**

For: Amnesty International

## **'Pre-feasibility assessment study-capacity building for stemming illicit SALW trafficking via air in the Great Lakes Region'**

For: FIIAPP

## **'Analysis of the international cluster munition convention'**

For: Amnesty International

## **'Study on international arms transfers to East Africa and armed violence'**

For: TransArms

## **'Report on the transport of weapons by air'**

For: Amnesty International

## **'Analysis of the international obligations of the Central African Republic with regard to the environment and the activities of companies'**

For: Cordaid

## **'Analysis of the Central African legislation on environment and mining'**

For: Cordaid

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