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#### EVENTS/AKTIVITÄTEN:

e-conference "Afghanistan: Assessing the progress of Security Sector Reform, One Year After the Geneva Conference" (4-11 June 2003)/  
e-Konferenz "Afghanistan: Beurteilung des Fortschritts der Sicherheitssektorreform ein Jahr nach der Konferenz in Genf" (4.-11. Juni 2003)

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The Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) will hold an e-conference entitled "Afghanistan: Assessing the progress of Security Sector Reform, One Year After the Geneva Conference," to be held on 4-11 June 2003. The conference will focus on three of the five pillars of the security sector reform agenda set at the April 2002 security donors conference held in Geneva: Military Reform; Police Reform; and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of Ex-combatants (DDR). If you are interested in participating in this timely event, please visit the conference web site, [www.bicc.de/forum](http://www.bicc.de/forum), and follow the registration instructions. If you encounter any difficulties in the registration process please contact BICC at: [afghanistan-conference@bicc.de](mailto:afghanistan-conference@bicc.de).

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[http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrel\\_afg\\_e-conference\\_announce.html](http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/pressrel_afg_e-conference_announce.html)

Book presentation "Anthrax and the Failure of the Intelligence Services", Bonn (5 May 2003)/  
Buchpräsentation "Anthrax und das Versagen der Geheimdienste", Bonn (5. Mai 2003)

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On 5 May 2003, Prof. Dr. Erhard Geißler will present his latest book "Anthrax und das Versagen der Geheimdienste" at BICC. Prof. Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker MdB (Member of the German Parliament) will give an introduction to the issue. The event is open to the public (in German language).

Time and Location: 11:00h at BICC, An der Elisabethkirche 25, 53113 Bonn

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Meeting of Steering Committee of the "German Women security Council", Bonn (30 April 2003)/

Treffen des Lenkungsausschusses des "Deutschen Frauensicherheitsrats", Bonn (30. April 2003)

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BICC has been elected as a member of the steering committee of the "German Women security Council". This network of 35 NGOs and a number of individuals aims to monitor the German government during their non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council. The political foundations, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Heinrich-Böckler-Stiftung, as well as BICC, UNIFEM Germany, Amnesty International and numerous Peace Research Institutes and women's' initiatives for peace, have united with the objective of providing policy statements, fostering the implementation of the Beijing Platform and the UN Resolution 1325, to analyze and to make proposals with regard to specific wars and conflict zones i.e. Iraq, Israel-Palestine, Afghanistan. They want to strengthen the role of the UN to guarantee that international law and human rights standards are being maintained and improved. The steering committee will meet on 30 April to set up the terms of reference for the network. With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an international conference on "human security from a gender perspective" is being planned in the second half of 2003.

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International Policy Dialogue on the UN Action Programme on Small Arms, Bonn 28-29 April 2003/

Internationaler Politikdialog zum Kleinwaffenaktionsprogramm der UN, Bonn (28.-29. April 2003)

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Zur Vorbereitung der New Yorker Zwischenkonferenz zum UN-Kleinwaffenaktionsprogramm (7.-11. Juli 2003) veranstaltet das Entwicklungspolitische Forum der InWent gGmbH gemeinsam mit dem Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit (BMZ) einen hochrangigen internationalen Politikdialog, der die Probleme bei der Umsetzung des Kleinwaffenaktionsprogramms der UN thematisiert.

Teilnehmen werden u.a. die Leiterin der New Yorker Zwischenkonferenz, Botschafterin Kuniko Inoguchi, der Leiter der UN-Abrüstungsabteilung für konventionelle Waffen, Joao Honwana, die Innenminister von Tansania und Uganda, der Leitende ECOWAS-Generalsekretär Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Praktiker aus deutschen, EU-, UNDP- und anderen UN-Kleinwaffen- bzw. Abrüstungsprojekten, renommierte Repräsentanten von Nichtregierungsorganisationen (IANSA), der angewandten Forschung (BICC, SaferAfrica) und Medienvertreter (Jeune Afrique) mit den Staatssekretären Erich Stather (BMZ) und Jürgen Chrobog (Auswärtiges Amt). Ziel des Dialogs ist die Anbahnung von neuen Partnerschaften, insbesondere im Bereich des Capacity Building. Die Ergebnisse wird das Entwicklungspolitische Forum/InWent im Juli in New York präsentieren.

Ort und Zeit: 28. und 29. April, Bonner Königshof

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[http://www.inwent.org/presse/presseinformationen/artikel/artikel\\_20030408165117.html](http://www.inwent.org/presse/presseinformationen/artikel/artikel_20030408165117.html)

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Advisory Board of DCAF, Geneva (23-27 April 2003)/

5. Treffen des Internationalen Beirat von DCAF, Genf (23.-27. April 2003)

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Peter Croll, director of BICC, will attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Advisory Board of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) as member. The event is taking place together with the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the DCAF Africa Working Group.

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Lecture on "BICC's experiences in the field of conversion and conflict management", Bonn (16 April 2003)/

Vortrag über "Erfahrungen des BICC mit Konversion und Konfliktmanagement", Bonn (16. April 2003)

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BICC's director, Peter Croll, will give a lecture on "BICC's experiences in the field of conversion and conflict management" at the Bundesakademie für Sicherheit (BAKS) (Federal Academy for Security) in the framework of the Sicherheitspolitisches Forum SiPo (Security Policies Forum) (in German language).

Time and Location: 4.00 - 6.00 p.m. at Novotel Bonn, Max Habermann Strasse 2, Bonn-Hardtberg

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<http://www.baks.org/de/veranstaltungen/veranstaltungsarten.htm>

Conference "Pathways out of Terrorism and Insurgency: Comparative Analysis of Peace Processes", Priverno, Italy (10-12 April 2003)/

Konferenz "Wege aus dem Terrorismus und der Aufruhr: Vergleichende Analyse von Friedensprozessen", Priverno, Italien (10.-12. April 2003)

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Corinna Hauswedell attends the international conference on "Pathways out of Terrorism and Insurgency: Comparative Analysis of Peace Processes" in Italy. The conference aims to

analyze, in comparative perspective, the structure, evolution, achievements and failures of peace processes undertaken to terminate terrorist violence or insurgency. Another goal is to offer a critical overview of the opportunities and limitations of peaceful methods of conflict-resolution in dealing with terrorism and insurgency.

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UNDP Conference on "Justice and Security Sector Reform", Oslo (10-11 April 2003)/  
UNDP Konferenz zum Thema "Justiz und Sicherheitssektorreform", Oslo (10.-11. April 2003)

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Michael Brzoska attended a UNDP Conference on Justice and Security Sector Reform, focussing on "Coherence, Cooperation and Comparative Strengths", organized by UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) in Oslo, Norway, 10-11 April 2003.

Information:

<http://www.undp.org/bcpr/jssr/oslo>

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Meeting with representatives of Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG - (German Investment and Development Company), Cologne (10 April 2003)/  
Treffen mit Vertretern der Deutschen Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG), Köln (10. April 2003)/

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Peter Croll, director of BICC, together with Lars Wirkus and Renée Ernst visited the German Investment and Development Company (Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft, DEG) and met Lothar Lammers and Gunnar Stork, Department Strategy and Communication, as well as Volker Schweissfurth, Department Regions, to discuss future cooperation. It was concluded to exchange in a first step of potential cooperation information on conversion (industrial and base closure related).

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Visit of Paul Eavis, Director of SAFERWORLD, Bonn (9 April 2003)/  
Besuch von Paul Eavis, Direktor von SAFERWORLD, Bonn (9. April 2003)

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Paul Eavis, Director of SAFERWORLD, together with Andy McLean visited BICC on 9 April 2003. For the future, further cooperation of the two institutes is envisaged in the Balcans and Caucasus, as well as in Sub Saharan Africa (Horn of Africa and NEPAD).

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13<sup>th</sup> spring meeting of the academy of security policy of the HSFK, Lambrecht (Pfalz) (1 April 2003)/

13. "Frühjahrsakademie Sicherheitspolitik 2003" der HSFK, Lambrecht (Pfalz) (1. April 2003)

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Am 1. April 2003 referierte Corinna Hauswedell auf der 13. Frühjahrsakademie der Hessischen Stiftung für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK) zum Thema "Terrorismus, äußere und innere Sicherheit" zum Thema "Gewalt als Konfliktkultur? Zur Bedeutung des Terrorismus im Nordirlandkonflikt".

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Cooperation with 'Ideas para la Paz', Bonn (31 March 2003)/  
Zusammenarbeit mit 'Ideas para la Paz', Bonn (31. März 2003)

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BICC and the Colombian Foundation 'Ideas para la Paz', which has close links to the Universidad des los Andes, have decided to cooperate with BICC on crisis prevention and conflict management in Colombia, with a special focus on demobilization. Following Peter Croll's trip to Colombia last year and the return visit of the Executive Director of the Foundation Ideas para la Paz, Dr. Arturo Garcia to Bonn on 31 March 2003, BICC has agreed to assist the Foundation in organizing a seminar on these issues with Colombian policymakers.

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<http://www.ideaspaz.org>

3rd World Water Forum, Kyoto, Japan (15-21 March 2003)/

3. Weltwasserforum, Kyoto, Japan (15.-21. März 2003)

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From 15 to 21 March 2003, Peter Croll, the Director of BICC, and Lars Wirkus participated in the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan. During the Forum, on 20 March 2003, Peter Croll, supported by Lars Wirkus, facilitated the GTZ session on "Facilitating Transboundary Water Management". In the framework of successful and cooperative management of transboundary bodies of water as a necessity and a catalyst for peace, the session followed the question of "How external actors can assist riparian states and other stakeholders in setting up a process of transboundary water management"? The main objective of the GTZ-session was to improve the facilitation process for transboundary water management by discussing the subject with government representatives as well as water resources specialists.

Information:

<http://ap.world.water-forum3.com/themeWwf/en/themeShow.do?id=37>

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BICC becomes new member of the Network "European Peacebuilding Liaison Office"/

BICC wird neues Mitglied des Netzwerks "European Peacebuilding Liaison Office"

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BICC has become a new member organization of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO). EPLO was established in 2001 as a network of conflict prevention NGOs with the following objectives: (a) to inform its members about EU conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts, (b) to improve EU awareness of the contribution NGOs can make to conflict prevention and peacebuilding and (c) to foster cooperation among its members. Renée Ernst will be the liaison person at BICC for this network.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS/NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN:

paper 27

João Gomes Porto and Imogen Parsons

Sustaining the Peace in Angola: An Overview of Current Demobilisation, Disarmament and Reintegration

<http://www.bicc.de/demobil/paper27/content.html>

BICC bulletin No. 27

<http://www.bicc.de/general/bulletin/bulletin27.pdf>

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Neues Waffengesetz: Unzureichende Antwort auf Bedrohung durch Kleinwaffen in Deutschland

[http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung\\_waffengesetz.html](http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung_waffengesetz.html)

Weltwasserforum in Kyoto: Grenzüberschreitendes Wassermanagement fördert Konfliktlösung und Kooperation

[http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung\\_wasser.html](http://www.bicc.de/info/pubrel/releases/presseerklaerung_wasser.html)

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