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FATAL TRANSACTIONS MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Forthcoming Report Fatal Transactions Conference 'Digging for Peace'

Fatal Transactions Conference *Digging for Peace*: Order the Report [here](#).



On November 21 & 22 more than 100 academics, policy makers, business representatives and civil society organisations gathered in Bonn for the Annual Conference of Fatal Transactions. The Conference was hosted this year by Fatal Transactions member BICC and took place in the headquarters of the international broadcasting agency, the Deutsche Welle.

In February a full conference report will be published. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please send an email with your postal address to: bas.bijlsma@niza.nl

Listen [HERE](#) to the pod casts of all speeches, panel debates and interventions of conference participants.

Latest report BY IPIS: Ongoing violence in the mines of Katanga



With all the media attention going to the east of Congo, a new report by IPIS turns the spotlight to ongoing human rights abuses in mining areas in Katanga. Together with Zambia, this southern province contains the largest deposit of copper in Africa. [Read more...](#)

Fatal Transactions calls for suspension of diamond export from Zimbabwe



Fatal Transactions and other NGOs sent a letter to the Chair of the Kimberley Process asking to stop the trade in diamonds from Zimbabwe because these are covered in conflict and violence. [Read more...](#)

Fatal Transactions' second critique on the European Investment Bank



Fatal Transactions was invited by the Bank to comment for the second time on the Environmental and Social Statement. The Bank still lacks clear reference to European laws and regulations. [Read more...](#)



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Petition 'Clean Call for Congo'!



Fatal Transactions member Niza has launched the petition 'Clean call for Congo'. The petition is aimed against the illegal trade of natural resources that fuels conflict in Eastern-Congo. These resources are used in electronic products, like our mobile phones, computers and MP3-players. By signing the petition, the Dutch public is asks the electronic industry to take their responsibility in cleaning up their supply chain. NiZA argues that it is up to the big companies like Nokia, Dell, Philips and Samsung to prove that the natural resources are not extracted from conflict areas, such as Eastern-Congo.

Sign the petition [here](#) (in Dutch only)

Public Event: De Kracht van Congo (The power of Congo) – February 9, Amsterdam, The Netherlands



On Monday February 9, Niza is co-organizing a public event called *De Kracht van Congo*. The event is all about live music, film, workshops and presentations on the current conflict situation in Eastern-Congo. At this event, Niza is hosting a workshop on conflict resources from Eastern-Congo.

[Visit event website \(in Dutch only\) >>](#)

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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