

**BICC Newsletter 12/07 (December 2007)/
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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

Talk "Certified Trading Chains in Mineral Production Great Lakes Region", Bonn (23 January 2008)/

Vortrag "Zertifizierte Handelsketten in der Great Lakes Region", Bonn (23. Januar 2008)

On invitation of BICC/ Fatal Transactions Germany, Markus Wager, Section Head of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources will present the certification scheme that the institute is currently developing for mineral production in the Great Lakes Region. Certified trading chains in mineral production could represent an instrument to implement ethical standards and transparency in artisanal and small-scale mining, thus improving the quality of life for the communities in conflict prone areas. Mr. Wagner will present the pilot study on Coltan and Casserite from Rwanda, followed by a discussion on how certifying minerals and new techniques of 'fingerprinting' can contribute to processes of peacebuilding and development in fragile regions.

Venue: BICC, An der Elisabethkirche 25, 53113 Bonn.

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Opening of BICC photo exhibition, Addis Ababa (21 January 2008)/

Eröffnung BICC-Fotoausstellung, Addis Abeba (21. Januar 2008)

Peter Croll will open the BICC photo exhibition „Small Arms – A Global Threat“ at the headquarters of the African Union (AU) in Addis Ababa. The exhibition will be shown there from 15 January until 15 March 2008.

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Conference "From Bali to Poznan", Brussels (18 December 2007)/

Konferenz „Von Bali nach Poznan“, Brüssel (18. Dezember 2007)

Lars Wirkus participated in the conference "From Bali to Poznan: New Issues, New Challenges". The conference was organized by the Institute for Environmental Security (IES) in association with Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE-EU) and e-parliament. It was the first opportunity for an assessment of the UNCCC-COP 13 results after the Bali UN Climate Change Conference. Furthermore, the group of invited experts exchanged information about and discussed the state of play in the nexus between climate change, security and sustainable development.

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Conference "Transparency in the Extractive Sector", Berlin (14 December 2007)/

Konferenz „Transparenz im Rohstoffsektor“, Berlin (14. Dezember 2007)

Jolien Schure attended the international conference 'Transparency in the Extractive Sector' of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development on 14 December 2007 in Berlin. The conference hosted by the German government followed the proposal at the 2007 G8 summit in Heiligendamm aimed at underlining the importance of transparency in the extractive sector.

Fatal Transactions' international coordinator, Anneke Galama, stressed in the panel debate focusing on multi stakeholder dialogues on certification, that the limits of the current mechanisms addressing the issue of 'financial transparency' should be acknowledged. Certification schemes have only a limited conflict prevention potential and also, it is simply too expensive to develop a Kimberley Process scheme for all mining assets in Africa.

Anneke Galama pointed out: "It is time to make a next step in which the daily realities of millions of artisanal miners—working under rough circumstances in the mining industry—are adressed by all stakeholders. It is time that these resources will contribute to sustainable development in the resource rich countries that currently suffer from environmental degradation, and severe human rights abuses

caused by these same resources." Fatal Transactions therefore urges Germany and the next G8 presidency of Japan to continue addressing important topics and take their responsibilities as consumer countries serious.

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**EAC workshop, Arusha, Tanzania (13–14 December 2007)/
EAC Workshop, Arusha, Tanzania (13. - 14. December 2007)**

On 13–14 December, Wolf-Christian Paes participated in a workshop organized by the Secretariat of the East African Community (EAC) in Arusha, Tanzania. The workshop brought together researchers from the member states of the community to discuss the research methodology for a Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Baseline Survey for the EAC.

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**Lecture at the University of Bonn, Bonn (13 December 2007)/
Gastvortrag an der Universität, Bonn (13. Dezember 2007)**

Peter Croll hielt einen Gastvortrag über Sicherheitsfragen in Kolumbien und Mittelamerika im Hauptseminar „Deutschland, Europa und Lateinamerika“ von Professor Uwe Holtz an der Universität Bonn.

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http://www.uni-bonn.de/%7Euholtz/lehrveranstaltungen/ws_2007-08.pdf

**Final Event Global Monitoring for Security and Stability, Brussels (12 December 2007)/
Abschlussveranstaltung Global Monitoring for Security and Stability, Brüssel (12. Dezember 2007)**

Peter Croll nahm zusammen mit Lars Wirkus am Final Event der Global Monitoring for Security and Stability (GMOSS) in Brüssel teil und hielt einen Vortrag mit anschließender Diskussion zum Thema „Human Security and Conflict Prevention“.

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**Presentation at the German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn (7 December 2007)/
Vortrag am Deutschen Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn (7. Dezember 2007)**

Andreas Heinemann-Grueder gave a presentation on Conflict Regulation through Multi-Ethnic Federations at the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn.

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**Discussion group of the German Foreign Office, Berlin (6. Dezember 2007)/
Gesprächskreis des Auswärtigen Amtes, Berlin (6. Dezember 2007)**

Am 6. Dezember nahm Helen Radeke in Berlin am Gesprächskreis des Auswärtigen Amtes über Klein- und Leichtwaffen teil. Das Treffen gab Vertretern verschiedener Ministerien, darunter Auswärtiges Amt, Bundesministerium des Inneren und Bundesverteidigungsministerium, Nichtregierungsorganisationen wie amnesty, Oxfam, Pax Christi sowie der GTZ (Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit) die Gelegenheit, sich über aktuelle Themen und Aktivitäten mit Bezug zur Kleinwaffenproblematik auszutauschen.

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**Expert Workshop, Geneva (4–6 December 2007)/
Expertenworkshop, Genf (4. - 6. Dezember 2007)**

From 4–6 December, Marc von Boemcken participated in the expert consultation "States of Nationality and Private Military and Security Companies" in Geneva. The event was organized by the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

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**Visit of BIMUN at BICC, Bonn (4 December 2007)/
Besuch von BIMUN am BICC, Bonn (4. Dezember 2007)**

Der United Nations Security Council von BIMUN (Bonn International Model United Nations) war am 4. Dezember zu Gast im BICC. Peter Croll und Wolf-Christian Paes gaben eine Einführung in die Arbeit des Zentrums.

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**Symposium "Alternative Islam", Dusseldorf (1 December 2007)/
Symposium „Alternative Islam“, Düsseldorf (1. Dezember 2007)**

Peter Croll nahm an dem Symposium der Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker-Stiftung und der Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker-Gesellschaft mit dem Thema „Alternative Islam. Wissenschaft – Wirtschaft – Recht“ in der Ärztekammer Nordrhein in Düsseldorf teil.

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Symposium "The Responsibility to Protect (R2P): Progress, Empty Promise or a Licence for Humanitarian Intervention?", Bonn (29–30 November 2007)/

Symposium „Die Schutzverantwortung: Fortschritt, leeres Versprechen oder Freibrief für humanitäre Intervention?“, Bonn (29. - 30. November 2007)

BICC organized an expert dialogue on the relevance of the concept of human security for German foreign, security and development policy as part of the annual SEF Symposium, entitled "The Responsibility to Protect (R2P): Progress, Empty Promise or a Licence for Humanitarian Intervention?" Peter Croll and Volker Franke both participated actively in the conference, each moderating one panel: "The importance of the concept of human security for interagency coordination" (Franke) and "From Declarations of Intent to Implementation: Practical and political prerequisites for the fulfilment of the responsibility to protect" (Croll).

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**Talk and discussion "Africom", Bonn (28 November 2007)/
Vortrag und Diskussion zu „Africom“, Bonn (28. November 2007)**

On 28 November, BICC invited to a talk on "Africom and New American Military Involvement on the Continent: US and African Perspectives?" held by Dr. Nancy Walker, USA, President of AfricaNet and internationally recognized expert in African affairs and security policy.

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**COARM-NGO Annual Conference, Brussels (28–29 November 2007)/
COARM-NGO Jahrestreffen, Brüssel (28. –29. November 2007)**

On 28–29 November, Marc von Boemcken and Lars Wirkus participated in the COARM-NGO Annual Conference in Brussels where they presented the BICC country database on the EU Code of Conduct on Arms Exports

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**Supervisory board meeting of BICC, Bonn (27 November 2007)/
Aufsichtsratssitzung des BICC, Bonn (27. November 2007)**

Am 27. November 2007 traf sich der Aufsichtsrat des BICC in Bonn zu seiner Sitzung.
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**Discussion "Preventing an Iranian Bomb: The Urgent Need to Change Strategy", Brussels (27 November 2007)/
Diskussion "Die iranische Atombombe verhindern: Strategiewechsel dringend notwendig",
Brüssel (27. November 2007)**

On 27 November, Jerry Sommer, Research Associate at BICC, and Bernd W. Kubbig, Senior Research Fellow at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (HSFK), participated in the discussion "Preventing an Iranian Bomb: The Urgent Need to Change Strategy", organized by ISIS (International Security Information Service) Europe in the European Parliament in Brussels. The discussion was hosted by André Brie, MEP, and chaired by Dr Stephen Pulinger, ISIS Europe.
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**2nd World Domestic Policy Colloquium, Ingolstadt (23–24 November 2007)/
2. Weltinnenpolitisches Kolloquium, Ingolstadt (23. – 24. November 2007)**

Peter Croll nahm am 2. Weltinnenpolitischen Forum in Ingolstadt mit dem Titel „Lobbying und PR. Interessenvertretung für Gott und die Welt“ teil. Die Konferenz wurde von der Evangelischen Akademie Tutzing, der Katholischen Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt und der Kolping-Akademie Ingolstadt ausgerichtet. Im Rahmen dieser Veranstaltung hielt Herr Croll auch einen Vortrag mit dem Titel „Abrüstung und Kleinwaffenkontrolle“.
Information:
<http://www.ev-akademie-tutzing.de/?locus=http://www.ev-akademie-tutzing.de/doku/programm/detail.php3?lfdnr=1154&part=detail>
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**Public discussion "Civilians to the Front?", Tübingen (23 November 2007)/
Öffentliche Diskussion "Zivilisten an die Front?", Tübingen (23. November 2007)**

Andreas Heinemann-Grüder participated as a panelist in a public discussion, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Tübingen, on "Civilians to the Front?" (Zivilisten an die Front), together with Ambassador Däuble, MP Arnold (SPD), Dr. Riess (DED) and Mr. Emmrich (World Vision).
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**Seminar "Conflicts and Resources", Königswinter (22–23 November 2007)/
Seminar „Konflikte um Ressourcen“, Königswinter (22. - 23. November 2007)**

In Zusammenarbeit mit der Akademie für Konflikttransformation im forum ZFD e.V. bot das BICC 2007 erstmals ein Weiterbildungsangebot zum Thema „Konflikte um Ressourcen“ in Königswinter an. Der Kurs richtete sich an Friedensfachkräfte in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und fand sowohl in deutscher (6. - 7. September) als auch in englischer Sprache (22. - 23. November) statt. Unter der Leitung von Jolien Schure und Wolf-Christian Paes befasste sich das Seminar mit den politischen und wirtschaftlichen Hintergründen von bewaffneten Konflikten sowie den Auswirkungen von Klima- und Umweltveränderungen auf das Konfliktgeschehen.
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**Open Day at BICC, Bonn (22 November 2007)/
Tag der Offenen Tür am BICC, Bonn (22. November 2007)/**

Zum vierten Mal öffnete das BICC am 22. November seine Tore für Besucherinnen und Besucher. In einem umfangreichen Vortragsprogramm wurden verschiedene Projekte des BICC vorgestellt. Den Abschluss bildete die Podiumsdiskussion „Autoritäre Regime, Kampf gegen Terror, langfristige Wirtschaftsinteressen – Zentralasien als strategischer Partner der EU“ mit anschließendem kleinen Umtrunk. Es diskutierten Dr. Jörn Grävingholt, DIE (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik), Bernd Kuzmits, ZEF (Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung) und Dr. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, BICC (Internationales Konversionszentrum Bonn). Nikola Hüging, InWEnt, stellte mit einem Trailer das Projekt einer Daily-Soap zur Aidsaufklärung in Kirgisien vor.

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Small arms control workshops in Southern Sudan, Bor, Jonglei and Yambio (12–24 November 2007)/

Workshops zur Kleinwaffenkontrolle im Südsudan, Bor, Jonglei and Yambio (12. – 24. November 2007)

From 12-24 November, Elvan Isikozlu and Lydia Stone delivered two small arms control workshops for civil society groups in Southern Sudan. The first workshop took place in Bor, Jonglei, in partnership with Pact Sudan. The workshop targeted local stakeholders, teachers and headmasters from the state Ministry of Education for the purpose of developing a curriculum supplement on small arms awareness for primary school levels. The second workshop took place in Yambio, Western Equatoria, in cooperation with World Vision Sudan. The workshop targeted members of their local Peace and Protection Committee for the purpose of integrating small arms issues into their awareness-raising activities. Additional workshops will take place in early 2008.

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Conference “From Early Warning to Early Action, Brussels (12–13 November 2007)/

Konferenz “Von Frühwarnung zu frühzeitigem Handeln”, Brüssel (12. – 13. November 2007)

Michael Dedek participated in the conference “From Early Warning to Early Action: Developing the EU's Response to Crisis and longer-term Threats” which was held in Brussels from 12-13 November 2007. The European Commission organized the conference to analyze how the EU can improve its capacity to respond effectively to crisis and longer-term threats. During these two days, more than 800 participants from governments, NGOs and international organizations discussed latest developments in EU conflict prevention, crisis management and crisis preparedness. During the conference, the Peace-building Partnership was launched with the aim of mobilizing and consolidating civilian expertise for peacebuilding as well as addressing, in particular, non-state actors, think tanks, international organizations and relevant agencies of EU Member States.

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CESS Conference, Ankara (12–13 November 2007)/

CESS Konferenz, Ankara (12. –13. November 2007)

On 12-13 November, Wolf-Christian Paes gave a presentation on the issue of collaboration between the development and the security sector in the context of peace support operation during a conference organized by Bilkent University in Ankara and the Center for European Security Studies (CESS).

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PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

19 December 2007 / 19. Dezember 2007

BICC Presseerklärung: Auch 2006 bleibt Rüstungsexport problematisch

http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_gkke.php

11 December 2007 / 11. Dezember 2007

BICC Presseerklärung: Konventionelle Abrüstung in Gefahr

http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_kse.php

22 November 2007 / 22. November 2007:

BICC Presseerklärung: Wie die iranische Atombombe verhindern? Experten diskutieren in Brüssel
http://www.isis-europe.org/pdf/2007_escg_9_iran_debate-_urgent_need_to_change_strategy-concept_note-2007-11-27.pdf

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

BICC Konzeptpapier:

Die Rolle der afrikanischen Diaspora im Konfliktgeschehen

http://www.bicc.de/publications/concept_papers/diaspora/diaspora_konzeptpapier.pdf

International Appeal / Internationaler Appell

Bring the Adapted CFE Treaty into Force / Setzt den angepassten KSE-Vertrag in Kraft

<http://www.bicc.de/>

As the year of 2007 approaches its end, I would like to extend on behalf of the entire BICC staff our sincere thanks for your good cooperation this year. Both your advice and constructive criticism helped us improve our work.

May I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year 2008.

Yours sincerely

Peter J. Croll

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