



Annual Report 2012

IPIS vzw



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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:** President Pax Christi Vlaanderen
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- **Yvan Vanden Berghe:** Emeritus (full) professor of the University of Antwerp
- **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.

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

From the Chair

Antwerp, March 2013

Looking back at 2012, the three themes that are the traditional core of the IPIS research, being arms trade, natural resources and social corporate responsibility, have steadily been developing into fully-fledged research programmes. It is clear that the first hand knowledge and growing expertise of IPIS are appreciated by various stakeholders, resulting into new projects.

In addition to these three themes, we also saw the consolidation and integration of the work on conflict mapping into a solid fourth pillar in our activities. In this respect, IPIS established itself as a provider of rare data and a reference point for stakeholders.

This year was also marked by an increase of the capacity building expertise. Supported by the Belgian Development Cooperation, IPIS has further expanded its work in this field. This was reflected by intensive contacts with researchers in the South, where IPIS shared expertise and advise through workshops and research cooperation. In the framework of the Promines Mapping project, IPIS embarked on a long term capacity building initiative with the DRC mining administration and civil society. Resulting from our growing expertise in capacity building, four Capacity Building Modules are being launched as the start of an ongoing series.

In 2012 we witnessed the introduction of a focal point for data collection in Bukavu. Though still project-based for now, this clearly shows that IPIS is well under way to develop a structural and permanent presence in the focal region. This will greatly facilitate data collection and capacity building in the future.

The IPIS team has developed a strong balance in gender, age and expertise, with researchers covering a wide range of academic, technical and multilingual backgrounds. These growing competences enable us to keep on delivering relevant research output in various formats.

From an organisational perspective, sustainable growth also brings its challenges. Managing an increasing number of research projects in a growing range of countries in the Great Lakes region and beyond requires intensive project management. The Board continues to reflect on risk management and internal organisation. Over the last years, IPIS has reflected on the impact of our research in the South and will continue to do so in the future. Projects are planned in a way that evaluations with stakeholder participation is integrated, so that IPIS remains focused on staying demand-driven and relevant for all stakeholders.

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 2012.

Wivina Demeester-De Meyer
Chair



Preface

The day this Annual Report is published, crucial negotiations on the UN Arms Trade Treaty are taking place in New York. IPIS has monitored this process for many years and, through case work, provided campaigning ngo's with information on irresponsible arms transfers.

Once more, the region of the Great Lakes was the theatre of armed conflict and human rights violations that undermine efforts to obtain sustainable peace. Integration of rebel groups into the FARDC remains difficult and calls for a critical analysis of the current security sector reform initiatives. The sudden offensive of the M23 rebels and the unexpected fall of Goma in November brought this issue once more to the front. Widely accepted evidence that Rwanda and Uganda were backing the operations of M23 suggest that this is another cycle in a long-standing pattern of overt and covert support for armed non-state actors by DRC's eastern neighbours. Difficult peace negotiations were started and carried forward into 2013. This was mirrored by events in the Central African Republic, where an offensive of the Seleka rebel coalition in December led to peace talks with the government. IPIS closely monitored these processes in the Weekly Briefing.

As already predicted by many observers in 2011, the political changes in North Africa and the Middle East and the fall of the Kaddhafi regime in particular have lead to increased activity of armed groups and widespread arms flows in the countries of the Sahel and Sub-Saharan Africa. The fact that Malinese armed groups have been signalled in Darfur illustrates how these conflicts are interconnected and affect peace and human development in Sub-Saharan Africa. A new project on conflict mapping in South-Sudan that IPIS initiated in the last months of 2012 will prove to be highly relevant in that respect.

Focusing on the extraction of natural resources and corporate social responsibility, IPIS closely followed the standing initiatives carried forward by ICGLR and OECD. For the latter, IPIS concluded the third and last of a series of monitoring reports on the implementation of the Due Diligence Guidance. While this series of reports focused on the 3T minerals (tin, tungsten and tantalum), it is clear that due diligence on gold will be the next challenge.

When it comes to mining reform, the lack of reliable data is apparent. Supported by World Bank/Promines and the Belgian Foreign Affairs, IPIS has initiated a long term project to map mining activities in Eastern DRC. The data are collected through a capacity building programme for Congolese mining authorities and civil society and will be visualised in an updated and extended collection of webmaps. By providing this hard to find information in a structured and accessible way, IPIS will continue to support policy makers in government and civil society and other stakeholders in their work on development, human rights and security in the Great Lakes region.

Filip Reyniers

Director



Mission

IPIS is a research centre that gathers, structures, assimilates and processes information into training modules, workshops, lectures, briefings, dossiers and reports. Our primary target group is governmental, non-governmental and intergovernmental development actors, as well as private corporations and law making bodies.

Through diverse channels, including 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, after the diagnostic stage, we wish to go further, and offer practical solutions – workable policy recommendations, training and capacity enhancing workshops – to our target group.

Our research activities concentrate on three core themes, around which we have built up a unique, field-based expertise and network over the last 25 years.

We shed light on facts related to the opaque international arms trade with and in our region of focus. The analysis of this 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.

We carry out in-depth research into the exploitation of natural resources and put into perspective issues such as the redistribution of rents, poor governance and corruption, the financing of conflicts and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

Our final core theme, CSR, deals with the role of the private sector in our focus region. Over the course of many years we have witnessed the potential of private companies to create wealth and promote peace whilst simultaneously exacerbating conflict and inequality. Our CSR 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 that can also be employed outside our region of focus.

Research methodology

The nature of IPIS' research stands midway between journalism and academic research. Whereas the academic approach to research is largely grounded in theory, IPIS shares in journalism's prioritisation of facts. However IPIS also digs deeper and more thoroughly into its themes of research than is usual within the journalistic profession. In doing so we approach investigative journalism, extending to sources outside the public domain.

Our information gathering is an ongoing process, executed through the consultation and analysis of sources on the internet, academic and journalistic publications and confidential documents, complemented by fieldwork and interviews within an extensive network of contacts built up over many years. This 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 either consists of publishable reports or private dossiers, intended only for the client. Examples of the latter might include reports that serve as the basis of an NGO campaign, or briefings to enable 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, including reliability, critical sense, impartiality and check & double-check.

Theme

arms trade/security

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

Sergio Finardi & Peter Danssaert

Description:

This report seeks to clarify and discuss existing terminology and reporting practices for State regulation of international transfers of goods and services and for international transfers of conventional arms. This will also help contribute to the development of common international standards for monitoring and reporting international transfers of conventional arms. Standardization of statistical requirements and reporting methods is of paramount importance for the ATT to be effective.

Commissioned/funded by:

This report was originally prepared in 2009 for the internal use of Amnesty International staff. 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-Research, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.

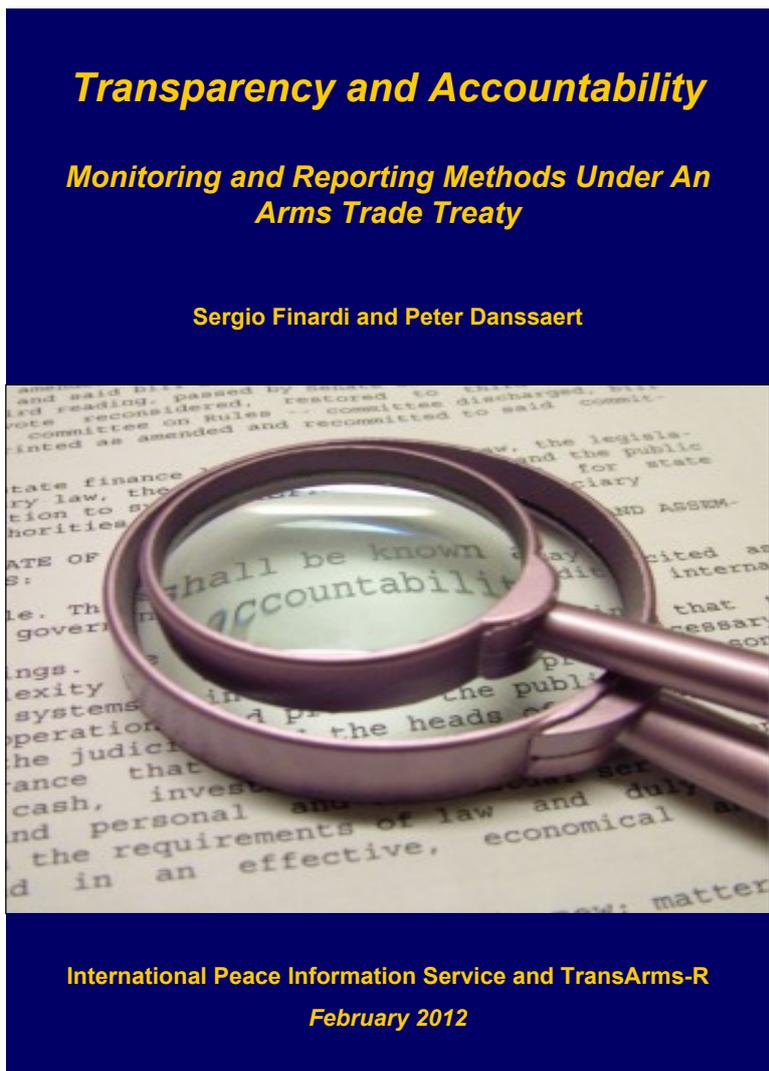


Output:

Report: Transparency and Accountability - Monitoring and Reporting Methods Under An Arms Trade Treaty (February 2012). http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=348

Impact:

The report was well received by Amnesty International-IS (AI-IS) and was promoted by AI-IS, and Control Arms. The findings of the report have received endorsement from various governments. A follow-up project is under negotiation.



Theme

arms trade/security

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

*Sergio Finardi
& Peter Danssaert*

Description:

Monitoring transport services may be the key to provision for the implementation and enforcement of the Arms Trade Treaty. TransArms and IPIS vzw have since 1999 advocated the monitoring of arms transport networks as one of the most effective activities for the control of arms transfers, in particular toward war zones and countries at risk of serious violations of human rights. Transportation services for the international transfers of conventional arms are performed by logistics companies, shipping agents, freight forwarders, and carriers who organize and carry out the transportation from or across the territory of one State to another.

This report demonstrates how arms shipments

may be monitored and reported when there is a substantial risk that the shipments could contribute to fuelling armed conflicts, dissent repression, and other human rights violations. The report provides examples of the monitoring of actual conventional arms shipments to Egypt and Syria in 2011 and 2012 and of suspected conventional arms shipments to Syria in 2012 by sea.

Commissioned/funded by:

Belgian Development Cooperation



Output:

Report: Rough Seas – Maritime Transport and Arms Shipments - Transport Services under an Arms Trade Treaty (July 2012). http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=387

Impact:

Expertise was shared with AI-Denmark on the subject. The Danish Government is currently proposing introduction of a flawed “voluntary” code of conduct for Danish shipowners. French shipping companies are introducing a Code of Conduct.

MV Thor Emilie bound to Mombasa with battle tanks for South Sudan (april 1999, Fotoflite.com)



Theme

arms trade/security

A Code of Conduct for Arms Transport by Air

*Sergio Finardi,
Brian Wood
& Peter Danssaert*

Description:

The report includes some key considerations for the development of an "Air Cargo Industry Voluntary Code of Conduct relating to the transport of arms, ammunition and other military equipment". The purpose of such a Code is to encourage as many aviation companies and other actors as possible in the air cargo industry to adhere to existing and new standards relating to the transport of arms.

Commissioned/funded by:

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.



Output:

Report: A Code of Conduct for Arms Transport by Air (August 2012). http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=388

Impact:

The analysis provided will benefit the campaigning and advocacy work of ngo's that work to improve the control on international arms transfers.

Tactical vehicle being loaded onto aircraft. (US Air Force photo - Senior Airman Felicia Juenke)



Theme

arms trade/security

Analysis of arms supplies to the Democratic Republic of Congo

*Peter Danssaert
& Ken Matthysen*

Description:

Since many years, Amnesty International has been pleading for a strong Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) that would be a tool for the international community to act to prevent irresponsible and illegal arms transfers. Within the framework of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) negotiations, Amnesty International aimed to demonstrate the need for a strong treaty, by showing how the proliferation and misuse of arms in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the result of many years of irresponsible deliveries of military material. Amnesty international commissioned IPIS to map the arms supplies to the DRC.

Commissioned/funded by:

Amnesty International



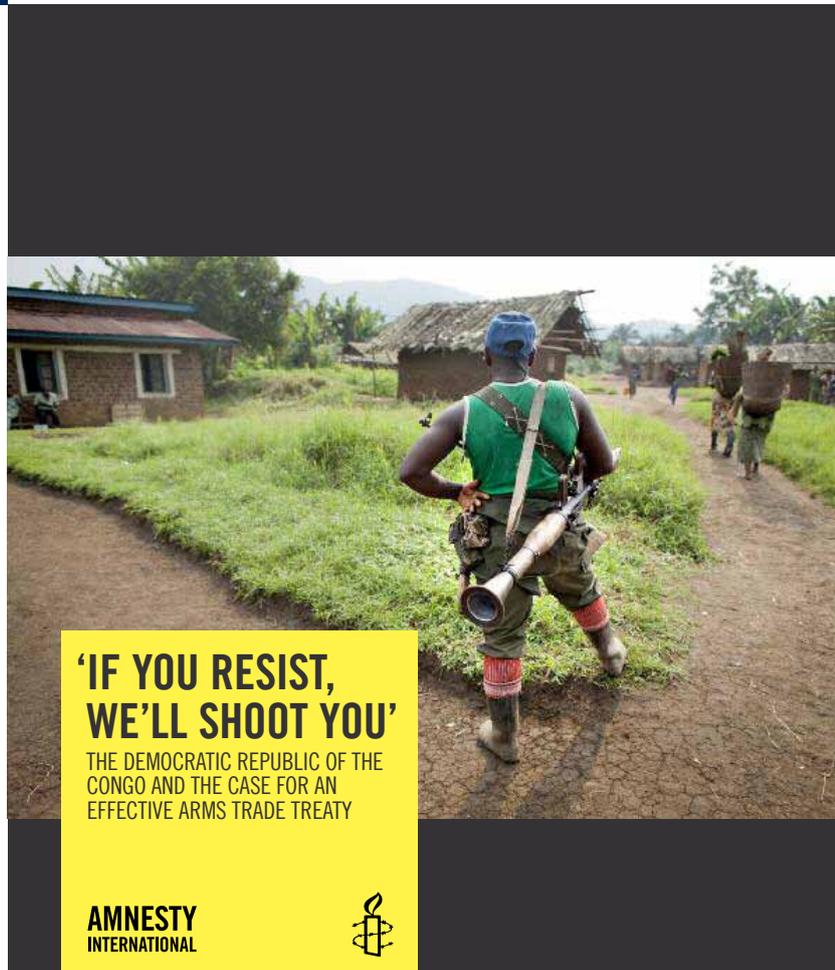
Output:

Report: 'If you resist, we'll shoot you': The Democratic Republic of the Congo and the case for an effective Arms Trade Treaty, Amnesty International, June 2012

http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=386

Impact:

Amnesty International used the report in the run-up to the July 2012 ATT negotiations in New York, to persuade UN member states to work towards a strong ATT.



Theme

arms trade/security

Conventional arms sales of the UN Security Council Permanent Five Members

*Peter Danssaert
& Ken Matthysen*

Description:

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Commissioned/funded by:

In cooperation with Omega Research Foundation and funded by Amnesty International.

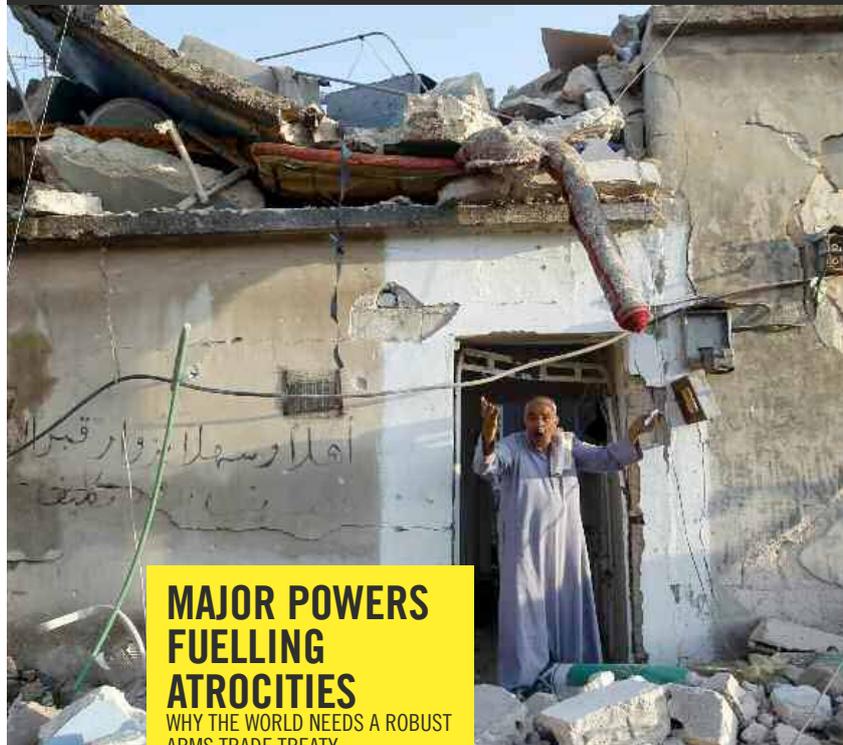


Output:

Report: 'Major powers fuelling atrocities: Why the world needs a robust Arms Trade Treaty', Amnesty International, March 2012. http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=403

Impact:

Amnesty International will use the report in the run-up to the March 2013 ATT negotiations in New York, to demonstrate the need for a robust ATT.



MAJOR POWERS FUELLING ATROCITIES

WHY THE WORLD NEEDS A ROBUST
ARMS TRADE TREATY

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Theme

natural resources

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

*Ken Matthysen,
Anna Bulzomi,
Gabriella Wass
& Evie Franço*

Description:

The Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) is undertaking broad research to provide information for the EU, and policymakers in timber producing countries, about the scale and structures of informal domestic timber production. Crucially, this includes analysis of the key considerations and potential costs and benefits of promoting formalisation in the sector. Significantly, the EU's requirements regarding the legality of timber imports are currently subject to change, steered by the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan. Therefore, CIFOR has commissioned IPIS to evaluate initiatives to formalise the artisanal mining sector in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, in order to locate lessons learned. These perspectives will

support the formation of well-informed policy and regulatory options –both by the EU and by harvesting countries – concerning the formalisation of timber production in tropical countries.

Commissioned/funded by:

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



Output:

Report: 'The formalisation of artisanal mining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda', CIFOR & IPIS, December 2012 (To be published in June 2013).

Impact:

CIFOR has used the results of this report to inform the European Union about lessons learned from formalising the exploitation of natural resources.

IPIS-team visiting artisanal mine in Rwanda (IPIS 2012)



Theme

natural resources

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

*Ken Matthysen
& Ian Clarkson*

Description:

As the Central African Republic (CAR) is a politically unstable and understudied region, very little up to date information on gold and diamond extraction is at hand. Therefore, ActionAid and Cordaid commissioned IPIS to draw a detailed picture of gold and diamond extraction in the country. Furthermore, international and regional initiatives on the formalisation of the mining sector in Central Africa are currently being developed and implemented. A lot has been written about the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act, the OECD Due Diligence guidelines and industry initiatives, on the Congolese mining sector and artisanal mining communities. A lot of these initiatives, however, also apply to the CAR. A short description and first assessment of the impact of these initiatives on the CAR's mining sector is therefore also included.

Commissioned/funded by:

ActionAid Nederland and Cordaid



Output:

Report: 'The Central African Republic's gold and diamond mining sectors, and related social, economic and environmental issues', IPIS, March 2013

Impact:

The results of the report will be used to organise a workshop for Central African civil society organisations in Bangui. The workshop should be organised by IPIS and Cordaid in the course of 2013.

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



Theme

natural resources

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

*Anna Bulzomi,
Peter Danssaert,
Ken Matthysen
& Sergio Finardi*

Description:

The report outlines a pattern of infrastructure scarcity and logistical challenges relating to the trade of different commodities in Central/East Africa.

It maps out the natural resources –namely oil and minerals- of countries like the DRC and Sudan and tries to identify the key trading routes and export hubs at regional level, exposing the weaknesses of the main transport networks.

Commissioned/funded by:

In cooperation with TransArms, and with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



Output:

Report: 'The East African multi-modal transport network', to be published in March 2013

Impact:

As the report will only be published in March 2013 its actual impact remains to be seen. The report, however, aims at informing a wide range of stakeholders, such as policymakers, researchers and non-governmental actors, on some crucial features of the Central/East African region's transport network.



Offloading Maersk Constellation

Theme

corporate social responsibility

The impact of oil extraction on human rights in Uganda

Gabriella Wass

Description:

This report assesses the potential effect of the emerging oil sector in Uganda on human rights, and uses the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as a framework to respond to these risks.

The paper covers general business and human rights principles - describing the legal instruments, norms and guidance that currently direct the activity of businesses. In particular, the UN's Respect Protect and Remedy framework and Guiding Principles are described, as well as their relevance in the Ugandan context.

Commissioned/funded by:

For ActionAid, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.

Output:

Report to be published in April 2013.

Impact:

It is the first time that these issues have been framed in the context of the Guiding Principles. Through the ActionAid website, one of Uganda's most trusted oil impact resources, the report empowers stakeholders in Uganda to hold relevant authorities accountable.



Oilrich Lake Albert on the border between Uganda & DR Congo (IPIS 2012)



Theme

corporate social responsibility

Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas

*Anna Bulzomi
& Evie Francq*

Description:

A detailed analysis of the progress achieved by companies participating in the OECD pilot project on the implementation of due diligence. The report provides management recommendations for responsible supply chains of minerals originating from Central Africa, namely from the DRC, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

Commissioned/funded by :

OECD



Output:

Interim progress report (published in English and French, May 2012) http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=389

Impact:

This interim progress report provides guidance to economic actors in the DRC, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda on how to improve their due diligence performance and ensure that they do not fund conflict and human rights abuses through the extraction and/or purchase of minerals.

Miner engaged in sifting process, Rwanda (IPIS 2012)



Theme

corporate social responsibility

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

*Anna Bulzomi
& Evie Francq*

Description:

This final OECD report (in a cycle of three reports) provides an overall assessment of the progress and impact of the one year pilot implementation phase of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance.

Commissioned/funded by :

OECD



Output:

Final report to be published in English and French in January 2013. http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=398&lang=nl

Impact:

The report presents the results achieved during the 18-month-long pilot implementation phase, highlighting achievements, ongoing challenges and lessons learned. This document will be used as a starting point for future OECD initiatives on due diligence, including replicating due diligence pilots in other geographical areas and expanding the scope of due diligence practices to cover other commodities.

The largest mine site in Rwanda (IPIS 2012)



Mapping expertise

Mapping Mining Activities in Eastern DRC

*Jean-Laurent Martin,
Yannick Weyns
& Filip Hilgert*

Description:

Mapping survey of mining activities and security in Eastern DRC. In addition to intensive data collection, the project also aims at capacity building of Congolese mining administration and civil society to conduct surveys and create maps for future analysis. For the duration of this project, IPIS established a permanently staffed focal point in Bukavu to coordinate the data collection on the field.

Commissioned/funded by:

Promines/World Bank, Belgian Foreign
Affairs



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Buitenlandse Handel en
Ontwikkelingssamenwerking

Output:

A series of interactive webmaps, to be published in 2013 and 2014

Impact:

The data provided by the webmaps will be used by all relevant stakeholders, such as government, ngo's and research institutes. Increased capacity of administration and civil society to conduct data collection in the future.

Training workshop Bukavu, DRC (IPIS 2013)



Mapping expertise

Map of artisanal gold mining sites in South Kivu, DRC

Filip Hilgert

Description:

Map of the artisanal gold mining sites in the regio of South Kivu, DRC

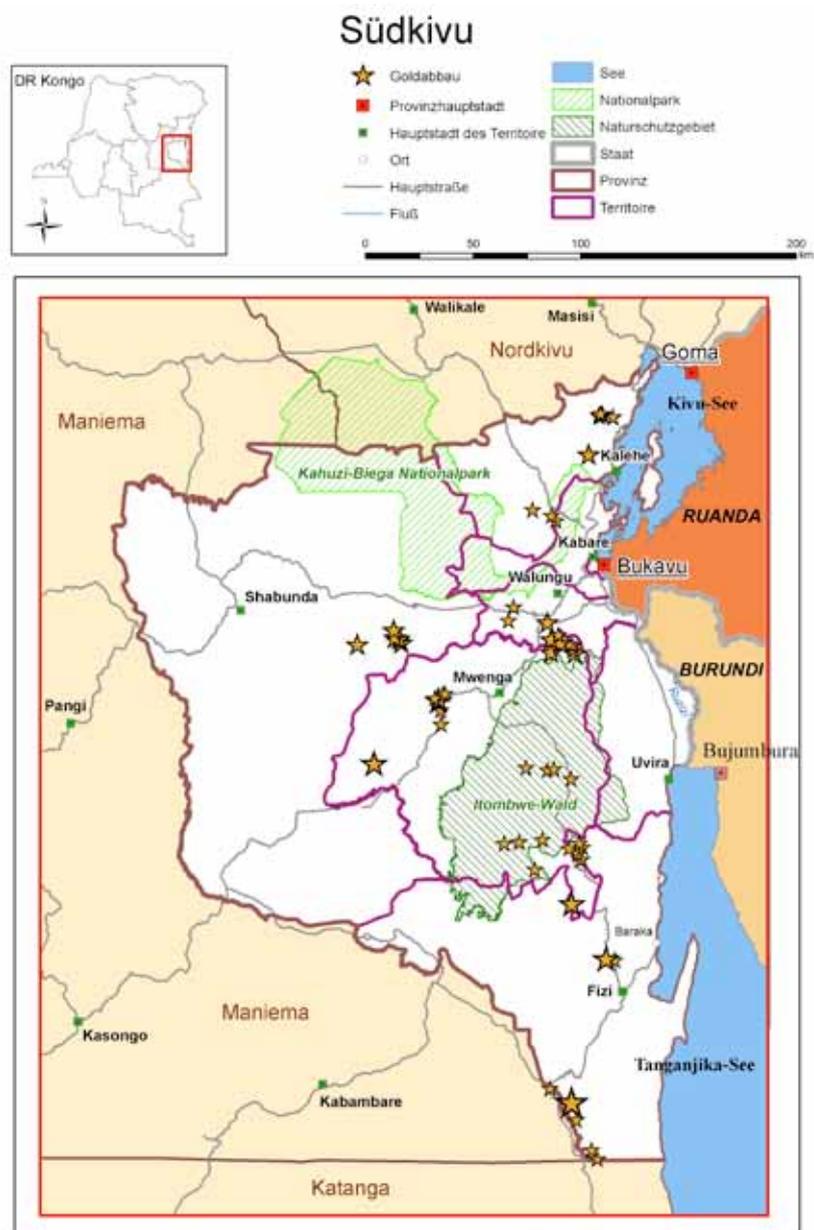
Commissioned/funded by:

BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion), with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output:

The map was included in BICC's report "Auf der Suche nach dem sauberen Gold: Kleinbergbau von Gold in Peru und DR Kongo", Brief 46, September 2012 (also translated in French and Spanish).



International Peace Information Service (IPIS) 2012 (Quellen: IPIS, Référentiel Géographique Commun)

Mapping expertise

Mapping artisanal gold mining sites in Ituri

Filip Hilgert

Description:

Maps of the artisanal gold mining sites in the different territories of Ituri, DRC

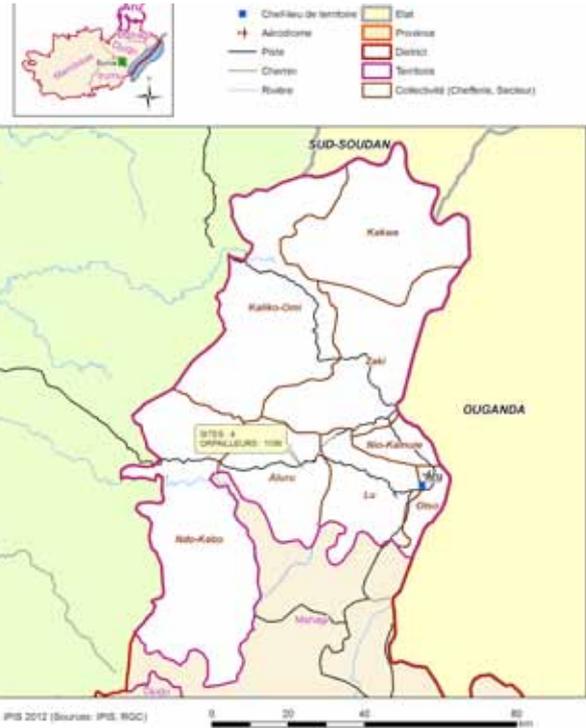
Commissioned/funded by:

IKV Pax Christi, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output:

The maps were included in the report by IKV Pax Christi & Réseau Haki Na Amani (HNA), "A Golden Future in Ituri? Which perspective for gold exploitation in Ituri, DR Congo?", August 2012 (also translated in French)



Mapping Conflict Minerals: GMES

Filip Hilgert

Description:

Article on how GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security) supports IPIS by sharing satellite images for the conflict mapping projects.

Commissioned/funded by:

GMES, with with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output:

Article "Mapping 'conflict minerals': how GMES supports the International Peace Information Service (IPIS)", in: Window on GMES, Special Issue: Discover the "S" in GMES, pp. 82-88, by Elisabeth Schoepfer, Kristin Sproehnle and Filip Hilgert, December 2012

Mapping expertise

Mapping Conflict Motives: M23

IPIS

Description:

In light of the renewed risk of large-scale armed conflict in the DRC and after receiving inquiries on M23 from several EurAC members, IPIS published an update to its 2007-2010 'mapping conflict motives' report series focussing specifically on the intentions of M23.

Commissioned/funded by:

For EurAC, with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



Output:

Report: Mapping Conflict Motives: M23, November 2012

Impact:

IPIS' report helped influence international stakeholders to position themselves vis-à-vis the new rebel movement. Following the report, IPIS' analysis of M23 appeared in the main Flemish newspaper and on national television. Between December 2012 and February 2013 IPIS researchers gave at least 5 presentations to interested audiences of diplomats, aid workers and the general public on the creation and motivations of M23.

M23 combatants marching into Goma wearing Rwandan army uniforms (John Hogg - Reuters 2012)



Expertise in capacity building

Participatory Workshop on the Right to Water

*Gabriella Wass,
Andres Zaragoza
& Evie Franço*

Description:

Water is more and more becoming a scarce natural resource. The human right to water is key under international law and fundamental to the realisation of other rights. Therefore education and awareness-raising on the right to water and how it can be claimed at the international, regional, and local level are central to improving its availability, affordability, accessibility and quality.

These participative workshops for civil society are being held in Lubumbashi, DRC, and Kampala, Uganda. IPIS vzw coordinated the two-day trainings with local partners.

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Output:

Two workshops, a downloadable poster and downloadable video on the right to water, and an online presentation that can be used by other groups wishing to run training on the right to water.

Impact:

Members of civil society are strengthened in their research, campaigning and advocacy work to claim and enhance their right to water in a local context and to hold governments accountable.

IPIS-team visiting a local NGO working on water and sanitation in Kigoma, Lubumbashi (IPIS 2013)



Expertise in capacity building

IPIS CAPACITY BUILDING MODULE:

Planning and Running a Research Project

*Steven Spittaels
& Didier Verbruggen*

Description

'Planning and Running a research project', the basic module, describes the most important do's and don'ts when preparing and writing a report by zooming in on its three major phases: planning, researching and drafting. For each of these phases IPIS provides essential advice and practical tips.

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With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



Output: Module to be published in April 2013

Impact:

IPIS teaches this modules during 1-2 days workshop organised at the outset of new research projects. The subsequent execution of joint research guarantees that the partners can immediately train the skills they have acquired through the workshop during a relevant exercise.

IPIS CAPACITY BUILDING MODULE:

Working With Conflict Dynamics

Gabriella Wass

Description

With 'Planning and Running a research project', IPIS has gone back to the root of conflict analysis and brought together tools that our audience can use to analyse the dynamics of conflict. They are presented in a module that outlines different tools (in the form of graphs and diagrams), which can be used when studying a specific conflict.

With the permission of RtC (Responding to Conflict), IPIS has reproduced tools RtC put together in their "Working with Conflict" series, and amended them to be more appropriate for an external, observational angle (as opposed to the original position of someone working within a conflict).

The tools are intended to add realistic texture to the snapshot of a conflict, so that the motives of each party can be seen in a refreshing, and hopefully illuminating, light.

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Output: Module to be published in April 2013

Impact:

The tool will be available for IPIS' audience to download and use when helpful. They will help users to gain a deeper understanding of the background and history of the situation they are studying; to identify all the relevant groups involved, not just the main or obvious ones; to understand the perspectives of the groups involved and know more about how they relate to one another; and to identify factors and trends that underpin conflicts in a specific geographic or political context.

Expertise in capacity building

IPIS CAPACITY BUILDING MODULE:

Introduction to Cartography

Jean-Laurent Martin

Description

To increase the technical capacity of researchers collecting data in the field, IPIS developed an introductory module on cartography. The module was used for the first time in a workshop for data collectors for conflict mapping in Bukavu, DRC.

Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Corporation



Output: Module to be published in April 2013

Impact:

Researchers who follow this module will have a deeper understanding of how data are integrated into maps.

IPIS CAPACITY BUILDING MODULE:

Online Databases for Arms Trade Research

Ken Matthysen

Description

Online databases are an important source of information for researchers who investigate the arms trade. This module provides understanding and practical knowledge of relevant arms trade research databases that are available in the public domain. The module covers the UN Commodity Transfer Statistics Database, the UN Register of Conventional Arms, the Sipri Arms Transfers Database and the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

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Output: Module to be published in April 2013

Impact:

Researchers on arms trafficking will be enabled to use the tools in their research.

Lectures

Lecture 'The Role of Conflict Minerals in the Conflict in Eastern Congo, Studentenvereniging voor Internationale Betrekkingen (SIB), Utrecht, 24/01/12

Presentation 'The Scope of the UN Arms Trade Treaty', Belgian Parliamentary Senate Hearing, Commission of Foreign Affairs, Brussels, 6/03/12

Lecture 'Conflict minerals and Human Rights', Conference 'Human Rights in Africa', Essex University, UK, 25/04/12

Presentation 'Etat des lieux du secteur minier à l'est de la RDC' on the Event 'Le Congo a voté. Et après?', organised by Isabelle Durant, Brussels, 27/04/12

Lecture 'Conflict Minerals in Sub-Sahara Afrika', Vredescentrum van de Provincie en de Stad Antwerpen, Antwerpen, 2/05/12

Lecture 'Conflict motives in Eastern DRC', International Task Force (ITF) on Illegal Exploitation and Trade of natural resources in the Great lakes region, organised by the European External Action Service, Brussels, 22/05/2012

Presentation 'Conflict Minerals and Human Rights', Hearing at the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights, Brussels, 2/10/12

Lecture 'Business and Human Rights', Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, 12/11/2012

Presentation 'Risk assessment/management under OECD Guidance', Seminar 'Oil and Compensational Justice' Bonn, Germany, 14/11/2012

Workshop on the implementation of due diligence - OECD pilot project - Bukavu, DRC (IPIS 2012)



Intern papers

IPIS offers internships to students and recent graduates who either express a desire to collaborate with staff on research projects or wish to pursue their own research and summarise it in a publication. In 2011, three interns published papers, complemented by research and editorial advice from their IPIS staff coaches.

A Taxonomy of Non-State Armed Actors in the Central African Republic

*Jasper Bauters,
January 2012*

Description:

In his intern paper Jasper Bauters analyses conflict motives of the various armed groups operating in the Central African Republic. He clearly demonstrates how past and present situations are intrinsically linked to each other.

Output:

http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_detail.php?id=370

Ambulance at Sam Ouandja refugee camp (IPIS, 2008)



Social media

Over the past years, IPIS' online presence has inevitably become our primary means of interaction 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 Februari 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

Users consult the website as they would a database. In order to render this pleasing evolution permanent, we will continue to publish as much of our research output possible.

The new website is also sleeker and seeks to minimise the number of mouse clicks between seeing information and finding it. Information is presented more clearly, with direct links to IPIS' latest publications, briefings and presentations. A new search engine has been incorporated, wherein specific information can be easily sought and broader searches can also be executed by browsing within the web pages of a specific research theme or geography. For the latter, the website now has a new clickable map of Africa, presenting a visual, rather than textual, representation of IPIS' focus and communicating what it is we offer in a user-friendly way. Finally, the website now allows viewers to comment on reports, introducing another level of interaction between IPIS and its audience.

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 compiles 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 specialised IPIS working library. Additionally, the briefing includes information on IPIS' latest publications and upcoming events.

The IPIS Briefing is posted on the website and, every week, sent to a group of more than 2000 recipients. This group includes, among others, national and international NGOs and institutes, UN agencies, academics and politicians. IPIS aim is to assist them in the time consuming task of gathering and structuring information. The briefing is also announced every week at the portal site of 11.11.11.

In light of changing habits of information gathering, and in harmony with the redesign of the website, IPIS has made considerable changes to the briefing in order to improve its ease of use for readers, ensuring its continuous relevance. As with the website, IPIS delivers information in a way that readers can engage with as quickly and easily as possible.

The new briefing :

1. The briefing is no longer only available as a pdf. For a readership with little time available, this style of presentation creates an unnecessary distance between alerting people of information and actually delivering it. The briefing is now also delivered in a text format within the email itself and therefore immediately readable from the inbox.
2. The design of the briefing has changed in order to match that of the website.
3. The briefing was simplified. For example, weblinks are now integrated into hyperlinks within titles, rather than given in full, and colours indicate which links are in French and which are in English.
4. The headings in the briefing were separated into new categories; when scrolling through the email, it is now easier to go straight to the information sought.
5. In order to provide a succinct update for those who do not wish to scroll through the whole briefing, the briefing now starts with a short editorial, summarising the most urgent and interesting news stories of the week.
6. A more effective archive has been developed on the website so that past briefings can be searched through.

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 new evaluation with user consultation is planned in 2013.

As the briefing develops and feedback is 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:

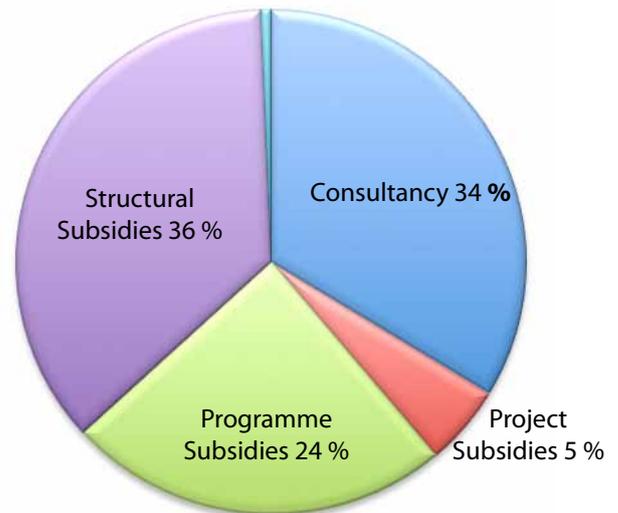
Impact: The formation of the collection is the responsibility of our researchers. It is of vital importance for their information gathering. By permanently processing purchased and otherwise acquired publications, they can expand their expertise. In addition to that, the library is open for non-IPIS-researchers,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



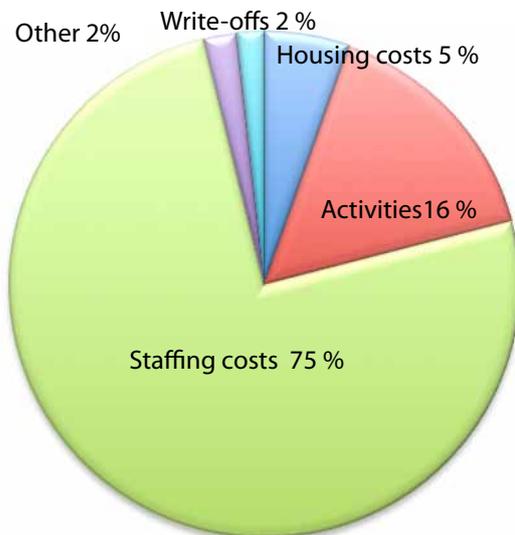
Finances

IPIS vzw		Turnover 2012
Turnover		649.150 €
Consultancy		218.593 €
Project Subsidies		33.432 €
Programme Subsidies		157.828 €
Structural Subsidies		234.604 €
Other		4.189 €
Expenses		639.820 €
Housing costs		34.457 €
Activities		99.591 €
Staffing costs		481.392 €
Write-offs		13.236 €
Other		11.144 €
Allocated funds		10.391 €

Turnover



Expenses



IPIS vzw		Balance 31/12/2012
Total assests		490.041 €
Permanent assets		18.187 €
Current floating assets		471.828 €
Totaal liabilities		490.041 €
Own funds		128.193 €
Provision		5.000 €
Debts		356.848 €

Assignments 2010-2011

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

Assesment of existing practice regarding end-user certification

For: UNODA

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: Comission 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

With ASSODIP

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/MakeITfair

'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 MO-NUC with regard to the resource issue'

For: Free the Slaves

'Documenting cases of irresponsible arms transfers'

For: Amnesty International

Assignments 2010-2011

'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

IPIS in the press

Central African Republic president seeks foreign help

Associated Press - The Guardian, 28 December 2012

Zoveel bewijs zet je niet eventjes in scène

De Standaard, 07/12/2012

Misselijkmakend goedbedoeld

De Standaard, 10 en 11/11/2012

DRC. Freece on Fometal's mining operations

Africa Mining Intelligence 04/04/2012

M23 wil controle over Congolees grondgebied

De Wereld Morgen, 30/11/2012

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