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Dossier:

[China in Africa](#)

Fatal Transactions wants to address the issue of Chinese presence in Africa and inform the public on the rationale and motives behind the Chinese foreign policy on Africa. Moreover, Fatal Transactions argues that it is vital for African governments and their societies to engage in this debate and set the standards for Chinese and other foreign investments entering their economical territories.

News and publications:

26/06/2008

[Peace process and conflict diamonds in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

Fatal Transactions and BICC publish paper about conflict diamonds and the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire. The paper concludes that more attention is needed to pre-assess alternative mechanisms to break the link between natural resources and conflict and how they could effectively be combined with other sanctions (in particular financial sanctions) against key actors of the conflict.

23/06/2008

[Civil society note on the Kimberley Process meeting in India, June 17-19.](#)

Fatal Transactions was present at the Intersessional meeting of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme. In the running up to this meeting, Fatal Transactions published a short paper on the diamond situation in Côte d'Ivoire, a country still under UN embargo. The following press release was issued by the KP Civil Society Coalition, of which Fatal Transactions is member.

18/06/2008

[Governing the Gift of Nature: the Links between Governance, Conflict and Natural Resources](#)

BICC/ Fatal Transactions Germany organizes the panel Governing the Gift of Nature: the Links between Governance, Conflict and Natural Resources at the 12th European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) General Conference, June 27th.

08/06/2008

[Fatal Transactions-BICC panel discussion "Peacebuilding in Practice: Education on Trade and Conflict"](#)

At the ACUNS Annual Meeting in Bonn 5-7th the panel that was part of the three day conference "The UN and the Global Development Architecture" looked into the role of education for peace building.

05/06/2008

[BICC workshop ' Resources, Conflict, and the role of the Media'](#)

BICC organized a workshop ' Resources, Conflict, and the role of the Media' at the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum, 2-4 June Bonn.

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03/06/2008

[groundWork joins "Global action on ArcelorMittal plants" to prevent them from "greenwashing".](#)

Fatal Transactions' partner groundWork in South Africa has actively joined the coalition called "Global Action on ArcelorMittal" to collectively raise the issues and problems associated with ArcelorMittal's steel plants.

01/06/2008

[Is China Africa's solution to prosperity?](#)

On Thursday 29th of May, IKV Pax Christi and NiZA organized a public debate on the role of China in resource exploitation in Africa. Read the main conclusions from the evening.

10/05/2008

[Is Congo undermining its future?](#)

A new Fatal Transactions publication by NiZA, Broederlijk Delen and Justice etx Paix on Congo's mining is out now. Besides a short overview of the Congolese history of the mining industry, it contains beautiful pictures and personal testimonies. Copies available on the FT website in French, English and Dutch.

22/04/2008

[Latest update on the Congo Mining Contracts Reviews published](#)

The international campaign A Fair Share for Congo! published the latest update on the progress of the Congolose mining contracts review.

20/04/2008

[Dossier on Sudan's Oil now online](#)

Fatal Transactions partner IKV Pax Christi has finalised a dossier on oil in Sudan for information-sharing and awareness-raising in Sudan together with an oil-map which gives insight in which oil companies exploit what areas in Sudan (related to ECOS)

Fatal Transactions is an international campaign for awareness raising among consumers, opinion makers, politicians and industry on the crucial relation between trade in natural resources from African countries and continuation and escalation of armed conflicts and human rights violations. The overall objective is to end armed conflicts and human rights violations by drying up the financial resources and making sure that the revenues made out of the exploitation of natural resources are being used for the well-being of the population.

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