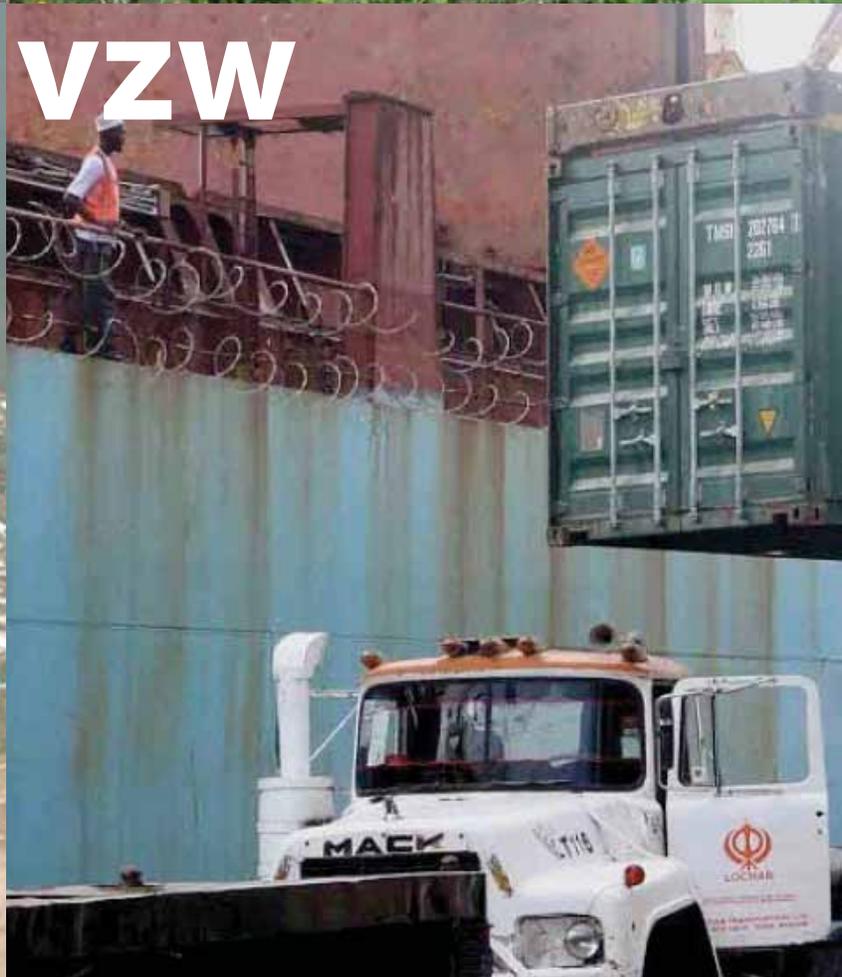
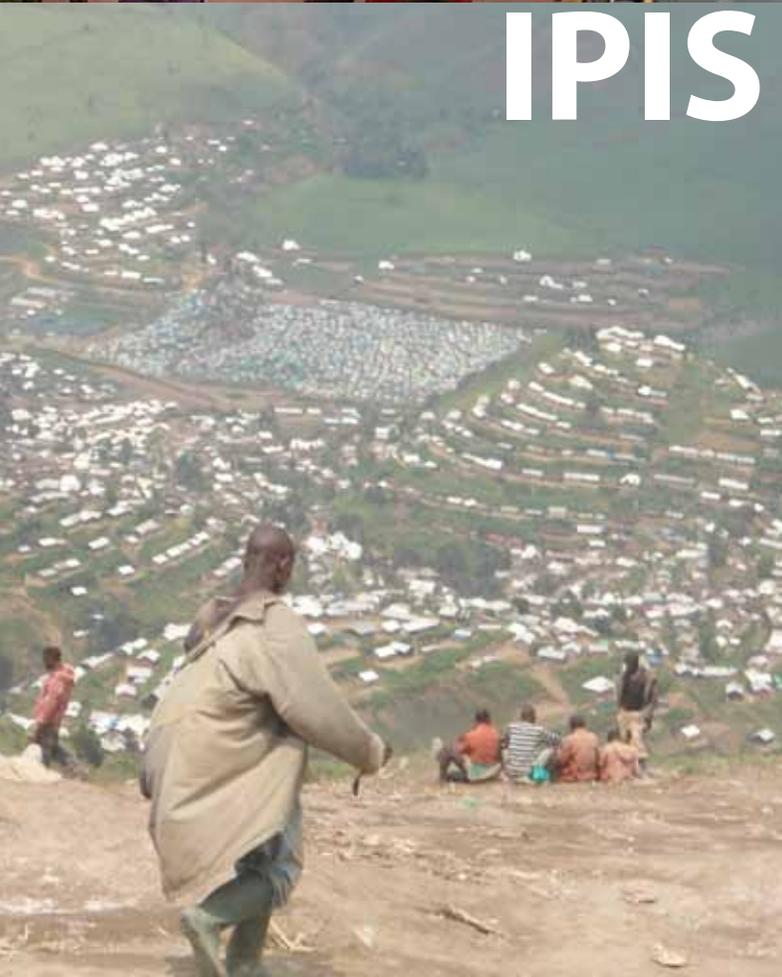


Annual Report 2014

IPIS VZW



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Board of Directors

Mandates in the board of directors are unsalaried. On 01/01/2015, the board was composed of the following people:

Chair

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

Secretary

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

Treasurer

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

Members

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

Members of the General Assembly

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

From the Chair

At the very start of 2014, IPIS welcomed the continued support of the Belgian Development Cooperation, the core donor that has formed the backbone of our research activities for more than a decade. The support of DGD shows that IPIS firmly holds its place as an information provider for a wide range of development actors.

Looking back, our collected research output demonstrates that position. Together with its partners, both non-governmental and governmental, IPIS provided information and analysis to contribute to a vision of peace, development and human rights. We were happy to see that partners both in Belgium, such as 11.11.11, and abroad such as Partnership Africa Canada, are willing to work with us to obtain tangible results.

While I served IPIS as Chair over the last ten years, I had the opportunity to witness the development of the organisation into a highly specialised and demand-driven research institute with a strong and devoted research team and supporting staff.

Therefore, I first would like to thank my fellow members of the Board. It was a great pleasure to work with a team that is committed to good governance and high standards in financial control and risk-management. I would also like to thank the staff for their impressive output over the last years.

While preparing a new ten-year strategy for DGD, the internal discussions about strategic goals and future challenges show that both the board and the staff are committed to strengthen the research institute in the long run and steer a clear course set on quality and relevance. Handing over this position, I wish the Board and the new Chair, as well as the staff, all the best with the further development of IPIS.

Wivina Demeester-De Meyer

Chair



Preface

The year 2014 witnessed the start of the new three-year programme funded by the Belgian Development Cooperation. While there is continuity in the research themes and regional scope, the current programme has a special focus on enhancing the capacity building of non-governmental partners in our focal region. A major capacity building project was started on business & human rights in Tanzania, while preparations are being taken to follow up on our partner work in DRC.

Early in 2014, IPIS released a new report with an interactive web map in its growing series 'Mapping Conflict Motives'. After the recent mapping of the Sudan/South Sudan border conflict, a research team investigated the recent evolutions in the Central African Republic. Meanwhile, the surveying of militarisation of artisanal mining sites in Eastern DRC was continued. Throughout the year, IPIS took up various assignments related to conflict and development in our focal region.

In the last months of 2014, IPIS was able to build on the results of previous work to ensure the continuity of its research. The closing of 2014 saw the preparations and start of several major research projects that are being continued into 2015.

Firstly, the successful large-scale mapping of security and human rights around artisanal mining sites in Eastern DRC has been met with continued support of our donors and was extended into 2015. Meanwhile, IPIS has embarked on a project with PACT and Estelle Levin, funded by PROMINES, to build a unified data platform for artisanal mining in DRC. In the sidelines of our research activities in DRC, IPIS developed a range of hard copy maps of Eastern DRC that can be ordered in our web store.

Secondly, regarding the work on arms trade, IPIS was contracted by the UNSCAR fund of the United Nations for a two-year project to develop online learning modules for capacity building of government officials who will implement the Arms Trade Treaty. The modules will be published in an interactive interface in 2016 and will form the core of related research on arms transfers.

In the closing weeks of 2014, a thorough update of our website was prepared to improve user-friendliness and increase transparency about our activities. The result is now online.

We hope that the updated website and weekly briefing will remain useful and relevant for our partners and interested audiences world wide.

Filip Reyniers

Director



Mission Statement

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

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

History

In 1981, members of the Belgian peace movement founded the International Peace Information Service, known as IPIS. Within two years, IPIS gained the status of an officially accredited non-governmental organisation. The initiators believed in a very broad interpretation of the main themes of peace and security. This was expressed in a wide range of themes included in our library: democratisation, human rights, private sector actors, globalisation, development, political movements, etc.

After the Cold War, our attention shifted from Eastern and Central Europe to Sub-Saharan Africa. At the same time, we gradually evolved from a documentation centre into an 'action research' institute. The emergence of a multitude of dirty and forgotten conflicts on the African continent, and the accompanying information deficit around these conflicts, urged us to go into the field to gather firsthand data on arms flows, conflict financing, the plundering of resources and the involvement of private sector corporations. Our field research in often dangerous war zones resulted in several groundbreaking reports which met international recognition by, among others, the UN Security Council, several governments and international campaign organisations. (To view a list of our previous assignments, see: Assignments 2000-2011.)

To create a more clearly distinct profile for our organisation towards stakeholders and interested audiences, research activities are structured into three core themes: arms trade, the exploitation of natural resources and corporate social responsibility in Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to the arms trade and conflict related issues, we also devote much attention to post-conflict reconstruction, sustainable development, human rights and environmental issues.

Research method

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

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

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

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

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

Research Programme

Arms Trade/Security

Supply Chains and Transport Corridors in East Africa

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

Description:

Transport infrastructure plays a key role in boosting a country or region's economic development. IPIS and TransArms have ascertained on several occasions that the underdevelopment or degeneration of transport infrastructure is a problematic issue across a number of African countries and regions.

This report analyses the current logistics situation in Eastern Africa, and the logistic challenges faced by various actors in that region. It is based on desktop research, and interviews and data collected by the authors during several field missions to East and Central Africa.

At the time of writing, however, logistic and other challenges to cost-efficient trade and overall economic development are yet to be addressed. Further research and policy actions to effectively tackle current shortcomings are much needed. A strategy relying on a piecemeal approach (e.g. on ad hoc investments in infrastructure) is likely to result in a 'quick fix' to ship raw materials out of the African continent rather than in an effort to boost sustainable economic development.

Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation



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Output:

Report: Supply Chains and Transport Corridors in East Africa

Unloading of US ammunition from Maersk Constellation in Mombasa, April 4, 2011. Photograph by "Pwani Images Kenya"



Research Programme: Arms Trade/Security

China North Industries Group Corporation

*IPIS
& Omega*

Description:

IPIS and the Omega Research Foundation have undertaken a comprehensive review of one of China's largest state-owned companies.

Norinco – known formally as China North Industries Group Corporation (CNGC) was established in 1999 and 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. CNGC is also involved in

other industries such as mining and petroleum (often overseas) as well as the associated processing industries – which provide raw materials for CNGC and other Chinese companies as well as giving China and CNGC access to international markets.

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Output:

Working paper offering a detailed breakdown of the structure of CNGC

VN1A 8X8 Wheeled Armoured Vehicle (credit: Robin Ballantyne)



Research Programme

Arms Trade/Security

The Arms Trade Treaty. Prospects and Challenges as it “Enters into Force”

Brian Wood

Description:

The entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) on 24 December 2014 is seen as a sign of hope that irresponsible transfers of conventional arms will at last begin to be eradicated. Declarations of commitment by states around the world to implement the ATT have snowballed over the past year since the UN General Assembly voted decisively on 2 April 2013 to adopt the treaty.

In this IPIS Insight, the author outlines key developments in the making of the Arms Trade Treaty. He argues that the ATT represents a paradigm shift in addressing the way that international law on arms transfers because for the first time in history universal human rights obligations have been codified alongside other international standards to form binding rules to regulate conventional arms transfers.

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Output:

IPIS Insights: The Arms Trade Treaty. Prospects and Challenges as it “Enters into Force”



Research Programme Arms Trade/Security

Pentagon Accidentally Arms Al Qaeda Affiliate

*Brian Johnson-Thomas,
Peter Danssaert*

Description:

A confidential report to the UN Security Council revealed that some of the weapons and ammunition supplied to the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) forces appears to have been diverted to the Al Qaeda affiliate known as Al Shabaab.

It seems clear that at least some of the weapons and ammunition so diverted were paid for by the US Government directly – through cash deliveries – to the Somali government since at least 2009, and other weapons have been supplied to Somalia via the Ugandan army which forms the cornerstone of the African Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

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Output:

IPIS Insights: Pentagon Accidentally Arms Al Qaeda Affiliate

IPIS
Insights

Research Programme

Business & Human Rights

The 2nd Annual United Nations Forum on business and Human Rights, Geneva 2013

*Anna Bulzomi
& Gabriella Wass*

Description:

From the 2 – 4 December 2013, IPIS attended the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights. The Forum was established by the Human Rights Council and is under the guidance of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

Around 1,700 people registered for this year's Forum, spanning Civil Society Organisations, individuals who have been adversely affected by business activity, State delegates, and representatives from national and transnational enterprises. The Forum offered the largest annual event of its kind to feed into IPIS' knowledge on business and human rights, share information and ideas, and inspire us here at IPIS to pursue business and human rights opportunities.

The interplay between business and human rights spans many issues – from cybercrime to conflict, women to children, safety to freedom of expression. Some of the subjects discussed at the forum were longstanding dilemmas, other fresh problems, emblematic of our rapidly developing world. Below, IPIS' researchers Gabriella Wass and Anna Bulzomi offer some insights into topics at the Forum that struck them as particularly interesting.

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Output:

IPIS insights: The 2nd Annual United Nations Forum on business and Human Rights, Geneva 2013



2014 United Nations Forum on
Business and Human Rights
Geneva · 1 – 3 December

Research Programme

Business & Human Rights

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

Anna Bulzomi

Description:

On the 5th of March 2014, the European Commission proposed a responsible trading strategy for minerals from conflict zones. The proposal took place within a specific and timely context. As IPIS has long documented, the exploitation of natural resources can have adverse human rights impacts. Businesses operating in conflict-affected or fragile regions should therefore ascertain whether their direct operations or their business relationships with other parties, including through their supply chains, have fueled or funded conflict and/or human rights abuse.

When the EU Trade Commissioner presented the strategy on 5 March, he declared that it would meet the EU's responsibility to ensure that the 'global trade in goods' also leads to 'good trade', meaning 'responsible' trade. Yet, despite the expectation and time surrounding the EU's approach to conflict minerals, when the Regulation was proposed, it was met with disappointment and criticism from many in the international community.

This Insight offers a closer look at the proposed EU Regulation.

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Output:

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

Site Hollandais (Akyanga) pit for washing gold (Photo: IPIS)



Research Programme Business & Human Rights

The Adverse Human Rights Risks and Impacts of European Companies: Getting a glimpse of the picture

Description:

This report presents the findings of a study undertaken by IPIS and commissioned by the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ) on the extent to which European companies are identified in concerns about adverse human rights risks and impacts. Gathering concerns raised regarding the human rights risks and impacts of companies listed on the UK's FTSE 100, France's CAC 40 and the German DAX 30, the study finds that around half of these companies have been identified in allegations or concerns regarding adverse human rights risks and impacts reported on between 2005 and early 2013. Many of these risks and impacts relate to operations outside the European Union, with the most severe often alleged to occur in countries in which rule of law and institutions are weak.

Commissioned/funded by:

The European Coalition of Corporate Justice

With the support
of the Belgian
Development
Cooperation



Output:

Report: The Adverse Human Rights. Risks and Impacts of European Companies: Getting a glimpse of the picture

Impact:

The report was used by ECCJ for media and advocacy work

Research Programme Business & Human Rights

Diamonds in the Central African Republic

*Filip Hilgert,
Fiona Southward,
Lotte Hoex
& Yannick Weyns*

Description:

Since May 2013 the Central African Republic (CAR) has been suspended from the Kimberly Process (KP) – a measure maintained by the mechanism’s annual plenary in Guangzhou, China, this November. The CAR’s transitional authorities have been seeking at least a partial lifting of this export ban so that the country might benefit from the much needed revenues its diamonds can generate.¹ However, the authorities in this beleaguered state have thus far failed to secure control over both the security situation and the country’s diamond trade: a recent UN expert report estimates that the CAR has lost US\$24 million worth of diamonds to smuggling since May 2013. Indeed, IPIS’ own investigations – the findings of which are outlined in a report released end November 2014 – have found that large tracts of diamond producing areas in eastern CAR remain under ex-Seleka control, with stones continuing to access international markets.

This IPIS Insight elaborates on IPIS’ findings in its recent report, Mapping Conflict Motives: the Central African Republic – the latest in our conflict mapping series. It gives some insight into the modes of exploitation used by armed groups in the CAR to profit from diamonds and the role these stones have played in the complex and shifting dynamics that characterise the on-going crisis, both in the east and west of the country. It will then briefly consider the KP’s role in this context.

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Output:

IPIS insights: Diamonds in the Central African Republic



Research Programme

Business & Human Rights ° Capacity Building

Business & Human Rights in Uganda: What's on the Agenda?

Anna Bulzomi & Gabriella Wass

Description:

A few days after attending the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, IPIS ran a two-day training with ActionAid Uganda in Kampala, Uganda, for businesses and NGOs on the topic "What does business & human rights mean, and how can we bring about a healthy relationship between the two?"

This document summarises some thoughts and observations from our 19 participating organisations, as well as providing snapshots of the current relationship between business and human rights in Uganda.

The training provided a space for businesses and civil society to meet, get to know each other and take stock of what is being done to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights (UNGPs) in Uganda.

The training was timely, as Uganda strives to identify pathways to benefit from its recently discovered oil

without incurring in the so-called "Dutch disease" (i.e. creating macroeconomic effects that hinder the non-oil economy and ultimately constrain economic diversification and development) and with a view to minimising difficulties to which oil operations may give rise.

Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.



Output:

Training and Capacity building Learning Module



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

Learning Programme in Tanzania

*Gabriella Wass
& Anna Bulzomi*

Description:

IPIS always endeavours to conduct research in collaboration with local partners.

On August 18 and 19 IPIS conducted a training on business & human rights in Dar Es Salaam. The training was planned and organised in close cooperation with the Tanzanian national human rights institution, the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance. In addition, the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRR) was involved in organising and facilitating a

session on investigating allegations of human rights abuses in East Africa.

Participants spanned international businesses, ESG management consultants, non-governmental organisations, advocacy and research groups and law firms operating in Tanzania and Zanzibar. The training was non-sectoral, meaning that it was open to all stakeholders working across diverse industry sectors and covering a wide array of ESG and human rights issues, namely stakeholder engagement in large-scale extractive projects, business & children, labour conditions in the tourism sector and human rights risks in artisanal gold mining.

Commissioned/funded by:

With the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.

Output:

Workshop to map the issue and start up partner work



Research Programme: Natural Resources

Outreach & Research on Responsible Engagement in the Burundian Gold Sector

*Ken Matthysen,
Yannick Weyns &
Zacharie Bulakali*

Description:

This project aims to constructively engage relevant stakeholders associated with the Burundian mining sector, and in particular the gold sector, in discussions on the subject of due diligence and responsible mining and sourcing practices. It is the intention to align with and support the Burundian Government's Strategic Plan (2014-2018) to implement the ICGLR's Regional Initiative on Natural Resources (RINR).

To meet the overall project objectives, several services have been rendered. In cooperation with the ICGLR and PAC, IPIS has organised a series of multi-stakeholder workshops, in order to create greater awareness and acceptance of the OECD Due Diligence requirements and the RINR as applicable to the 3Ts and gold sectors in Burundi. Furthermore, IPIS has carried out an analysis of the Burundian gold sector. It involves the mapping of gold supply chains, production - and processing steps, and a general stakeholder mapping with regards to the sector.

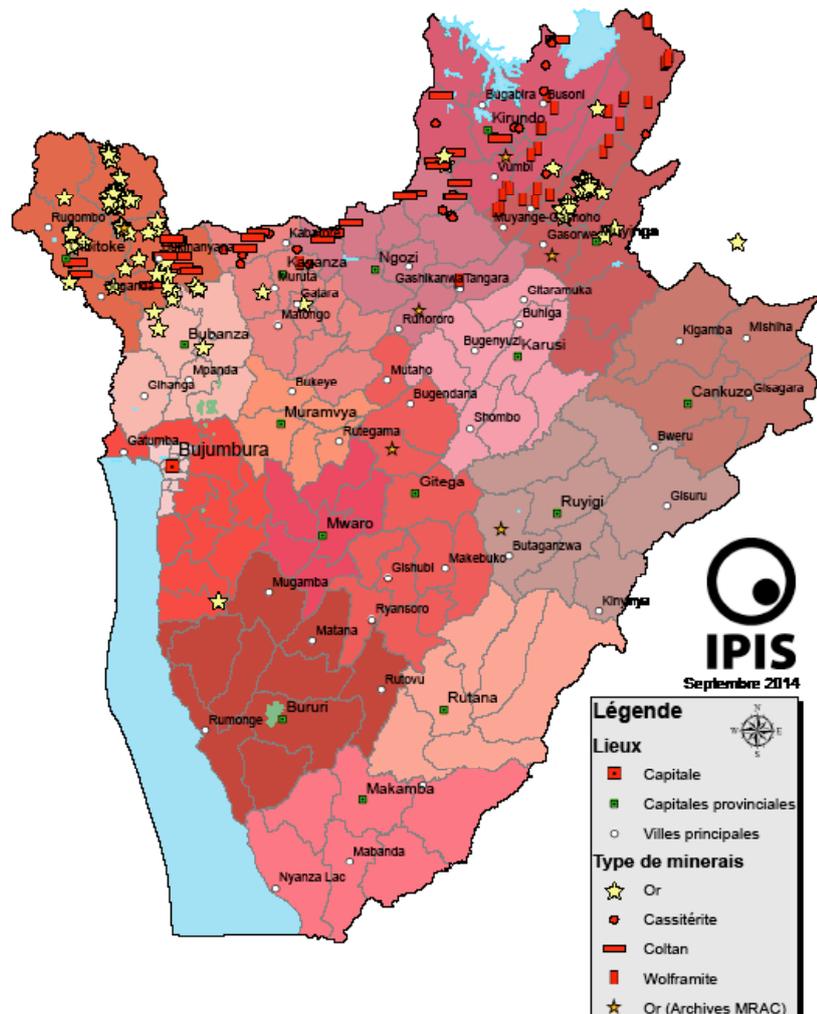
Funded by:

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

Output:

Multi-stakeholder workshops and report with analysis (publication March 2015)

Burundi - Sites miniers



Research Programme: Natural Resources

Strategies and Possibilities for Intervention in Gold Producing Co-operatives in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Zacharie Bulakali

Description:

This study examined ASM sites in Nord Kivu, Sud Kivu and Maniema to evaluate the potential for pilot intervention that would create legal, certified gold exports. The following sites were studied by IPIS: Luzirantaka/Lwiza (North Kivu), Kadumwa (South Kivu), Butuzi (South Kivu), Chondo/Nkambye (South Kivu) and Namurhale (South Kivu).

Commisioned by:

Partnership Africa Canada (PAC)

Output:

Five detailed site reports



Research Programme: Various Issues

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

*Ken Matthysen
& Thijs van Laer*

Description:

Almost half of the Belgian resources for development aid are invested in partner countries where the government lacks the capacity, willingness and/or legitimacy to efficiently administrate public goods, ensure security, and eradicate poverty. Since traditional recipes for development aid meet their limits in these 'fragile states', an international policy was developed over the last decades to propose a blueprint for a differentiated approach to support these states in their evolution towards increased resilience.

The Belgian Development Cooperation subscribes to the resulting international engagements on fragile states, such as the Fragile States Principles (FSPs) and the New Deal. In 2013, a Belgian strategy note for fragile states was approved and, despite the difficult context, Belgium keeps committed to this matter, on the international policy level as well as in its development policy.

This report analyses, through case studies, the practical implementation of these policies.

Commissioned/funded by:

Commissioned by 11.11.11 and with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation.

Output:

Joint report with 11.11.11

Impact:

The report has been applied to open up discussions with actors of the Belgian bilateral development cooperation, with regards to their implementation of Fragile State principles. In September and October 2014, the report has been presented at DGD and BTC. Furthermore, 11.11.11 has taken care of the follow-up of this file with the Ministry of Development Cooperation.



Research Programme Conflict Mapping

Mapping artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC

*Steven Spittaels,
Ken Matthysen,
Yannick Weyns,
Filip Hilgert
& Anna Bulzomi*

Description:

In collaboration with the Congolese mining cadastre (CAMI), mining service SAESSCAM and representatives from local civil society organisations, IPIS organised a series of field visits to monitor artisanal mining activities and the involvement of armed groups and criminal networks in mineral exploitation and trade. This resulted in the publication of an interactive web map providing information on e.g. the on-site presence of armed groups and criminal elements within the Congolese army (FARDC) and their activities, as well as indicators of the relative importance of the mining site. It shows the location of 150 trading centres and nearly 1100 mining sites in Eastern DRC.

This report provides an analysis of the data collected by the local teams between March 2013 and March 2014 as presented by IPIS on its web map. It analyses the most striking findings, focussing on developments surrounding security and how they have impacted on Eastern DRC's artisanal mining sector. Finally, the report also explains how the map can be used to assess risks in mineral supply chains.

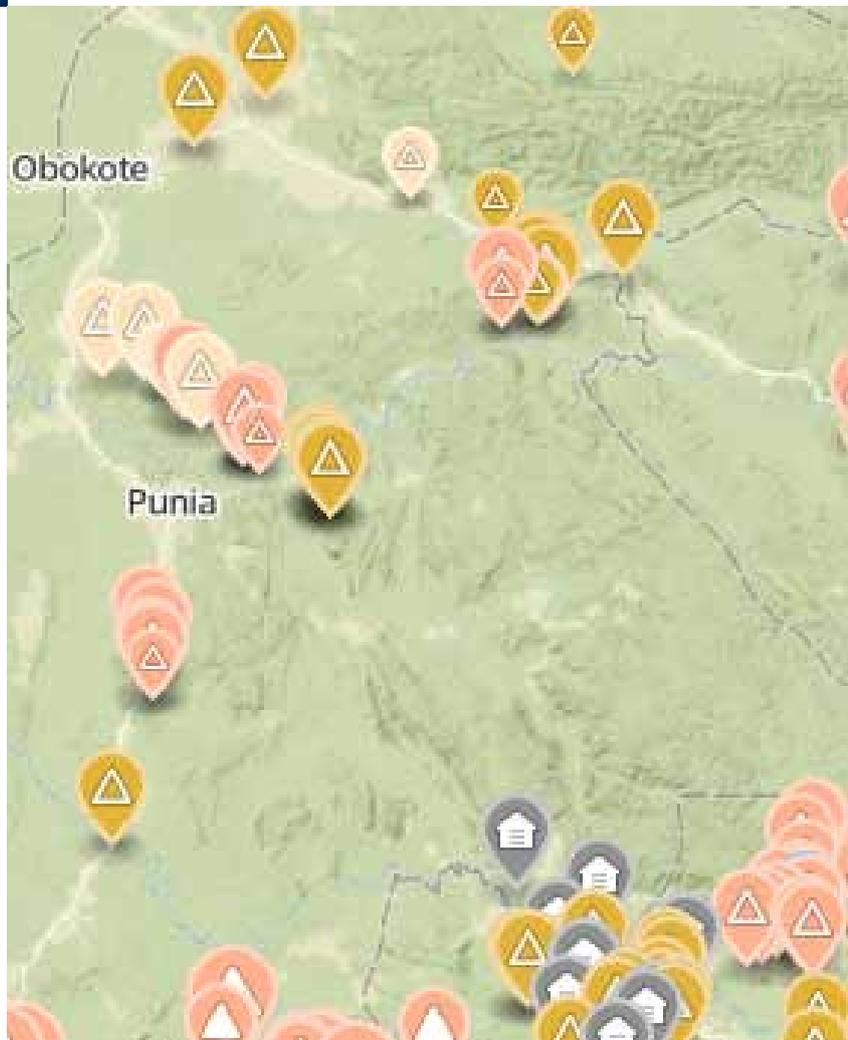
Commissioned/funded by:

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



Output:

Analysis of the interactive map of artisanal mining areas in Eastern DR Congo: May 2014 update. Interactive webmap and report with analysis



Research Programme: Conflict Mapping

Conflict motives in the Sudan - South Sudan border area

*Steven Spittaels
& Yannick Weyns*

Description:

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

Commissioned/funded by:

This project was funded by the Belgian
Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs



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Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and
Development Cooperation

Output:

Mapping Conflict Motives: the Sudan
– South Sudan border. Interactive
webmap and report with analysis



Research Programme: Conflict Mapping

Mapping Conflict motives in the Central African Republic

*Filip Hilgert,
Lotte Hoex,
Steven Spittaels
& Yannick Weyns*

Description:

In this study, IPIS analyses the conflict dynamics in the Central African Republic (CAR) since the outbreak of the latest crisis in September 2012 up to September 2014. The analysis specifically looks into the motivations and interests of the main conflict parties, Seleka and anti-balaka, and the influence and interests of neighbouring countries. The report covers the following key questions. What is the background of the conflict parties Seleka and anti-balaka, and how are they structured? Which strategic interests do they prioritise, or ignore? What do they want to achieve? Do their actions correspond to their rhetoric? What has been Chad's, Sudan's and Cameroon's influence on the CAR conflict, and what have been their interests in it?

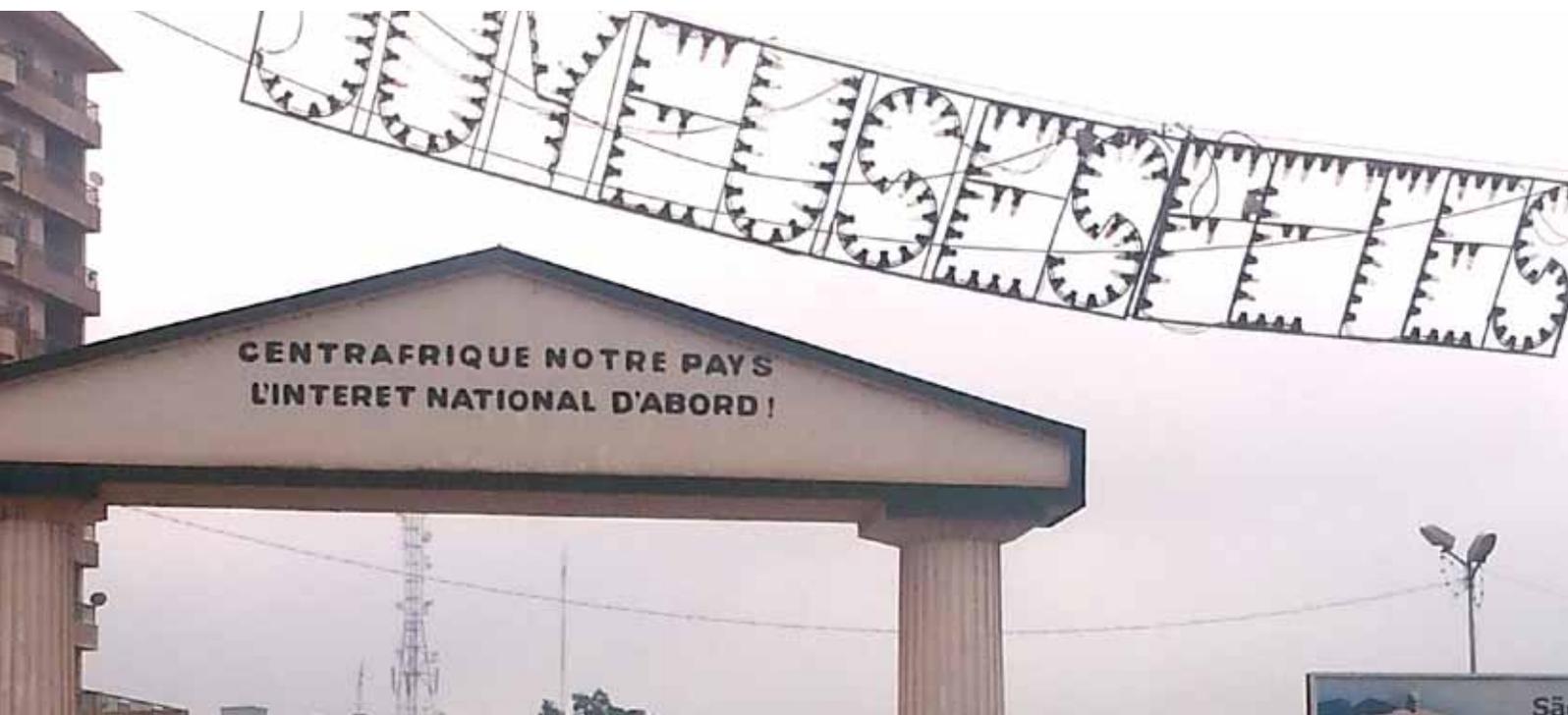
Together with the report, a web map of the area of focus has been published and is available at www.ipisresearch.be/mapping/webmapping/car. The web map presents various layers, which can be toggled on or off, including information on security incidents, areas under control of armed groups, natural resources, and a number of other features. The map is an integrated part of the research methodology and has been a crucial source for IPIS' analysis.

Commissioned/funded by:

The World Bank, Social Cohesion and Violence Prevention Unit.

Output:

Mapping Conflict Motives: the Central African Republic. Interactive webmap and report with analysis



Research Programme: Conflict Mapping

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

*Filip Hilgert,
Alexandre Jaillon &
Zacharie Bulakali*

Description:

The G-Sextant Project, part of the EU-funded Copernicus Programme, helps to improve the management of natural resources and of humanitarian or regional crises. Following the acquisition of satellite images of mining sites by DLR, the German national aeronautics and space research centre, IPIS produced a background paper on the mining activities in the area of Rubaya (Masisi territory, North Kivu), and carried out two 'ground truth' missions, to Rubaya, and to Misisi (Fizi territory, South Kivu).

Through its reports and field missions, IPIS presented sociological and political analysis, data on production and numbers of workers, insight on armed groups presence and security conditions, pictures and accurate coordinate of mining sites. These data facilitated the analysis of satellite imagery of the mining sites by DLR.

Commissioned/funded by:

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



Deutsches Zentrum
DLR für Luft- und Raumfahrt

Output:

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



Social media

Website

In the last months of 2014, preparations were made to update the website thoroughly. IPIS has opted for a reformed website that is built around five main domains: the four research programmes and capacity building. The reports and maps are now

presented in a way that is more accessible and visually appealing, using ISSUU reader and offering quick download functions. Together with the website, the weekly briefing was updated to make it more user-friendly. Please have a look at www.ipisresearch.be. The feedback of our readers will be greatly welcomed.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

IPIS brings in-depth research on the exploitation of natural resources and puts into perspective issues such as the redistribution of rents, poor



CONFLICT MAPPING

This programme aims to map the various motives of conflict actors in war-torn areas. A significant part of this research is devoted to the collection of



ARMS TRADE & SECURITY

For over two decades, IPIS has developed solid expertise on arms trade and related issues. IPIS researchers have published detailed

Social media

Weekly briefing

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

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

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

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

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

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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
- La lettre du continent
- NJCM Bulletin
- Strategic Survey
- The Military Balance
- World Defence Industry

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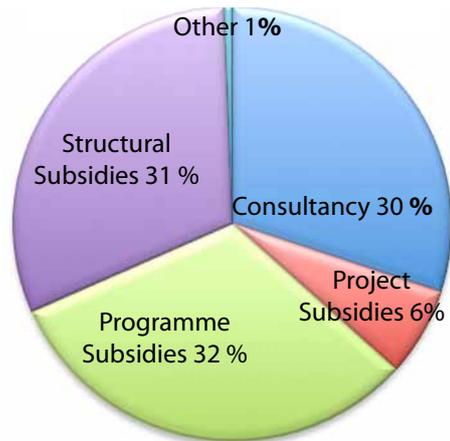
The formation of the collection is the responsibility of our researchers. It is of vital importance for their information gathering. By permanently processing purchased and otherwise acquired publications, they can expand their expertise. In addition to that, the library is open for non-IPIS-researchers,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



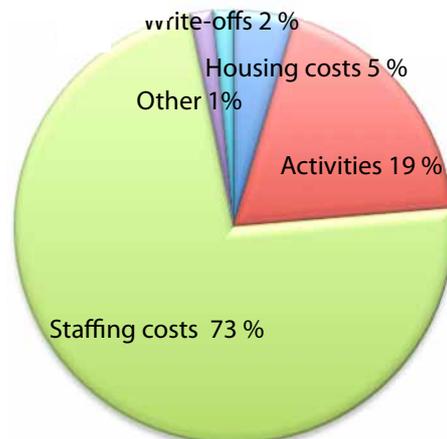
Finances

| IPIS vzw | | Turnover 2014 |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| Turnover | | 770.636 € |
| Consultancy | | 231.875 € |
| Project Subsidies | | 50.450 € |
| Programme Subsidies | | 244.553 € |
| Structural Subsidies | | 239.090 € |
| Other | | 4.668 € |
| Expenses | | 759.983 € |
| Housing costs | | 34.693 € |
| Activities | | 144.948 € |
| Staffing costs | | 555.983 € |
| Write-offs | | 12.904 € |
| Other | | 11.456 € |
| Allocated funds | | 11.018 € |

Turnover



Expenses



| IPIS vzw | | Balance 31/12/2014 |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Total assests | | 262.447 € |
| Permanent assets | | 20.322 € |
| Current floating assets | | 242.099 € |
| Totaal liabilities | | 262/447 € |
| Own funds | | 148.838 € |
| Provision | | 5.000 € |
| Debts | | 108.609 € |

Assignments 2011-2013

2013

Building the case for a robust Arms Trade Treaty

For: Amnesty International

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

For: TransArms USA, Belgian Development Cooperation

The role of the Arms Trade Treaty in disarmament

For: Solutions Journal, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: TransArms USA, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: OECD

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

For: Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: Arbeitsgruppe Tschad, Belgian Development Cooperation

The Kimberley Process revisited

For: Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: ActionAid International Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: ActionAid International Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

Human rights and the mining industry in Katanga, DRC

For: Waterlex, RRN-RDC, Belgian Development Cooperation

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

For: ActionAid Uganda, Belgian Development Cooperation

The Human Right to Water and Sanitation

For: Waterlex, Belgian Development Cooperation

Conflictmineralen en conflictresolutie in Oost-Congo

For: Internationale Spectator, Belgian Development Cooperation

Study of the mining sector in the Central African Republic

For: Action-Aid, Cordaid

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

For: EurAc, Humanity United

The G-Sextant project: geospatial intelligence for mineral mapping

For: DLR, European Commission

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

For: Catholic University of Bukavu, IOB

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

For: BEDEWA, Belgian Development Cooperation

Mapping artisanal mining areas in Eastern DRC

For: PROMINES, Belgian Foreign Affairs, Belgian Development Cooperation

Conflict motives in the Sudan – South Sudan border area

For: Belgian Foreign Affairs

2012

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

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

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

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

A Code of Conduct for Arms Transport by Air

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

Analysis of arms supplies to the Democratic Republic of Congo

For: Amnesty International

Assignments 2011-2013

Conventional arms sales of the UN Security Council Permanent Five Members

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

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

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

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

For: ActionAid Nederland and Cordaid

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

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

The impact of oil Extraction on human rights in Uganda

For: ActionAid

Upstream Implementation of the OECD Due Diligence

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

For: OECD

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

For: OECD

Mapping Mining Activities in Eastern DRC

For: Promines/World Bank, Belgian Foreign Affairs

Map of artisanal gold mining sites in South Kivu, DRC

For: BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion)

Mapping artisanal gold mining sites in Ituri

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

Mapping Conflict Minerals: GMES

For: GMES

Mapping Conflict Motives: M23

For: EurAC

Participatory Workshop on the Right to Water

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

Planning and Running a Research Project

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

Working With Conflict Dynamics

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

Introduction to Cartography

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

Online Databases for Arms Trade Research

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

2011

Study on irresponsible transfers and the EU arms embargo on Sudan

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

Transparency and the Arms Trade Treaty

For: Prio, TransArms, Amnesty International International Secretariat

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

For: Amnesty International

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

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