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PARTNER ACTIVITIES :

[BICC presents Resource Conflict Monitor](#)

[Upcoming]

On 12 March, 12:00, BICC, Bonn International Center for Conversion, in cooperation with UNU/EHS will launch the 'Resource Conflict Monitor' (RCM). The RCM is a unique tool for research and information on the nexus between natural resources and violent conflict.

[IPIS presents results mapping project in Eastern Congo.](#)

[March 2008]

On 4 March the Belgian research group IPIS presented the results of its new study on the conflict motivations of the different warring parties in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Fatal Transactions created an online dossier containing all articles, news and updates on this new conflict research tool.

[Fatal Transactions participates in round table on Natural Resources & Conflict at United Nations headquarters](#)

[February 2008]

Fatal Transactions took part in a Round Table on Natural Resources & Conflict in New York, February 20th in the German House. The Roundtable was organised by Global Witness and the Heinrich Boel Foundation. Fatal Transactions drafted a short paper on the link between the Kimberley Process and the United Nations' work on conflict resources.

[Congo Mining Contract Review: Fast Track or False Trail?](#)

[February 2008]

Fatal Transactions' partner Broederlijk Delen continues the campaign "A Fair Share for Congo!" and publishes a joint press release urging the Congolese government for transparent renegotiations of the mining contracts.

[Sudan – Whose Oil? Write a letter to China!](#)

[Ongoing Campaign]

In the Sudanese oil industry China is the biggest player. At the one hand this means development: Chinese invest in Sudan, especially in infrastructure. But China can do more. In 2008 IKV Pax Christi, NiZA and Oxfam Novib will focus on the role of China.

[BICC organised presentation on certified trading chains](#)

[January 2008]

On invitation of BICC/ Fatal Transactions Germany, Mr. Markus Wagner, Section Head of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources presented the certification scheme that BGR is currently developing for Mineral Production in the Great Lakes Region.



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[Diamond Matters at the United Nations](#)

[December 2007]

A selection of the photo exhibition Diamond Matters by Kadir van Lohuizen was exhibited at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York from December 2-9. Fatal Transactions travelled to New York to attend the presentation of the photo's and the book signing by Kadir van Lohuizen in the public bookstore of the UN.

[Donor Engagement in Fragile states. a new report by IPIS.](#)

[November 2007]

A new publication by IPIS presents a case study of donors in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the OECD Principles for Good International Engagement in Fragile States.

RELATED NEWS:

[For those who persevere in mining the rewards can be huge.](#)

March 3, Financial Post. Despite all the political risks in Africa, mining companies are finding it lucrative to invest in this continent.

[Governments & companies must deliver on global transparency initiative - Free-riding no longer an option.](#)

Publish What You Pay press release.

Seven resource-rich countries, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, the Republic of Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste, were approved as Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative candidates by the EITI Board in Accra.

[D R Congo: Equitable development of resources: an urgent challenge for civil society](#)

Professor Ferdinand Muhigirwa S.J., coordinator of the (Congolese) Civil Society Forum for the revision of mining contracts speaks at KAIROS Toronto on the equitable development of resources as an urgent challenge for Congolese civil society.

[Tenke Fungurume Mining running into trouble](#)

This is the conclusion of a newly published report 'Risky Business - the Lundin Group's involvement in the Tenke Fungurume Mining (TFM) project in the DR Congo' by Fatal Transactions' member IPIS in cooperation with Diakonia and SwedWatch in Sweden.

[Taylor war crimes trial begins](#)

The war crimes trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor has begun in The Hague in January. The Special Court for Sierra Leone is set up to "prosecute persons who bear the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law" committed in Sierra Leone and also violations of Sierra Leonean law committed in the country.

[Liberia: Firestone challenge advances](#)

Firestone Agricultural Workers Union of Liberia workers at the Firestone Rubber Plantation in Liberia won representation under a free union vote, throwing out the officials of a company-controlled union 1st July.

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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