



**SAVE THE DATE – 29-30 September 2010**

Conference on

# “Illegal Trade in Natural Resources What can Brussels do?”

Brussels, European Economic and Social Committee

## WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

In the first session, the speakers will make an assessment of the problems created by illegal trade in commodities and its implications for the environment, development, peace & security and international trade. The second session will focus on the politics and economics that allow such commodities to be sold as legally-owned assets to importing countries. In the afternoon, the parallel sessions will analyse the governmental & legal actions and the Public & Corporate initiatives undertaken to curb the import of illegally extracted commodities. Finally, a panel of speakers will explore what the European Union could do to contribute to the fight against illegal trade in natural resources involving EU Member states and whether a general legal mechanism can be set up to efficiently address this issue.

## WHERE AND WHEN

The 2-day event will be kick-started by a diner opening on the evening of 29 September. The conference will take place on Thursday 30 September from 9:30 to 18:00 at the European Economic and Social Committee, in Brussels.

## PARTNERS

The conference is organised by the Institute for Environmental Security (IES) in cooperation with BICC, EESC, GLOBE EU and Europe, International Alert, IISD, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation, SIPRI, Transparency International and Worldwatch Institute.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance to the conference is by invitation only. Please contact the [conference secretariat](#) for more information.

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