

# Fatal Transactions

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## **FATAL TRANSACTIONS MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

### **Blood diamonds - time to plug the leaks**



This week the annual intercessional meeting of the Kimberley Process takes place in Windhoek, Namibia. Fatal Transactions has, together with a coalition of civil society organisations, signed a press release. The PR warns that the Kimberley Process is potentially failing its objectives and that despite of having all the tools in place it does not effectively address issues of non-compliance, smuggling, money laundering and human rights abuses in the world's alluvial diamond fields. [Read more...](#)

### **Report Niza of expert meeting "Fragile States and the Resource Curse"**



The final report of the expert meeting 'Fragile States and the Resource Curse' that Fatal Transactions member NiZA hosted together with Cordaid is available now. The report contains an introduction to the topics discussed and the aims of the expert meeting. Furthermore, it holds summaries of the presentations and concludes with a set of recommendations.

[Read more...](#)

### **IPIS report: "Culprits or scapegoats?"**



In its latest report IPIS investigates Belgian traders in the mineral business of eastern DRC in the light of accusations formulated in a report of the UN Panel of Experts of December 2008. The UN Panel asserted that, through certain suppliers (comptoirs), traders knowingly purchased minerals from mines controlled by non-state armed groups such as the FDLR. [Read more...](#)

### **BICC organises successful workshop on EU-advocacy**



On 13 May 2009, BICC and Fatal Transactions organized a workshop on advocacy work at the EU level. Around 20 NGO representatives participated in this event. The focus lay on the question of how to introduce topics surrounding resources and conflict into the European institutions. The workshop made clear that NGOs who want to influence the politics and policies of the European Union need to work together, have a presence in Brussels and be tenacious. [Read more...](#)



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## **FATAL TRANSACTIONS MEMBER ACTIVITIES (continued)**

### **BICC at the “32nd German Church Day” and at “Long Night for Democracy”**



At the “32<sup>nd</sup> German Church Day”, Fatal Transactions member BICC was present to remind Western consumers and economic and political elites of their responsibility for resource justice. BICC contributed to various side-events and displayed the photo exhibition “Resources for a juster world”. At the “Long Night for Democracy” BICC shed some light on obstacles to democracy in other parts of the world and highlighted the responsibility of Western countries for the conditions under which natural resources are exploited. BICC showed two movies focussing on conflict resources and informing visitors about resource justice. [Read more \(in German\)...](#)

## **FATAL TRANSACTIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Forthcoming: “The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Mining in Katanga”**



Soon a new report will be published by Fatal Transactions member IPIS. The background report will explore the impact of the current global financial crisis on one of the main mining areas in the DRC: Katanga. When published the report will be available at the [IPIS](#) and [Fatal Transactions](#) websites.

### **Conference & Winterschool announcement: China in Africa**



The University of Wrocław and Fatal Transactions are pleased to announce a 2-day conference (14-15 December) and Winterschool (14-19 December) in Wrocław, Poland. Both will deal with the challenges and opportunities of the increasing involvement of China in Africa’s natural resource sector. Click [here](#) for more information on the conference and [here](#) for more information about the Winterschool.

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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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