

Annual Report 2017

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From the Chair

Antwerp, June 2018

As a chair, I am proud of IPIS' innovative and ambitious research in 2017, to implement the first year of our strategic plan until 2021. The geographical focus is still on Sub-Saharan Africa and thematically the research projects continue to focus on natural resources, conflict, business & human rights and international arms transfers.

In its work, IPIS preferably engages in partnerships, with IPIS in a supportive role to provide tailored information to governmental, non-governmental and private sector actors. Whilst refraining from lobbying or campaigning, IPIS' research and capacity building can inform the debate on how to pursue durable peace, sustainable development and human rights.

IPIS can contribute to the development of an improved international normative framework in our different areas of work. IPIS' research and capacity building aim at enhancing governance and due diligence in the mining sector, an area that we have come to know very well in the Democratic Republic Congo (DRC), Tanzania and the Central African Republic.

IPIS engaged, for example, in monitoring OECD due diligence activities and, with the support of the European

Commission, took an active role with African civil society to keep the Kimberley process on track.

IPIS also ensured capacity enhancement on Business and Human Rights which will allow our partners in Tanzania to engage in incident reporting and to seek remedy for corporate harm.

The focus of IPIS on durable peace, sustainable development and human rights does not prevent us from embedding ourselves locally and in Belgium. That is why critical analysis of the policy on conflict minerals in the Great Lakes region will continue to be at the core of our research. This requires a mature, complex-free relationship with governmental actors, both in Belgium, Europe and African countries, including with African mining services. Transparency and a smooth exchange of information is crucial.

2017 was fascinating but also difficult. IPIS faced financial challenges, largely due to an unfavorable exchange rate of the dollar. Nonetheless, the reputation of solidity and expertise remained intact, not in the least due to the unique value of the field research and the expertise of our researchers and their supervising management.

Indeed, IPIS's area of work is intriguing and fascinating. Thorough research and analysis offer perspectives for national and international (including European) involvement. But the assignments that IPIS takes on can only deliver credible results in the existing authentic research culture that unites expertise, conviction and ambition in a close-knit group of employees. Their solidarity and positive complicity are the IPIS trademark and I rejoice every day in being their chair. The good prospects for 2018 will be due to their patient and daring intellectual and professional investment.

Johan Swinnen

Honorary Ambassador

Chair to the Board



Mambasa PPA

Board of Directors

Mandates in the Board of Directors are unsalaried. On 01/01/2018, 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, Manager of Finance and institutional Fundraising at Rikolto.

Members

Jean Reynaert, former Director of the Belgian/Flemish ngo federation and former programme coordinator of 11.11.11, the coalition of ngo's, unions, movements and various solidarity groups in Flanders.


Dirk Timmermans, Board Member of the Peace Center (Antwerp), Pedagogical Advisor – Coordinator, Chair of the UN Association workgroup Education

Cathy Suykens, Project Manager for the Cyber Security Coalition vzw/ asbl

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

Tomas Baum, Founding Director of the Flemish Peace Institute 2006-2018

Saartje Boutsen, Advisor Environment & Sustainable Business at the Flemish Chamber of Commerce



Dodoma, Tanzania (photo: IPIS)

Activity report

Research Programmes

Natural Resources

Human rights in mining in Northwest Tanzania

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation, IPIS launched a mapping project of the socio-economic and human rights impact of small and large-scale mining in Northwest Tanzania. IPIS is collecting reliable and accessible data to contribute to improving the governance of the extractive sector in Tanzania. In developing the methodology and design of the data collection, IPIS undertook a number of scoping missions to the project's four target regions: Geita, Shinyanga, Mara and Kigoma.

Among the main challenges identified during these scoping missions are land disputes, wide-scale use of toxic mercury by small-scale gold miners, deforestation, water, soil and noise pollution, tensions between large-scale miners and local communities, poor and insecure working conditions, child labour, and discrimination of women in this male-dominated industry.

IPIS also discerned severe human right violations such as excessive use of force and sexual violence by public and private security services protecting mining



Mine site Dodoma, Tanzania (photo: IPIS)

companies, with very limited and substandard avenues for accountability and redress.

In October 2017 IPIS trained a pool of 9 civil society surveyors who carry out the mobile data collection campaign in each of those four regions. The results of this exercise will be presented on an interactive webmap with accompanying analytical reports.

Output

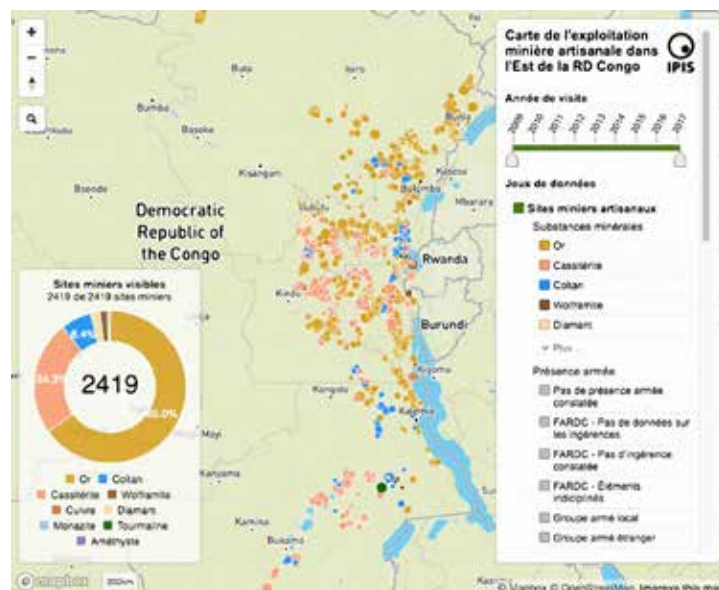
Data collection, workshops and training, context analysis

Funding

Belgian Development
Cooperation

Mapping DR Congo 2016-2018

IPIS launched a major update of its DR Congo webmap displaying data on more than 2400 artisanal mining sites in eastern DR Congo and more than 800 roadblocks. Since December 2016, IPIS teams have visited more than 500 artisanal mines in eastern DR Congo, gathering data that has been added to IPIS' interactive webmap. IPIS also integrated other datasets gathered during its projects in the region, including the data on roadblocks. To allow users an optimal access to this new data, IPIS gave its webmap a major upgrade. Users will find the interaction with the map much faster and more intuitive than in previous versions. Additionally, IPIS has developed a useful tutorial to navigate the users through the Open Data that has been made available together with the map.



Interactive webmap eastern DR Congo (map: IPIS)

Output

Interactive webmap, Infographic, tutorial

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/interactive-map-artisanal-mining-exploitation-eastern-dr-congo-2018-update/>

Funding

International Organization for Migration-IOM in the DR Congo through the USAID funded Responsible Minerals Trade project.



European Partnership for Responsible Minerals

The European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM) is a multi-stakeholder partnership with industry, governments and civil society, established to increase the demand for responsibly

sourced 3TG minerals from conflict and risk affected countries and to create better social and economic conditions for mine workers and local mining communities. IPIS is one of the founding members of the EPRM (2016). Participation in the EPRM is voluntary and is open to EU and non EU member states, civil society and companies.

During the year 2017, IPIS has been a board member of the EPRM.



3T minerals (photo: IPIS)

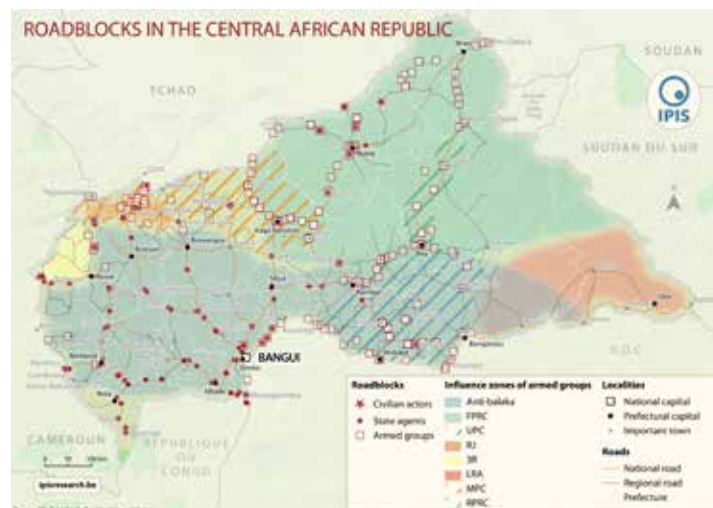


Conflict Mapping

Mapping conflict motives in Central African Republic

IPIS published in 2014 a comprehensive report mapping the conflict motives of armed actors in the Central African Republic. An unprecedented web map of the CAR accompanied the report with various layers, including security incidents, areas of armed group control, pastoralist routes and natural resources.

Rapid evolutions in the country urged IPIS to undertake follow-up research and mapping. IPIS has conducted desk research and field missions and is currently developing an update of the interactive webmap of the CAR and the accompanying analysis of the key security dynamics and incidents in the CAR since November 2014 to date.



Roadblocks in the Central African Republic (map: IPIS)

Output

In the framework of this research an extensive report on roadblocks and several maps and an infographic have been published in the course of 2017. A comprehensive report and accompanying map will be published in 2018.

Funding

US State Department



Roadblocks: key mechanism of conflict funding

IPIS puts roadblocks on the map as key mechanism of conflict funding besides natural resources, revealing its devastating scope in funding armed actors in DR Congo and Central African Republic.

Mapping over a thousand roadblocks, IPIS published a map and report demonstrating the shocking extent of armed predation on trade routes in conflict-ridden Central Africa. Research demonstrates that roadblocks have netted armed groups around 6 million Euros annually in the impoverished Central African Republic alone. Strangling development and livelihoods, attracting violent confrontations and generating

millions in revenues, roadblocks are as crucial to continuing conflict in Central Africa as natural resources.

Output

“Everything that moves will be taxed”: the political economy of roadblocks in North and South Kivu”, IPIS, DIIS, ASSODIP, Janvier Murairi, Peer Schouten, Saidi Kubuya, December 6, 2017

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/everything-moves-will-taxed-political-economy-roadblocks-north-south-kivu/>

The politics of pillage: the political economy of roadblocks in the Central African Republic, IPIS, Peer Schouten, Soleil Kalessopo, December 6, 2017

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/pillage-route-leconomie-politique-des-barrages-routiers-walikale-et-masisi/>

Pillage Route: L'économie politique des barrages routiers à Walikale et Masisi, IPIS, DIIS, ASSODIP, Janvier Murairi, Peer Schouten, Saidi Kubuya, March 31, 2017

➔ http://ipisresearch.be/publication/pillage-route-leconomie-politique-des-barrages-routiers-walikale-et-masisi/?_sf_s=Walikale

Funding

DR Congo roadblocks: International Organization for Migration- IOM in the DR Congo through USAID funded Responsible Minerals Trade (RMT) project.

CAR roadblocks:
US State Department



Roadblock in Baramoto, Kahuzi-Biega national park, South Kivu (photo: IPIS)

Study on the interaction between security and wildlife

IPIS has participated in a framework research project by AGRECO for the EU Commission on the security-wildlife nexus. The aim of the research was to provide the Commission with evidence (facts & figures) and robust information and understanding on the nexus wildlife-security. The findings need to inform the Commission to engage in political dialogue on the wildlife-security nexus, define an effective response and design programmes

that mutually reinforce wildlife and security. The research is still ongoing.

IPIS' involvement in the research project was situated in research on poaching, fisheries exploitation and armed group insurgencies in natural parks and the nexus of security and natural resources extraction. IPIS was engaged by AGRECO to do a field mission and research on the wildlife-security nexus in Garamba and Virunga National Parks.

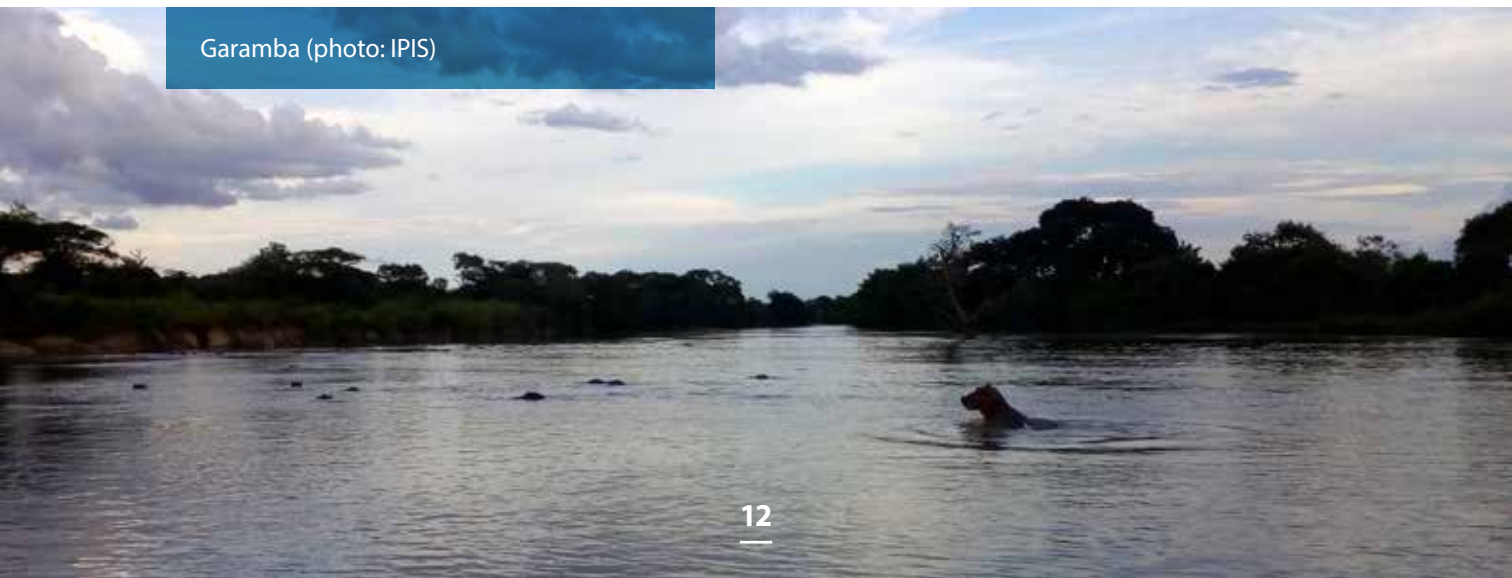
Output

Case studies

Funding

AGRECO

Garamba (photo: IPIS)



Artisanal Gold Monitoring Pilot in Mambasa

With the support of the Public Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA-RMT), IPIS set up its Artisanal Gold Monitoring Pilot in Mambasa (Ituri Province, DR Congo) between April 2016 and July 2017. This involved developing a low-cost methodology to produce a continuous data flow on a wide range of indicators related to the operational, security and human rights context of artisanal gold mining. This methodology builds on and enhances the monitoring capacities and structures of local state agents and civil society actors. It allows capturing the dynamic nature of production and trading patterns along the artisanal gold supply chains feeding into an important trade hub. The Mambasa pilot demonstrates how production data and trading patterns can be systematically monitored at numerous individual mine sites feeding into the artisanal gold trading hub of Mambasa.



Gold mine in Mambasa, Ituri (photo: IPIS)

Output

The findings of the research are summarized in 3 progress reports and a final monitoring report

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/artisanal-gold-monitoring-pilot/>

Funding

The Public Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA-RMT)

Arms Trade & Security

Surplus and illegal small arms, light weapons and their ammunition: the consequences of failing to dispose and safely destroy them

This joint report by IANSA and IPIS documents recent failures in some countries across world regions to properly dispose of and destroy excess small arms and light weapons (SALW), and their ammunition. It illustrates the different ways that excessive, poorly secured, weapons, especially firearms and ammunition, leak out into the hands of abusers and to those unauthorised to trade and use them, and the dire consequences that result from such failures.

Many governments around the world have been working diligently to secure their stockpiles of weapons and to dispose of surpluses. Though progress has been made over the past two decades, there are still many failures worldwide, as the examples show in this report.



The authors have chosen a range of examples from countries experiencing armed conflict and from countries suffering various levels of armed crime. The illustrative cases include Afghanistan, Brazil, the DR Congo, the European Union, El Salvador, Libya, Rwanda, South Sudan and Southern Africa (Malawi and South Africa).

Output

"Surplus and illegal small arms, light weapons and their ammunition: the consequences of failing to dispose and safely destroy them", IPIS-IANSA, Brian Wood, Peter Danssaert, August 2017

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/surplus-illegal-small-arms-light-weapons-ammunition-consequences-failing-dispose-safely-destroy/>

Funding

IANSA



E-learning modules on the Arms Trade Treaty

IPIS launched a set of self-learning digital modules to promote understanding of the Arms Trade Treaty.

The e-learning modules are designed to support the early ratification and effective implementation of the Treaty. The modules can be accessed in English, French and Spanish.

The Arms Trade Treaty is a landmark agreement developed in the United Nations setting robust rules for governments to improve the regulation of the international trade in conventional weapons and munitions. The implementation of the Treaty and its further refinement require thorough knowledge of its content and scope.

Output

13 e-learning modules covering key provisions of the Arms Trade Treaty

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/e-learning/att/>

Funding

United Nations Trust Facility
Supporting Cooperation on the
Arms Trade Treaty (UNSCAR)



China North Industries Corporation, *working paper 2*

IPIS and the Omega Research Foundation (Omega) have undertaken a comprehensive review of one of China's largest state-owned companies. Norinco – known formally as China North Industries Group (CNGC) was established in 1999 and it consists of at least 46 member units which then have several subordinate companies, joint ventures and associate companies. CNGC's main purpose is to research, develop and manufacture weapons and military equipment for the Chinese armed forces. To accomplish this primary task CNGC combines military research objectives with civil development and production enterprises and often the two are difficult to separate.

Output

"China North Industries Corporation, working paper 2"

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/working-paper-2-china-north-industries-corporation/>

Funding

the Belgian Development
Cooperation



Fatal freight: ships, guns and human rights abuses



First shipment of M1A1 Abrams tanks at the port of Umm Qasr (photo: Department of Defence)

IPIS and TransArms USA undertook a thorough research of the responsibility of states and companies involved in the transfer of military equipment by sea under customary international law. The report considers cases of irresponsible shipments of arms and military commodities to countries with ongoing armed conflicts and escalating human rights violations at the time when the transfers took place. Those shipments would have fallen under the prohibitions established by one or more articles of the Arms Trade Treaty, which came into force on 24 December 2014. However, military fuel and chemicals (such as white phosphorous) are not regulated by the ATT. The report wants to highlight their role in warfare with the aim to indicate a field for future improvements of the ATT.

Output

Report "Fatal Freight - Ships, guns and human rights abuses"

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/fatal-freight-ships-guns-human-rights-abuses/>

Funding

Belgian Development cooperation



Business & Human Rights

Improving monitoring, research and dialogue on Business and Human Rights in Tanzania



Tanzania, Mara (photo: IPIS)

IPIS launched its new project on Business & Human Rights with the Tanzanian Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) and Business

and Human Rights Tanzania (BHRT) at the end of 2017. Its overall objective is to enhance national and local capacities for the protection of vulnerable groups from, the monitoring of, the reporting on, the prevention of, and ensuring accountability for corporate human rights harm in Tanzania.

To achieve this, IPIS aims at giving a voice to local communities affected by business activities and ensuring that no harm goes unreported, and protecting the rights of those affected by corporate harm. IPIS and its partners will assist them in seeking redress and ensuring corporate accountability.

IPIS and its partners will facilitate engagement and dialogue between businesses, workers' organisations, local CSOs, and community leaders and will advance the debate and building consensus on the National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights.

Output

Launch of the project with partners

Funding

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights



Capacity Enhancement

Voix du Congo



Cassiterite mining site Fungamwaka
(photo: CENADEP)

Within the 'Voices from the ground' project, IPIS launched a series of publications from local partners in order to bring their work to a larger audience. IPIS has embarked on a collaboration with non-governmental organisations in eastern DR Congo and provides the necessary support (In terms of defining the subject, the composition of the article and feedback on the complete version) and a platform to disseminate their research output. The reports in no way represent IPIS' research or views, but provide an insight into how partners

work and analyse the issues and realities they are confronted with. IPIS has already worked together with ALDECO, ASADHO, CDJP, CEADHO, CENADEP and Save Act Mine.

Output

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/home/capacity-building/voices-eastern-drc/>

- "Etude sur l'utilisation du mercure et du cyanure dans l'exploitation artisanale de l'or au Nord et Sud-Kivu." *Save Act Mine (Bouma Kashongwe Fiston)*
- "L'exploitation sexuelle des filles mineures dans les zones minières de la province du Sud-Kivu en République Démocratique du Congo." *CEADHO asbl (Jerry Dunia)*
- "Les creuseurs miniers artisanaux et communautés environnantes, victims des services de sécurité et de la Justice au Sud Kivu, à l'Est de la RDC." *ASADHO asbl (Josué Blaise Mukubwa)*
- "La place de la femme dans l'exploitation minière artisanale dans le territoire de Masisi: Législation et pratique du terrain." *ALDECO asbl (Jeredy Kambasu Malonga)*
- "Fiscalité et parafiscalité dans l'exploitation minière artisanale au tanganyika en RDC." *CDJP, (David Ngoy Luhaka)*
- "La fraude et la contrebande minière dans le territoire de kalehe (sud-kivu)." *CENADEP (Antenne Bukavu)*

Kimberley Process



Diamond mine in Central African Republic
(photo: IPIS)

IPIS is a member of the Civil Society Coalition of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme. Over the last couple of years, IPIS has repeatedly voiced its concerns on the functioning of the Kimberley Process. Within the Kimberley Process Civil Society Coalition (KP CSC), IPIS has been calling for meaningful reforms, both on the scope of the definition of conflict diamonds and the internal

controls on governments to ensure a clean, conflict-free and legal diamond supply.

In 2017, the KP CSC observed a growing hostility and diminished freedom to conduct legitimate activities from certain government and industry actors. In order to claim its part in the tripartite structure, IPIS, with the KP CSC, has invested in capacity enhancement and strategy meetings to maximise the impact and effectiveness of the coalition. IPIS assisted in organising and engaged in outreach for the KPCSC's internal reflection on its set up and strategy.

IPIS has also been actively engaged in researching developments in the diamond mining sector in the Central African Republic, including issues surrounding conflict diamonds and illicit flows.

Output

Participation in meetings and strategy discussions, reform proposals

Funding

European Commission



Training and workshop on mapping the socio-economic and human rights impact of mining in northwest Tanzania

IPIS organised a training on mobile data collection in the small-scale mining sector in northwest Tanzania for 9 selected civil society surveyors and a representative from the Ministry of Minerals.

This started with an in-depth session by the Mineral Resources Institute (MRI) on the geology of northwest Tanzania, including insights on exploitation types, mining and processing equipment, as well as issues of health and safety on mine sites. Subsequent sessions included interactive discussions on the various indicators covered in the questionnaires, the ins and outs of surveying mine sites, mobile data collection, satellite communication, taking field notes, and qualitative post-mission reporting. IPIS also instructed the surveyors on how to use mobile data collection in the work of their own organisations. It taught them how to design their own mobile questionnaires and data collection strategies.



Training on mobile data collection in Mwanza, Tanzania (photo: IPIS)



Capacity enhancement workshop on mapping with DR Congo mining authorities

In the framework of its long standing partnership with DR Congo mining authorities, IPIS held a workshop in Kinshasa, engaging with technical

staff of 'Cadastre Minier', 'SAESSCAM' and 'Division des mines'. The workshop focussed on Open Source solutions for mapping and web-mapping, such as 'QGIS' and 'qgis2web', and best practices in GIS management.

Cadastre Minier, SAESSCAM and Division des Mines have been partners of IPIS since 2009, more specifically within the project mapping artisanal mining activities in eastern DR Congo. They respectively manage mining concessions, support small-scale miners and represent the ministry in the field. This training was financed by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).



Artisanal mining Mambasa region, Ituri
(photo: IPIS)

Launch of SAESSCAM database on artisanal and small-scale mining

IPIS presented in Kinshasa the results of a two years project done in partnership with Pact and Estelle Levin Ltd to support the activities of SAESSCAM, a service of Congolese Ministry of mines. During this project IPIS developed and launched the SAESSCAM database on artisanal and small-scale mining, a web data entry platform to register production and socio-economical information on ASM sites. This database was designed by and for SAESSCAM agents to register the type of mining activity, production data, number of workers, presence of women and children, incidents as well as geographical information on artisanal mining sites.

The database is linked to a public interactive webmap that visualises key information for each mining site and displays production data of the last three months aggregated at the territory level. This interactive webmap is accessible from SAESSCAM's official website.

New maps

DR Congo

Interactive map of artisanal mining exploitation in eastern dr congo - 2018 update

DR Congo webmap displaying data on more than 2400 artisanal mining sites in eastern DR Congo and more than 800 roadblocks.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/interactive-map-artisanal-mining-exploitation-eastern-dr-congo-2018-update/>

The political economy of roadblocks in North and South Kivu (2017)

Map displaying more than 1000 roadblocks as a key mechanism of conflict funding.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/home/conflict-mapping/maps/conflict-mapping-drc/political-economy-roadblocks-north-south-kivu-2017/>

Mining sites in and around Mambasa

Interactive webmap displaying the mining sites around Mambasa.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/artisanal-gold-monitoring-pilot/>

Conflict minerals in eastern DR Congo, Norh and South Kivu, Ituri and Maniema

Map and infographic (in French) of conflict minerals in eastern DR Congo.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/home/conflict-mapping/maps/conflict-mapping-drc/conflict-minerals-eastern-drc-2017/>

Conflict mapping in Kasai

IPIS designed a map to better understand the outbreak of violence in Kasai between August 2016 and April 2017.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/comprendre-la-spirale-de-la-violence-au-kasai/>

L'économie politique des barrages routiers à Walikale et Masisi

134 mapped roadblocks, the report showing the relative importance of roadblocks for the political economy of conflict in Walikale and Masisi.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/pillage-route-leconomie-politique-des-barrages-routiers-walikale-et-masisi/>

Central African Republic

Roadblocks in the Central African Republic

IPIS's new research, in collaboration with the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), sheds new and crucial light on how roadblocks provide an additional and substantial revenue stream for armed groups in Central Africa.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/politics-pillage-political-economy-roadblocks-central-african-republic/>

Pastoralism corridors in Central African Republic

Main pastoralism corridors as well as incidents related to pastoralism from 2012 until 2017.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/pastoralism-corridors-central-african-republic/>

Roadmap of the Central African Republic

The map shows towns, villages and roads in the greatest detail of the country in order to help organisations and researchers visualise where the events take place.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/central-african-republic-situation-map/>

Mapping natural resources in the Central African Republic

IPIS has drawn a map presenting the main natural resources exploited in the Central African Republic.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/publication/natural-resources-central-african-republic/>



République centrafricaine: portait d'un territoire riche en crises (2012 - 2017)

A map of natural resources and poaching corridors, a small map with the current armed groups area of influence as well as the number of reported violent incidents per prefecture, and two other maps with a close-up on the situation in Bangui, the capital, and on the links between incidents and pastoralism roads.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/home/conflict-mapping/maps/conflict-mapping-drc/conflict-minerals-eastern-drc-2017/>

Burundi

Arms transport to Burundi

IPIS developed a map on 'Arms transport to Burundi', which puts the 2015 unrest in the geographical perspective of the Great Lakes region and in the relevant timeframe covering 2008 to 2015. The map highlights two important factors in the recent conflict: the role and power of the army, and the reported incidents of armed conflict.

➔ <http://ipisresearch.be/home/conflict-mapping/maps/conflict-mapping-drc/conflict-minerals-eastern-drc-2017/>

About IPIS

Gold Mine in Mambasa, Ituri (photo: IPIS)



Mission Statement

IPIS is an independent research institute that provides tailored information, analysis and capacity enhancement to support those actors who want to realise a vision of durable peace, sustainable development and the fulfilment 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. IPIS has a unique expertise on natural resources, its links to conflict and its financing, development, environment, human rights and governance.

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.

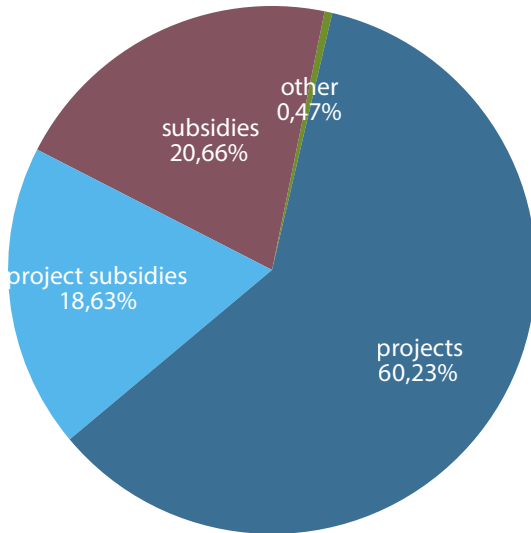
In order to ensure that our research and expertise reach as wide an audience as possible, IPIS often complements research with capacity enhancement. Increasingly, IPIS offers stand-alone capacity enhancement, designed to meet the needs and knowledge gaps identified by partners and clients.



Roadblock in Ouadda, Central African Republic (photo: IPIS)

Finances

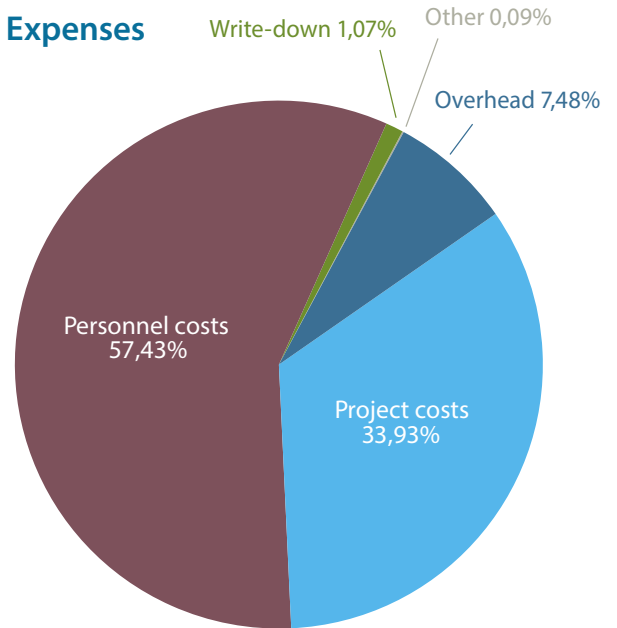
Turnover



Turnover **1.100.358,00 €**

Projects	662.797 €
Projects subsidies	11.000 €
Subsidies	227.340 €
Other	5.221 €

Expenses



Expenses **1.087.000 €**

Overhead	81.350 €
Project costs	368.769 €
Personnel costs	624.227 €
Write-down	11.666 €
Other	988 €



Mine site in Mara, Tanzania (photo: IPIS)

Networks and platforms

- Anet, Library Network of the University of Antwerp
- Advisory Board for Development Cooperation (AROSA)
- Belgian Network on Natural Resources (BNNR)
- Central Africa network 11.11.11 (CAO)
- European Partnership for Responsible Minerals (EPRM)
- European Network for Central Africa (EurAc)
- Flemish Peace Institute
- Flemish Study and Documentation Centre for non profit organisations (VSDC)
- Kimberley Process Civil Society Coalition (KPCSC)
- NGO Federation: Flemish federation of Development NGOs
- Procura, knowledge centre for non-profit en social economy
- Provincial NGO-network of the Province of Antwerp
- Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA)
- Sociare, Socio cultural employers organisation

Outreach

IPIS opens up its data

Data collection on peace, development and human rights is an essential part of the research work we do at IPIS. Because IPIS believes in the power of Open Data to stimulate research that contributes to our vision of durable peace, sustainable development and the fulfilment of human rights, IPIS is happy to announce that we are now providing structured access to some of our key datasets.

IPIS is using open standards to provide a user-friendly interface to download our data in a variety of formats, and a direct connection for GIS software.

The datasets available for download are only a selection of the information IPIS has collected over the years. For more information, please contact mapping@ipisresearch.be



Cassiterite mine in Manono,
Tanganyika, DR Congo

Mapathons

IPIS opened its library to two Missing Maps Mapathons in 2017, in collaboration with OpenStreetMap Belgium. During both sessions, participants were mapping illegal activities, including mining and logging, in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in DR Congo. Two employees of the Wildlife Conservation Society who work in the reserve gave an overview of the situation on the ground. Recent pictures of villages and mines were a useful reference for the attendants, as they set out to map the different features from satellite imagery.

The map of the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in DR Congo was published on IPIS' website in 2018 and submitted for the D4D prize of the Belgian Development cooperation that encourages digital work that contributes to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

Social media

Social media are IPIS' primary means to keep its audience up to date on IPIS' latest news, maps, reports and events. IPIS presents its reports and interactive webmaps in userfriendly ways and develops infographics to visualize some of the research findings. IPIS uses mailers to share news, reports, maps and a periodical arms trade briefing with subscribers.





Library

The thematic division of IPIS' 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 (on politics, history etc.).

The IPIS collection has been integrated into Anet, the library network of the University of Antwerp, connecting about twenty scientific libraries in Flanders. The catalog contains about 2.500.000 entries. Integrating our library in this system ensures that our specialised collection of books, journals,



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and IPIS reports will be opened up to the scientific research community and interested public.

In order to provide interested audiences with the opportunity to consult our collections, IPIS provides open access to our library during visiting hours on Wednesday afternoon or after appointment if assistance of a particular researcher is required.

IPIS' researchers are responsible for building the collection. 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.

Lectures, workshops and presentations

23 Feb IPIS presented in Kinshasa the results of a two years project done in partnership with Pact and Estelle Levin Ltd to support the activities of SAESSCAM ("*Service d'accompagnement et d'encadrement du Small-scale mining*"), a service of Congolese Ministry of mines. (by Alexandre Jaillon)

27 Feb IPIS presentation at the Mobile Social Congress (Barcelona) in a panel on the Exploitation of Natural Resources , armed conflicts and local and global consequences of the growth in electronical industry (by Guillaume de Brier)

30 Mar Lecture on IPIS, conflict mapping, natural resources for the students of the BANABA 'intercultural management' with focus on DR Congo at CIMIC/Thomas More College (by Filip Reyniers)

20 Apr Participation as external expert in PAX' strategy meeting for its programme in DR Congo/Great Lakes Region (by Ken Matthysen)

26 Apr IPIS organised a mapathon with Missing Maps and OpenStreetMap Belgium with special focus on national parks in DR Congo

27 Apr Lecture on conventional arms control and the Arms Trade Treaty for students of the Master International Relations and Diplomacy of the University of Antwerp (by Filip Reyniers)

May A series of workshops with officials in Costa Rica, Senegal, Samoa and Brussels to test IPIS' e-learning modules on the Arms Trade Treaty (by local trainers supported by Markus Fallbusch, Peter Danssaert and Brian Wood)

4 May Presentation of IPIS' Gold Monitoring Project on a panel on "Gold from the Great Lakes Region" OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains (by Guillaume de Brier)

8 May Capacity enhancement workshop in Kinshasa on cartography with DR Congo Mining authorities (by Alexandre Jaillon, Manuel Claeys Bouuaert)

4 Jun Participation in a MO* panel and documentary screening on fair phones (by Filip Reyniers)

20 Jun Presentation on Due Diligence in mineral supply chains, as a case study to draw lessons learned for Due Diligence in Supermarkets' supply chains. Event organised by Supply Cha!nge: Addressing due diligence in supermarkt supply chains (by Ken Matthysen)



Tanzania (photo: IPIS)

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- 21 Sep** Feedback workshop and presentation on the Artisanal Gold Monitoring Pilot, funded by the Public Private Alliance for Responsible Mineral Trade (PPA), Bunia, Ituri, DR Congo (by Guillaume de Brier)
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- 22 Sep** Presentation and workshop on innovation and data collection at the University of Antwerp European Law and Development conference (by Filip Reyniers)
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- 3 Oct** Moderating a panel debate on military intervention at Zuidcafé De Roma (by Filip Reyniers)
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- 23 Oct** Workshop in Mwanza, Tanzania, on data collection in the framework of the IPIS mapping project on the socio-economic and human rights impact of mining in northwest Tanzania (by Hans Merket, Manuel Claeys Bouuaert)
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- 26 Oct** Participation in a Round Table organised by the Flemish Peace Institute on Arms Trade (by Filip Reyniers)
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- 13 Nov** Presentation of the IPIS mapping project of artisanal mining sites in DR Congo at the Egmont Institute Conference on Data and Technology for peace – (by Ken Matthysen and Manuel Claeys Bouuaert)
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- 23 Nov** Lecture on GIS4Peace for Master Students at the University of Lille, Political Science (by Alexandre Jaillon)
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- 6 Dec** IPIS organised a mapathon with Missing Maps and OpenStreetMap Belgium with special focus on national parks in DR Congo (by Manuel Claeys Bouuaert)
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- 12 Dec** Presentation of IPIS ASM mapping project at National Stakeholders workshop on Minamata Convention on Mercury in Tanzania (by Elard Mawala)

Assignments

2017

'Mapping the socio-economic and human rights impact of mining in northwest Tanzania'

For the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Mapping security and human rights around artisanal mining areas in eastern DR Congo: Analysis and interactive map of artisanal mining areas in eastern DR Congo'

For the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the DR Congo through USAID funded Responsible Minerals Trade (RMT) project.

'Everything that moves will be taxed': the political economy of roadblocks in north and south kivu'

For IPIS

'Pillage route: l'économie politique des barrages routiers à Walikale et Masisi'

For IPIS

'Capacity enhancement workshop on cartography with DR Congo mining authorities'

For Cadastre Minier, SAESSCAM and Division des mines with the support of IOM

'Money laundering and arms trade'

For Open Society

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

For UNSCAR

'Mapping Conflict Motives in the Central African Republic'

For the US State Department

'The Politics of Pillage: the political economy of roadblocks in the Central African Republic'

For the US State Department

Security and Wildlife Nexus

For AGRECO

Artisanal Gold Monitoring Pilot

For the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals (PPA)

Business and Human Rights in Tanzania

For the European Instrument for Democracy and Human rights (EIDHR)

'Surplus and Illegal Small Arms, Light Weapons and their Ammunition: the consequences of failing to dispose and safely destroy them'

For International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)

Dodoma, Tanzania

2016

'Mapping Conflict Motives in The Central African Republic'

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Mapping security and human rights around artisanal mining areas in eastern DR Congo: Analysis and interactive map of artisanal mining areas in eastern DR Congo'

For IOM, USAID, World Bank/Promines

'Database on mineral flows'

For the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

'Third Party Review of the Bisie Security Report'

For the Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI)

'Coloured gemstones in eastern DR Congo: Tourmaline exploitation and trade in the Kivus'

For SaveActMine, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Extractive Orders: political geography of public authority'

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

'Kimberley Process – peer review mission'

For Kimberly Process, with the support of PAC

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

For UNSCAR

'Hotel Hercules. Flying CIA and UN Missions from Jamba to Phnom Penh'

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

‘China North Industries Corporation (Working paper 2)’

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

‘Fatal Freight. Ships, guns and human rights abuses’

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

‘Optimalisation of the Flemish Arms Trade Decree’

For Amnesty International Belgium/Flemish Section, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

‘Accesible and interactive: new methods of data visualisation as tools for data analysis and information sharing in tranistional justice research’.

For Transitional Justice Review, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

‘Workshop on Corporate Accountability in Tanzania’

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

‘Human Rights and Mining in Tanzania’

For the Belgian Development Cooperation

‘Workshop on Good Governance in Bangui’

With the support of the city of Antwerp

‘SAESSCAM database on artisanal and small scale mining’

For Promines (World Bank)

‘Cartography and artisanal mining sites inspection. Training’

For the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals (PPA)

‘Het Conflict in de Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek in kaart gebracht’

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

‘Voices from eastern DR Congo’

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

Garamba

2015

'Review of the Burundian Artisanal Gold Mining Sector'

For BGR

'The Right to Water and sanitation: A practical Guide'

For BGR

'Mineral Supply Chains and Conflict Links in eastern DR Congo'

For OECD

'Political Power mapping in eastern DR Congo'

For Search for Common Ground

'Production of maps on DR Congo mining concessions'

For PAX

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

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For Ghovern, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For 11.11.11 with the support of the Belgian Development cooperation

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

For Life&Peace Institute

'Participation in the joint context analysis on DR Congo, Burundi, Tanzania and Kenya'

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation

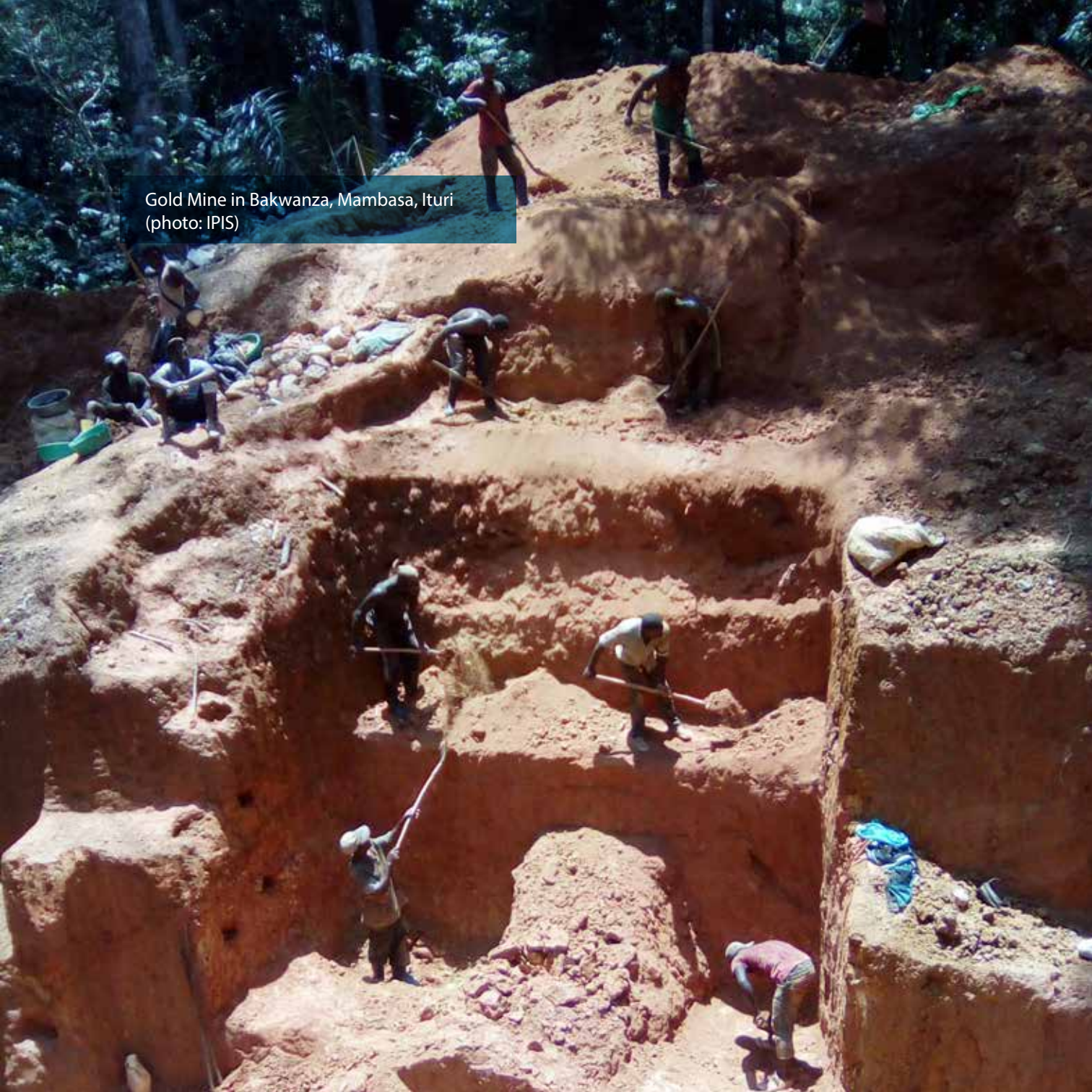
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For UNSCAR

'Weapons and International Law: the Arms Trade Treaty'

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Gold Mine in Bakwanza, Mambasa, Ituri
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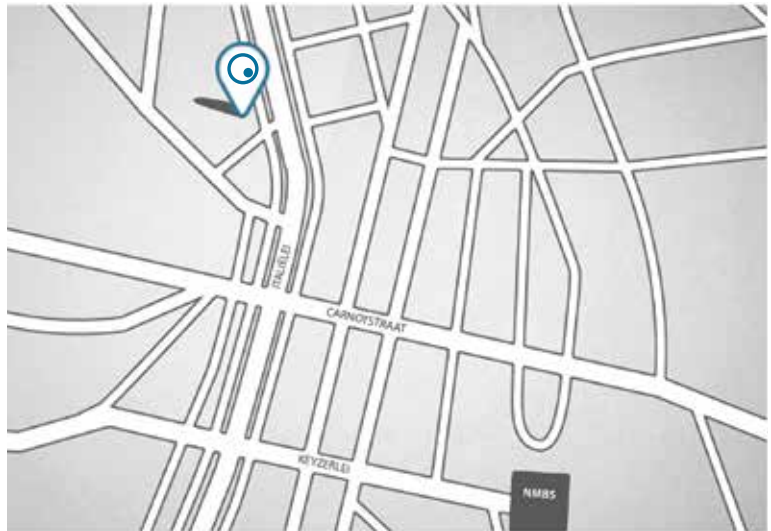
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