

Annual Report 2015

IPIS vzw



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Cover image: Artisanal Mining Site in Eastern DRC (Photo: IPIS)

Board of Directors

Mandates in the Board of Directors are unsalaried. On 01/01/2016, the board was composed of the following persons:

Chair

Johan Swinnen, Honorary Ambassador, Former Belgian Ambassador to DR Congo (2004-2008).

Secretary

Tom Sauer, Professor International Politics at the University of Antwerp, Department of Political Science.

Treasurer

Erik Devogelaere, Director of Fair Trade Crafts Center, part of the Belgian/Flemish branch of Oxfam-Fairtrade.

Members

Emiel Vervliet, Former Lecturer at the Sociale School Heverlee, Former Chair of COPROGRAM/NGO Federation

Dirk Timmermans, Pedagogical advisor, 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

Cathy Suykens, Senior Operation Risk Manager in the Belgian financial sector.

Jan Pollet, Political Affairs Officer of the Belgian/Flemish Section of Amnesty International.

Tomas Baum, Director of the Flemish Peace Institute.

General Assembly

The General Assembly met on 03/03/2015. It was composed of the following members: Tomas Baum, David Crieckemans, Peter Danssaert, Etienne De Jonghe, Erik Devogelaere, Philip Nauwelaerts, Jan Pollet, Stefaan Smis, Tom Sauer, Cathy Suykens, Johan Swinnen, Dirk Timmermans, Emiel Vervliet.



From the Chair

Antwerp, June 2016

In March 2015, I had the honor to take over the post of Chair to the IPIS Board from Wivina Demeester-Demeyer, who had been active as Chair for a decade. As my predecessor, Wivina firmly guided the reform of the organisation from a documentation and information center into a research institute with a growing international reputation.

Having served as a diplomat for Belgium in three countries in the Great Lakes Region, I was able to witness the work of IPIS from a distance. When I was solicited to become Board Member and Chair to the Board of the organisation, I was immediately drawn to the solid expertise and multi-layered approach of the research team. I strongly believe in the added value of independent research to strengthen the widest possible range of practitioners in their cause for durable peace, sustainable development and the promotion of human rights.

Over the last years, the organisation went through a significant development. Drawing from a pioneering role in cartography of the security situation around artisanal mining areas in DR Congo, IPIS has, for a wide audience of researchers, opinion and policy makers, become a first contact point for reliable data and advice in this field, and for smart technical solutions to obtain, visualise, and manage information. The growing project portfolio for a broad spectrum of donors and partners demonstrates

that IPIS' role as provider of reliable information based on field research is well appreciated and sought after.

In the delicate matter of world wide arms exports and transfers, IPIS has strengthened its reputation, quickly leading to the close involvement with initiatives that contribute to a successful implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty.

Today I would like to express my gratitude for the work delivered by my fellow Board members, whom I can rely on for various aspects of good governance and insightful advice. Lastly, I would like to thank the IPIS staff, who have again proven to be a strong team that can deliver the high-quality output that is requested from them by a wide range of donors and partners. I look forward to being a close witness to the further development of IPIS in the years ahead.

Johan Swinnen

Honorary Ambassador

Chair to the Board



Preface

2015 was marked by growing political tensions and violence surrounding the elections in several states in the Great Lakes Region where IPIS is fielding research projects. The IPIS Weekly Briefing sadly continued to report on the atrocities local populations had to suffer.

While IPIS noticed positive evolutions in the responsible sourcing of 3T minerals, the matter of gold remains an enormous challenge for anyone involved. We intensified our engagement to monitor the sourcing of diamonds and precious stones, participating in the Civil Society Coalition of the Kimberley Process and embarking on a new research project on the topic of tourmaline. The IPIS Focal Point in Bukavu proved to be of high added value to facilitate field research and coordinate local research teams.

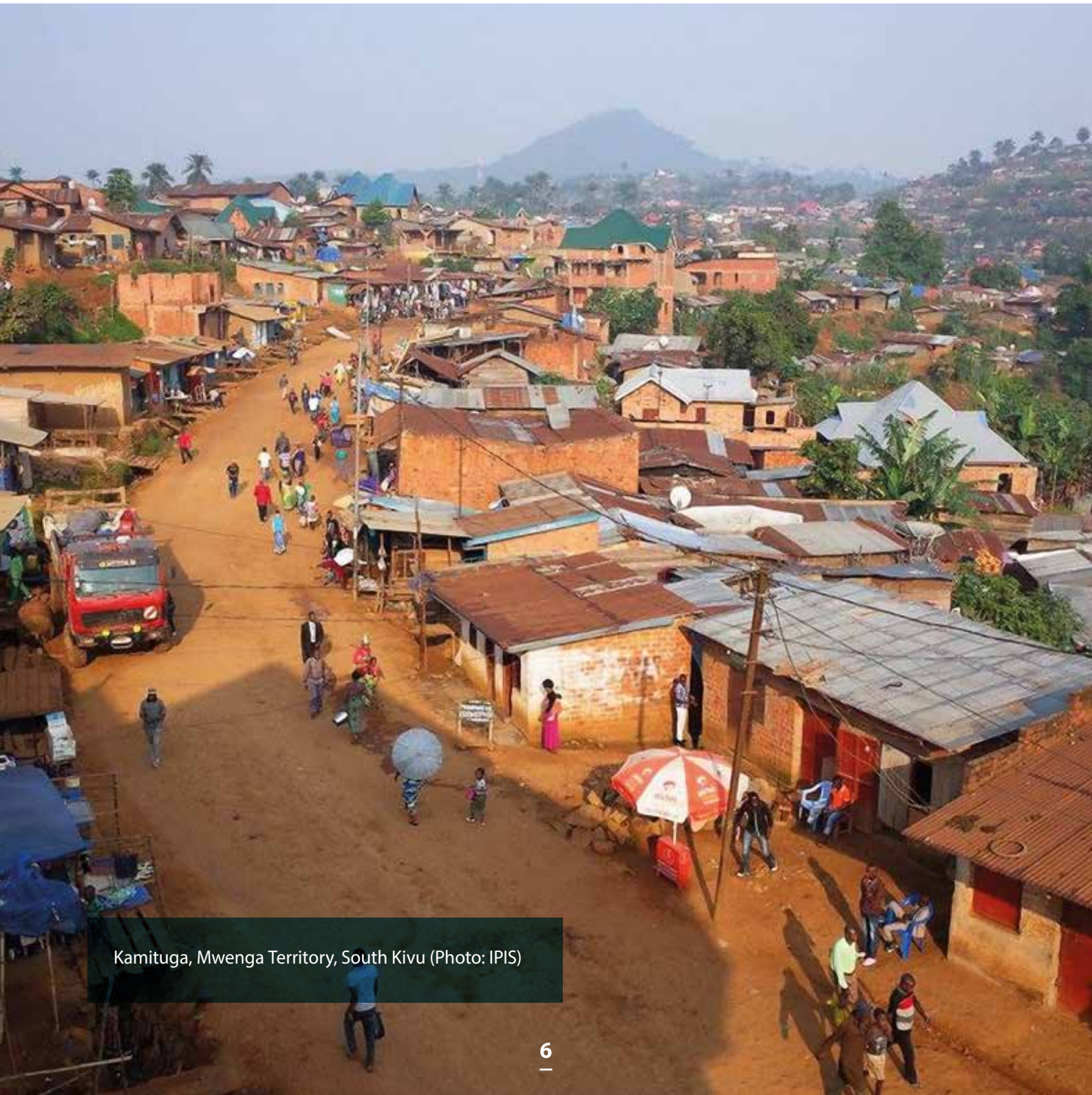
An external impact evaluation of IPIS' use of the funding from the Belgian Development Cooperation demonstrated that most of our partners prefer to see the research findings that IPIS delivers not as an end point, but as one element or activity in a longer process. Therefore a more integrated collaboration was advised. In 2015 we indeed witnessed the further emergence of a more integrated approach with donors and research partners. IPIS has increasingly teamed up with a broad range of partners like PACT, Estelle Levin, Partnership Africa Canada, and Life & Peace Institute. Embedded in a larger

collaboration with PACT and Estelle Levin, IPIS executed a project to develop a database on artisanal mining for the Congolese governmental service SAESSCAM. This forms part of a cluster of IPIS projects to collect, manage, and share mining data in order to increase transparency in this sector.

Following the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty in the last days of 2014, IPIS started working on in-depth analysis and capacity building to support a robust implementation of the Treaty. Meanwhile, the research programme on arms trade remains committed to closely monitor irresponsible arms transfers over land, air and sea, and expose double standards of arms exporting states, including the State Parties to the Treaty.

It is clear that several of the major projects that started in 2015 will continue into 2016, to find their conclusion in published reports, maps, databases, and learning materials. The research team eagerly looks forward to convince partners and donors of the added value of its work, and continue to fulfil its unique role in the conflict and development nexus.

Filip Reyniers
Director



Kamituga, Mwenga Territory, South Kivu (Photo: IPIS)

Mission Statement

The International Peace Information Service (IPIS vzw) is an independent research institute that provides tailored information, analysis and capacity enhancement to support those actors who want to realize a vision of durable peace, sustainable development and the fulfillment of human rights.

Throughout the years, IPIS has developed a geographic focus on sub-Saharan Africa and a thematic focus on natural resources, conflict motives of armed actors, business and human rights, and international arms transfers. Within this scope, IPIS strives to be a center of excellence on field based research.

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 **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 **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.

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.

In order to ensure that our research and expertise reach as wide an audience as possible, IPIS often complements research with **capacity building**. Increasingly, IPIS offers stand-alone capacity building, designed to meet the needs and knowledge gaps identified by partners and clients.

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 partner's 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.



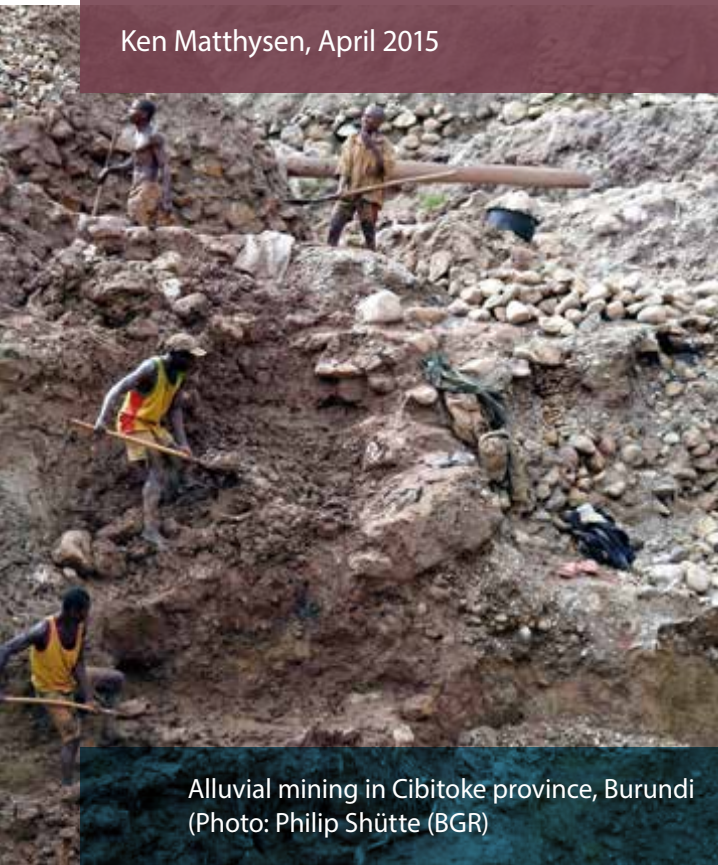
Activity report

Research Programmes

Natural Resources

Review of the Burundian Artisanal Gold Mining Sector

Ken Matthysen, April 2015



Alluvial mining in Cibitoke province, Burundi
(Photo: Philip Shütte (BGR))

Description

Burundi is located in the centre of Africa's Great Lakes Region, a region that has seen a gold rush during the last decade, with both artisanal and industrial mining operations expanding substantially in neighbouring Tanzania and the DR Congo (DRC). At the same time, the illegal taxation and trade of artisanal gold in the eastern DRC forms an increasingly important contribution to financing the prevailing conflict. Burundi hosts a small artisanal gold mining sector of its own while also playing an important role as a transit hub for smuggled artisanal gold of DRC origin, underlining the importance of due diligence in its national gold supply chains.

This report has been developed as part of a wider assignment by Partnership Africa Canada (PAC), commissioned by the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) within the overall German support program to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR). It reviews the context of the gold sector (mines and supply chains) in Burundi and the governance framework, with a special focus on the artisanal nature of the sector.

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Output

Report 'Review of the Burundian Artisanal Gold Mining Sector'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/review-of-the-burundian-artisanal-gold-mining-sector/>



Tourmaline and other stones (Photo:IPIS)

Coloured gemstones in Eastern DRC: Tourmaline exploitation and trade in the Kivus

IPIS, May 2016 (upcoming)

Description

Responsible sourcing efforts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to date have focused predominantly on the so-called 3TG (tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold) sector. Nevertheless, the artisanal exploitation of other minerals including semi-precious gemstones, such as tourmaline, can also make notable contributions to local livelihoods.

IPIS and SaveActMine undertook a joint research mission in September 2015 to look into tourmaline exploitation and trade in the Kivus. This research confirmed that eastern DRC's tourmaline sector appears to be experiencing notable growth, and suggests that tourmaline may no longer be a marginal issue when it comes to responsible mineral sourcing from eastern DRC. The report highlights a number of conditions potentially favourable to responsible sourcing from certain areas visited in the context of this study.

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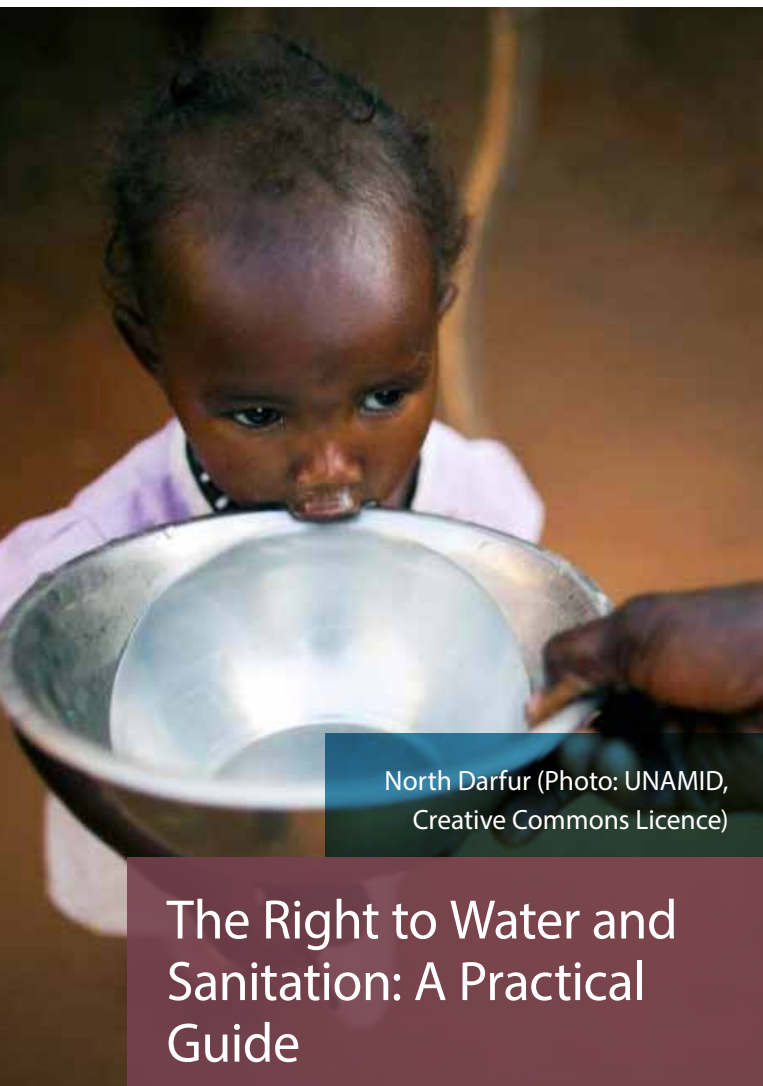
SaveActMine,
With the support of the
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Output

Report 'Coloured gemstones in Eastern DRC: Tourmaline exploitation and trade in the Kivus'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/coloured-gemstones-in-eastern-drc-tourmaline-exploitation-and-trade-in-the-kivus/>



North Darfur (Photo: UNAMID,
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The Right to Water and Sanitation: A Practical Guide

Andrés Zaragoza Montejano, Evie Francq,
Francesca Restifo, Gabriella Wass, Jean-
Benoit Charrin, June 2015

Description

This guide is designed to raise awareness on the importance of the right to water and sanitation. It is addressed to those who work at the grassroots, and aims at helping them with practical ways to address the challenges of poverty and water issues. The guide adopts a bottom-up approach to highlight the steps that citizens and communities can take together with governments to address water and sanitation challenges. The following guide was originally authored by the Franciscans and WaterLex, who have generously given permission to IPIS Research to adapt it for interactive workshops run in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda in February 2013. It is available in both French and English.

Commissioned/funded by

BGR



Output

Training guide 'The Right to Water and Sanitation: A Practical Guide'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/the-right-to-water-and-sanitation-a-practical-guide/>

(English version)

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/le-droit-a-leau-et-a-lassainissement-guide-pratique/>

(French version)

Arms Trade / Security

Weapons and International Law: The Arms Trade Treaty

Brian Wood, Fiona Southward,
Peter Danssaert, August 2015



Lockheed L-100-20 Hercules (Photo: Don Rogers)

Description

IPIS contributed to a new book on the Arms Trade Treaty published by Larcier. **Weapons and International law: The Arms Trade Treaty** gives a thorough legal and practical analysis of this important new legal instrument to regulate the global trade of the most commonly-used conventional arms. Amongst our IPIS personnel, Brian Wood has co-edited the book, co-authored the key chapter on export risk assessments and authored the chapter on brokering. Peter Danssaert has co-authored the chapter on imports, and the chapter on transit and transshipment. Fiona Southward has co-authored the chapter on imports.

The book was released on 25 August 2015 at the First Conference of States Parties in Cancun, Mexico, and distributed to state parties in New York.

It contributes to a better understanding of all major aspects of the Arms Trade Treaty, and will be appreciated by NGO staff, researchers, law makers and officials designated with the implementation of the Treaty.

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Larcier, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output

Three peer-reviewed chapters on aspects of the Arms Trade Treaty, and editorial guidance and support for the whole manuscript

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/weapons-and-international-law-the-arms-trade-treaty/>

E-learning modules for the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty

IPIS, January 2017 (upcoming)

Description

Now the Arms Trade Treaty has entered into force, IPIS has taken up an engagement to contribute to the successful implementation of the Treaty. Discerning a clear need by law makers and officials in the Global South, IPIS was commissioned by the UNSCAR fund to develop a series of e-learning modules covering all aspects of the Arms Trade Treaty. The modules will be available early 2017 in English, Spanish and French, after a series of testing workshops in the field.

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UNSCAR



Output

A series of online interactive e-learning modules



(Photo: E-learning module IPIS)

Conflict Mapping

Mineral Supply Chains and Conflict Links in Eastern DR Congo

IPIS, November 2015

Description

This report gives an overview of the findings of IPIS' mapping programme of the security situation surrounding artisanal mining sites in Eastern DR Congo from 2009 to 2014. It gives an overview of the obtained data and indicates trends that can be derived from them.

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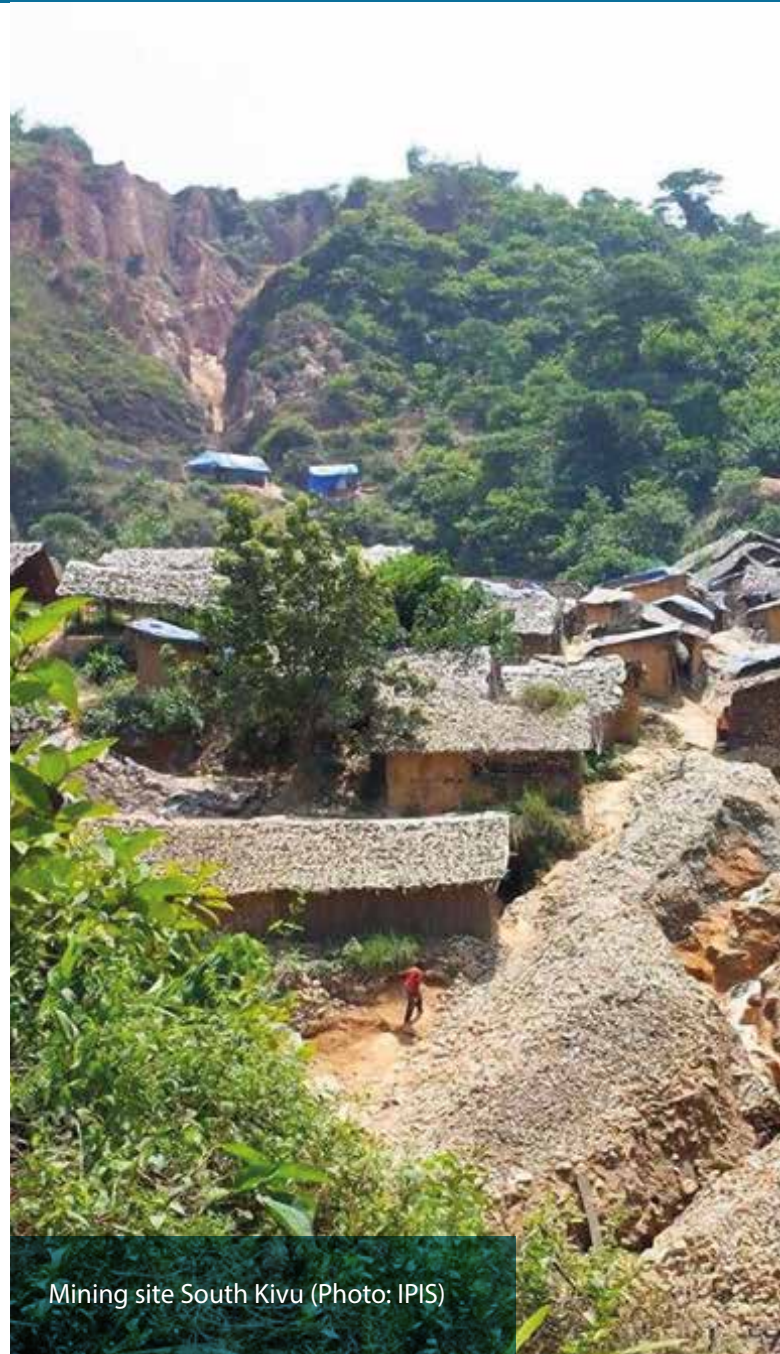
OECD



Output

Report 'Mineral Supply Chains and Conflict Links in Eastern DR Congo'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/mineral-supply-chains-and-conflict-links-in-eastern-democratic-republic-of-congo/>



Mining site South Kivu (Photo: IPIS)

Mapping Conflict Motives in het Central African Republic: update

IPIS, November 2016 (upcoming)

Description

In November 2014, IPIS published a comprehensive report mapping the conflict motives of armed actors in the Central African Republic. Rapid evolutions in the country urged IPIS to undertake a follow-up study. The report and updated interactive webmap, based on two field missions and extensive desk research, will be finalised and published in 2016.

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the Belgian Development
Cooperation



Output

Report 'Mapping Conflict Motives in het Central African Republic: update', and interactive webmap



Central African Republic (Photo: IPIS)

Political Power Mapping in Eastern DRC

IPIS, May 2015

Description

Search For Common Ground (SFCG) commissioned a power mapping study on the Democratic Republic of Congo, in order to strengthen their work on Track-II diplomacy in Eastern DRC. IPIS provided a detailed study and an accompanying interactive visual tool.

Commissioned/funded by

Search for Common Ground (SFCG)



Output

Internal Report and visual tool

Mapping security and human rights around artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC

IPIS, September 2016 (upcoming)

Description

Building on the earlier mapping projects on mining areas in Eastern DRC, this project aims to deepen the research and broaden the geographic scope. IPIS organised a series of field visits to monitor artisanal mining activities and the involvement of armed groups and criminal networks in mineral exploitation and trade. The project was executed in close collaboration with the Congolese mining cadastre (CAMI), artisanal mining service SAESSCAM, and representatives from local civil society organisations.

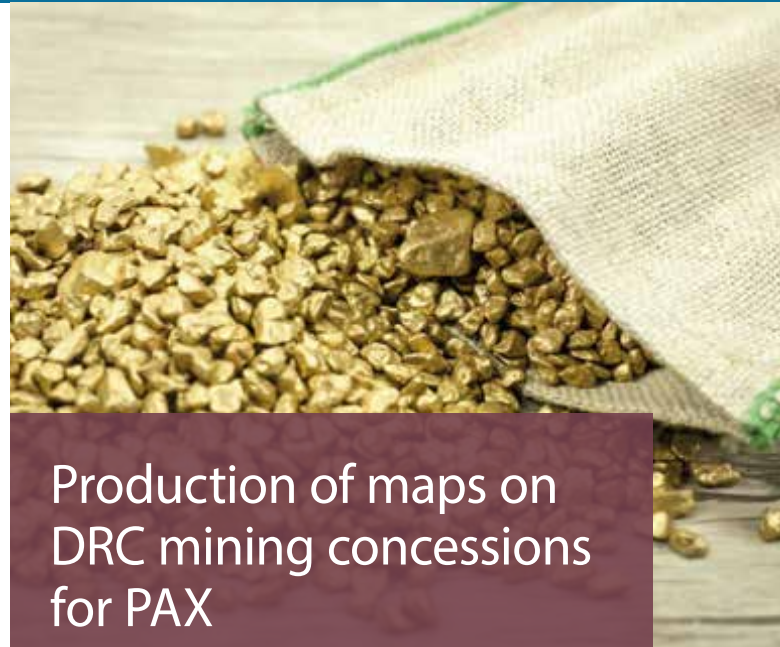
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Funded by the International Organisation For Migration (IOM), with the support of USAID, and the World Bank / Promines.



Output

Updated version of the interactive webmap



Production of maps on DRC mining concessions for PAX

Filip Hilgert, Alexandre Jaillon, September 2015

Description

IPIS produced three static maps of the mining concessions of Kibali and Mambase, DR Congo, to support a research project and publication of PAX.

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With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output

Three static maps

Business & Human Rights

Business & Human Rights in Tanzania: what's on the agenda?

Anna Bulzomi, Gabriella Wass, Lisa Van Besouw, March 2015



Workshop Dar es Salaam (Photo: IPIS)

Description

On 18 and 19 August 2014, IPIS organised a workshop in Dar es Salaam on Business and Human Rights in close cooperation with the Tanzanian national human rights institution, the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance. Participants spanned a broad range of sectors, including international business, ESG management, nongovernmental organizations, advocacy and research groups, and law centres operating in Tanzania and Zanzibar. The training was open to all stakeholders working across diverse industry sectors and covering a wide array of ESG and human rights issues, namely stakeholder engagement in large-scale extractive projects, business and children, labour conditions in the tourism sector and human rights risks in artisanal gold mining. This paper summarises some of the main takeaways from this workshop in terms of case studies of business and human rights issues in the Tanzanian context.

The workshop laid the ground for a more intensive engagement of IPIS in Tanzania, connecting with partners and mapping the major issues for mutual learning.

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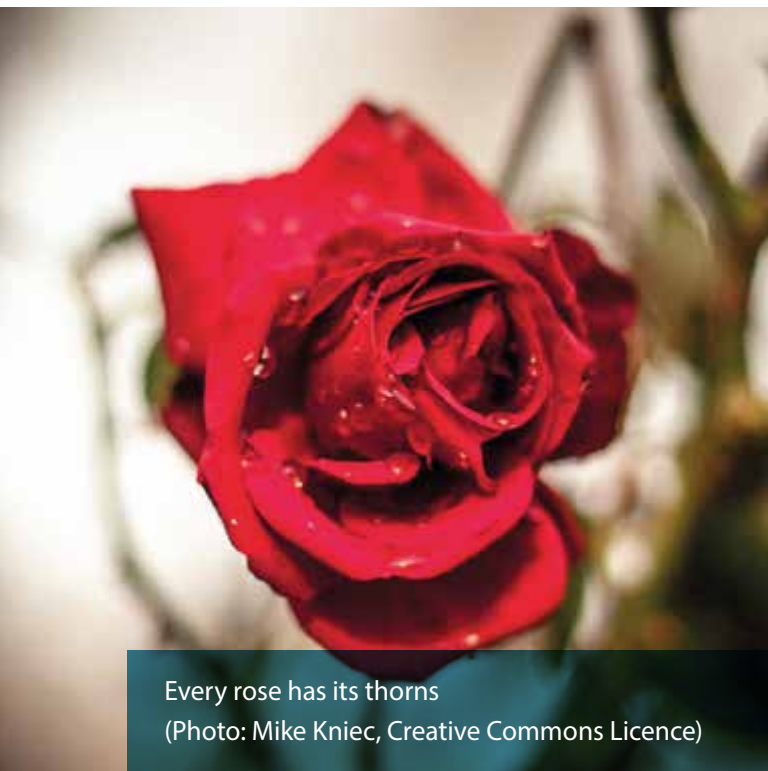
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Paper 'Business & Human Rights in Tanzania: what's on the agenda?'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/business-human-rights-in-tanzania-whats-on-the-agenda/>



Every rose has its thorns
(Photo: Mike Kniec, Creative Commons Licence)

Thorns amongst the roses. A cross-country analysis of human right issues in flower farms in East Africa

Anna Mlynska, Flavia Amoding, Gabriella Wass, December 2015

Description

Floriculture is one of Africa's most lucrative export sectors and can bring significant benefits to producer communities, but only where operations are conducted in a manner that is sustainable and respectful of the rights of workers and communities.

Thorns Amongst the Roses summarizes the human rights impacts that IPIS, the Global Horticultural Workers and Environmental Rights Network (GHOWERN), and other research institutes, have observed in the flower growing and cutting industries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. These impacts are placed within a business and human rights framework, wherein the legal source for relevant rights are outlined and further detail is provided on the context in which rights can be affected.

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Report 'Thorns amongst the roses. A Cross-country analysis of human right issues in flower farms in East Africa'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/thorns-amongst-the-roses-a-cross-country-analysis-of-human-rights-issues-in-flower-farms-in-east-africa/>



Fishermen at the Wanseko fish landing point in Buliisa district (Photo: IPIS)

Business, Human Rights and Uganda's Oil. Part III: Respect and Remedy: Implementing corporate responsibility under the UN Framework on Business and Human Rights

Chris Musiime, Gabriella Wass, Timothy Kyepa,
December 2015

Description

This is the third in a series of reports exploring business and human rights issues in Uganda's oil sector. The report assesses the duty of businesses to respect human rights under the 2011 Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. A particular focus is maintained upon the three multinational oil companies operating in Uganda's oil sector – CNOOC, Tullow, and Total. Yet, a number of other active companies in Uganda's oil sector are equally assessed for how they are demonstrating their commitment to do no harm, sometimes in reference to industry best practice.

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Report 'Business, Human Rights and Uganda's Oil. Part III: Respect and Remedy: Implementing corporate responsibility under the UN Framework on Business and Human Rights'

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/business-human-rights-and-ugandas-oil-part-iii-respect-and-remedy/>

Capacity Building

Capacity building on mining issues for civil society in Katanga, DR Congo

IPIS, December 2015

Description

The Plate-forme des Organisations Miniers (POM) was founded in 2009 to coordinate the strategies of various NGOs that work on mining issues in the province of Katanga, DR Congo, to improve the governance of natural resources, increase transparency, monitor the impact of mining on human communities and the environment, and to review the mining legislation. POM is supported by 11.11.11, who solicited IPIS to assist its local partner through the organisation of a training workshop and by providing editorial support in the drafting of a document to be used for local advocacy on human rights in the mining sector.

Commissioned/funded by

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Output

Training workshop and editorial support





Alluvial mining (Philip Shütte (BGR))

Analysis of conflict dynamics related to semi-industrial gold exploitation in North and South Kivu

IPIIS, December 2015

Description

IPIIS was commissioned by the Life & Peace Institute (LPI) to support a research project on the conflict dynamics related to industrial and semi-industrial gold exploitation in selected areas in North and South Kivu. After a training workshop for local researchers in Bukavu, joint field research was executed in the areas of Mwenga and Walikale. IPIIS provided methodological and editorial support.

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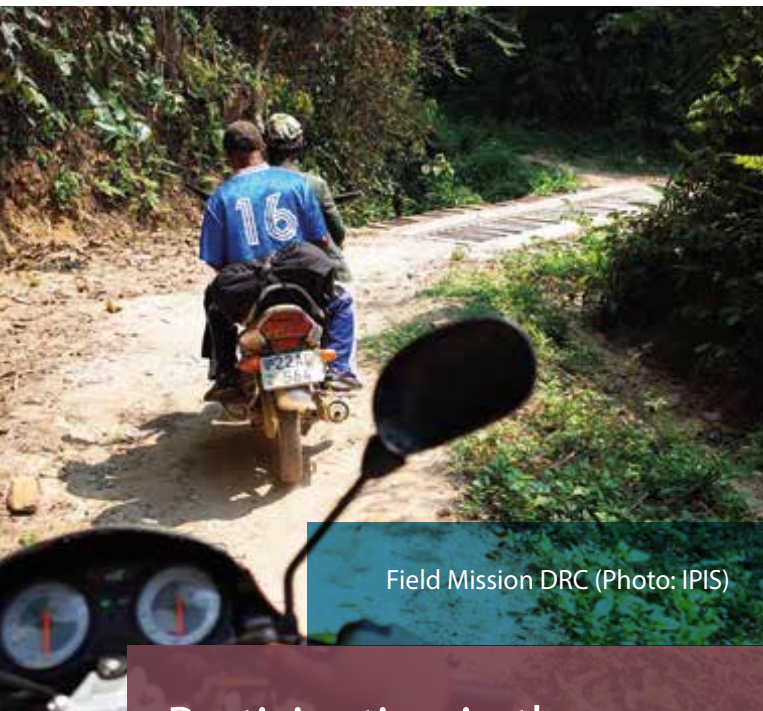
Life & Peace Institute (LPI)



Output

Training workshop, support of the research and analysis, and editorial support

General Features



Field Mission DRC (Photo: IPIS)

Participation in the Joint Context Analysis on DR Congo, Burundi, Tanzania, and Kenya.

Ken Matthysen, Quinten Lataire,
September 2015

Description

In 2015, all Belgian development NGOs were requested by the Belgian Development Cooperation to collaborate on a large-scale mapping exercise, to offer a Joint Context Analysis (JCA) for each country where they are executing field projects. IPIS participated in the analysis of DR Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania, predominantly focusing on security and natural resources. For Kenya, IPIS had the lead of the JCA, facilitated the joint analysis, and executed a field mission to Kenya to meet the local partners of the various Belgian development NGOs, to feed into the document. For each country, the JCA will feed a joint intervention strategy in a later stage.

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With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



Output

Substantial and editorial support for each of the JCAs.

Lectures

22 Jan	Lecture on conflict minerals in the European Parliament
05 Feb	Presentation for the Environmental Crime Task Force
06 Feb	Lecture on Business & Human Rights for the Law Faculty of the University of Leuven
07 Feb	Panel on the Arms Trade Treaty at Oxford University
21 Feb	Lecture on conflict minerals for CIMIC, Thomas More College, Mechelen
23 Feb	Presentation on ETO Forum, Brussels
11 Mar	Presentation on Egmont Expert Reflection on Responsible Sourcing of Minerals, Brussels
16 Mar	Lecture on Business & Human Rights for the Law Faculty of the University of Ghent
09 Apr	Presentation on research seminar at Antwerp Institute for Development Policy (IOB) Antwerp: Real Taxation Practices in Congolese police sector
21 Apr	Presentation on End User Certificates for arms exports at UNIDIR expert meeting, Vienna
04 May	Presentation on research findings pertaining due diligence in DRC exploitation of artisanal mining at OECD Forum, Paris
18 May	Lecture on arms transfers for the International Relations Department of the University of Antwerp
30 May	Lecture on conflict minerals for Amnesty International Ghent





Shop near mining site in DRC (Photo: IPIS)

02 Jun	Presentation for Round Table on Responsible sourcing in Gold, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague
26 Jun	Presentation at Arms Trade Treaty Conference of State Parties, Geneva
26 Jun	Presentation on Business & Human Rights at the Institute for Development policy (IOB), University of Antwerp
02 Jul	Feedback Participation to the Stakeholder Panel of the Antwerp World Diamond Council, organised by The Shift and Antwerp-ITCCO
09 Jul	Lecture on conflict minerals for Broederlijk Delen, Hoge Rielen
10 Jul	Presentation on IPIS data & Digitalisation For Development, Belgian Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs
24 Aug	Presentation for UMICORE Round Table on cobalt supply chains in DR Congo, organised by The Shift, Brussels
27 Aug	Lecture on human rights in the artisanal mining sector in DR Congo, HR4DE Summer Course, University of Ghent
03 Sep	Presentation on due diligence in gold, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague
22 Sep	Presentation on panel debate on DR Congo, Flemish Peace Week, De Markten, Brussels
01 Oct	Participation to the High Level event on the Arms Trade Treaty, German House, New York

Social Media

Website

Over the past years, IPIS' online presence has inevitably become our primary means of interfacing with the public. In 2014, IPIS undertook a review of the website to embed the reports and maps in a more user-friendly way. The new website was launched in January 2015. It is now built around five main domains: the four research programmes and capacity building. The reports and maps are now more accessible and visually appealing, with ISSUU reader and quick download functions.

In addition to the surveys that are periodically sent out to the readers of the Weekly Briefing, the feedback of our readers will be greatly welcomed.

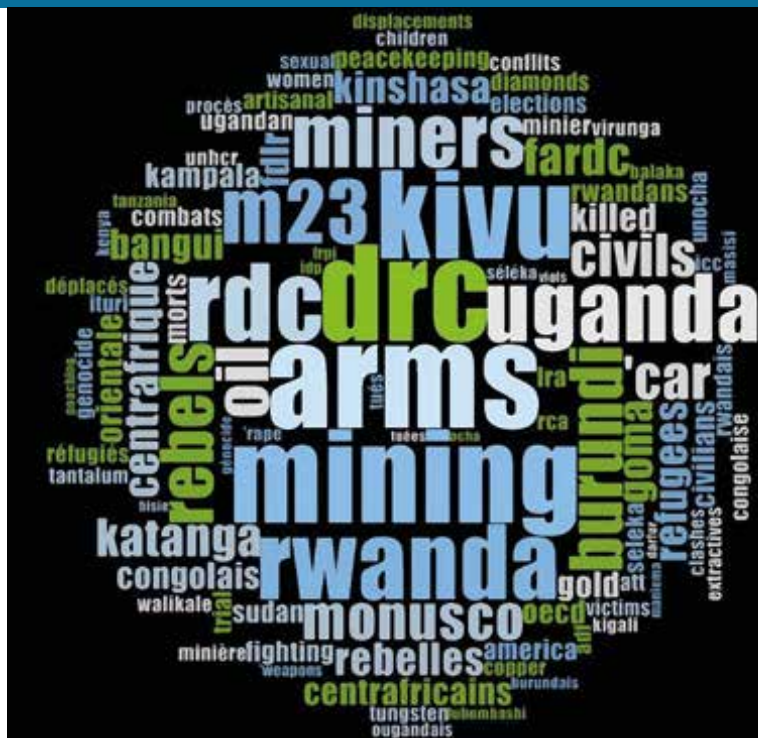


Weekly Briefing

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, Central African Republic 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 2015, IPIS started with an additional two-monthly Briefing 'Arms Trade Highlights' covering news about global arms transfers.



Feedback from our target group is invariably positive. The results of past evaluation exercises point out that this service is mostly welcomed by its users. 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.).

At the end of 2015, IPIS explored a collaboration with Anet, the library network of the University of Antwerp, connecting about twenty scientific libraries in Flanders. All these libraries use the Brocade Library Services as a system. Brocade is a fully integrated and web-based system, developed by the University of Antwerp since 1998. The catalog contains about 2.500.000 entries. Integrating our library in this system will ensure that the specialised collection of books, and journals, and IPIS reports will be opened up to the scientific research community and interested public. The full integration of the IPIS collection into Anet will be concluded at the end of 2016.

In order to provide interested audiences 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.





IPIS library Italiëlei 98A, 2000 Antwerp (Photo IPIS)

Current journals and magazines

- Africa Confidential
- Africa Energy Intelligence
- Africa Mining Intelligence
- Arms Control Today
- Jane's Defence Weekly
- Jane's International Defence Review
- Jeune Afrique
- Keesings historisch archief
- La lettre du continent
- Netherlands Quarterly on Human Rights
- NJCM Bulletin
- Strategic Survey
- The Military Balance
- Vrede en veiligheid

Impact

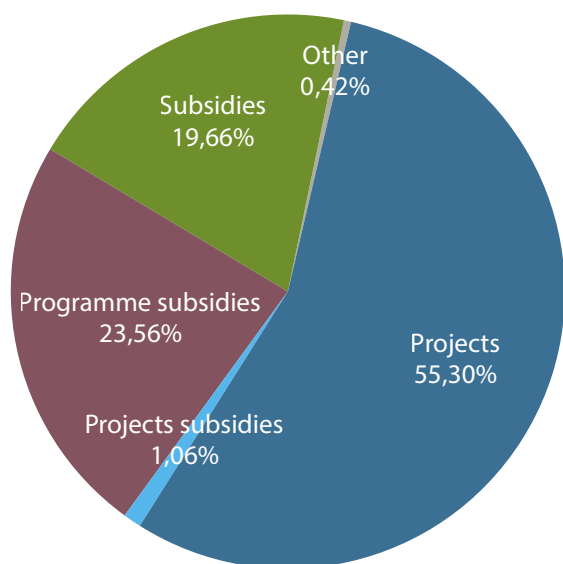
The formation of the collection is the responsibility of our researchers. It is of vital importance for their information gathering. By permanently processing purchased and otherwise acquired publications, they can expand their expertise. In addition to that, the library is open for non-IPIS-researchers,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



Organisation

Finances

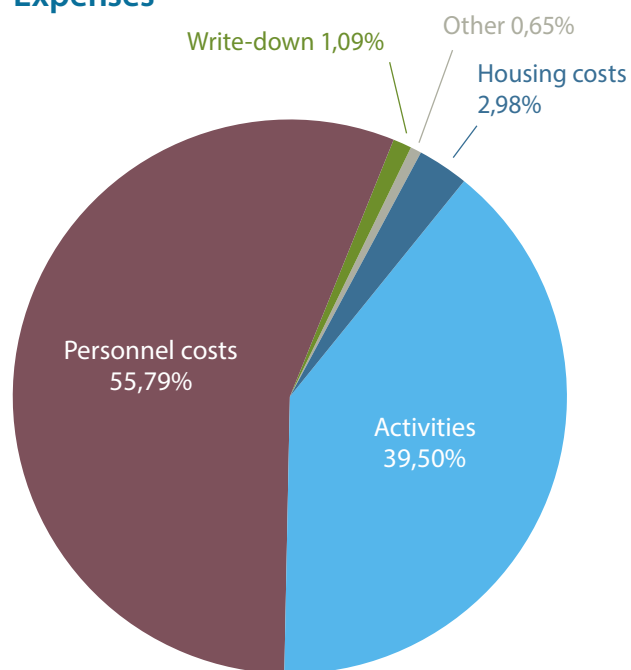
Turnover



Turnover 1.041.237,35 €

Projects	575.793,00 €
Projects subsidies	11.000,00 €
Programme subsidies	245.367,00 €
Subsidies	204.701,00 €
Other	4.376,35 €

Expenses



Expenses 1.028.768,75 €

Housing costs	30.634,00 €
Activities	406.348,00 €
Personnel costs	573.946,00 €
Write-down	11.190,64 €
Other	6.650,11 €

Assignments

2014

'Supply chains and transport corridors in East Africa'

For: TransArms USA, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'China North Industries Group Corporation'

For: Omega Research Foundation, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'The Arms Trade Treaty: prospects and challenges as it enters into force'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'IPIS Insights: Pentagon accidentally arms Al Qaeda affiliate'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'IPIS Insights: The 2nd Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, Geneva 2013'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'IPIS Insights: The EU draft law on conflict minerals due diligence: a critical assessment from a business & human rights standpoint'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'The adverse human rights risks and impacts of European companies: getting a glimpse of the picture'

For: European Coalition for Corporate Justice, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'IPIS Insights: Diamonds in the Central African Republic'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Business and human rights in Uganda: what's on the agenda?'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Learning Programme in Tanzania'

For: With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Outreach & research on responsible engagement in the Burundian gold sector'

For: Partnership Africa Canada (PAC) and the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)

'Strategies and possibilities for intervention in gold producing co-operatives in the DR Congo'

For: Partnership Africa Canada (PAC)

'The Belgian Development Cooperation and fragile states: a gap between policy and practice?'

For: 11.11.11, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Mapping artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC'

For: 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

'Conflict motives in the Sudan – South Sudan border area'

For: with the support of the Belgian foreign Affairs

'Mapping conflict motives in the Central African Republic'

For: with the support of the World Bank, Social Cohesion and Violence Prevention Unit

'Remote sensing: validating satellite imagery of mining sites through field observations'

For: Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)

2013

'Building the case for a robust Arms Trade Treaty'

For: Amnesty International

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

For: TransArms USA, Belgian Development Cooperation

'The role of the Arms Trade Treaty in disarmament'

For: Solutions Journal, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: TransArms USA, Belgian Development Cooperation

'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'

For: OECD

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

For: Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: Arbeitsgruppe Tschad, Belgian Development Cooperation

'The Kimberley Process revisited'

For: Belgian Development Cooperation

'Uganda's oil sector and potential threats to human rights: Part I'

For: ActionAid International Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

'Uganda's oil sector and potential threats to human rights: Part II'

For: ActionAid International Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: Waterlex, RRN-RDC, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: ActionAid Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

'The Human Right to Water and Sanitation'

For: Waterlex, Belgian Development Cooperation

'Conflictmineralen en conflictresolutie in Oost-Congo'

For: Internationale Spectator, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: Action-Aid, Cordaid

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

For: EurAc, Humanity United

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

For: DLR, European Commission

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

For: Catholic University of Bukavu, IOB

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

For: BEDEWA, Belgian Development Cooperation

'Mapping artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC'

For: PROMINES, Belgian Foreign Affairs, Belgian Development Cooperation

'Conflict motives in the Sudan – South Sudan border area'

For: Belgian Foreign Affairs



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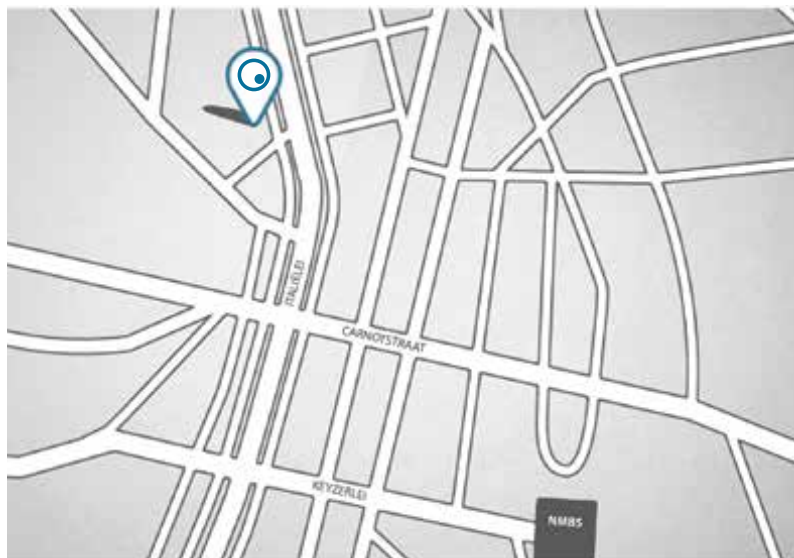
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