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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

Workshop in the World Water Week, Stockholm (22 August 2006)/
Workshop während der Weltwasserwoche, Stockholm (22. August 2006)

On 22 August 2006, Peter J. Croll and Lars Wirkus will lead a workshop on "Tools for Benefit- Sharing in Transboundary Settings" in the framework of the World Water Week (20–26 August) in Stockholm. The workshop will be held in cooperation with the World Bank and the convenor of the World Water Week—the Stockholm International Water Institute. Under the overarching topic of transboundary water management, issues of the workshop will include: (potential) benefits from collaboration in transboundary settings, and implications of benefit sharing on all levels.

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Launching of BICC brief 33, Bonn (17 August 2006)/
Vorstellung des BICC brief 33, Bonn (17. August 2006)

Am 17. August 2007 um 12.00 Uhr wird Autor Volker Böge den aktuellen BICC brief 33 "Water Governance in Southern Africa - Cooperation and Conflict Prevention in Transboundary River Basins" im BICC (Konferenzraum) im Rahmen einer Rundtischdiskussion der Öffentlichkeit vorstellen.

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Lecture "The Role of Private Business in Zones of Conflict", Berlin (14 July 2006)/
Vortrag „Die Rolle der Privatwirtschaft in Konfliktregionen“, Berlin (14. Juli 2006)

On 14 July 2006, Wolf-Christian Paes lectured on the role of private business in zones of conflict during the international summer school of the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin.

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Presentation on Peace Building in Congo, Bad Urach (12 July 2006)/
Vortrag zu Friedenskonsolidierung im Kongo, Bad Urach (12. Juli 2006)

On 12 July 2006, Wolf-Christian Paes spoke on the role of external actors in peace building in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) at a workshop of the Baden-Württemberg political education authority in Bad Urach.

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Meeting of the BICC Board of Trustees, Bonn (12 July 2006)/
BICC Gesellschafterversammlung, Bonn (12. Juli 2006)

Am 12. Juli 2006 fand die Gesellschafterversammlung des BICC in Bonn statt.

Meeting of the Millennium Campaign Rhineland Palatinate, Mainz (11 July 2006)
Treffen Millenniumskampagne Rheinland-Pfalz, Mainz (11. Juli 2006)

Susanne Heinke hat an einem Treffen zur Vorbereitung einer MDG-Kampagne 2007 in Rheinland-Pfalz teilgenommen. Neben der Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Rheinland-Pfalz, dem Pädagogischen Zentrum und dem Innenministerium wird u.a. auch das BICC dem Trägerkreis der Kampagne angehören. Geplant sind die Ausstellung der Millenniumsgates und der BICC-Fotoausstellung "Global Handeln für Armutsbekämpfung, Entwicklung und Frieden" sowie zahlreiche Veranstaltungen im September 2007.

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Night of Sciences, Bonn (7 July 2006)/

Wissenschaftsnacht, Bonn (7. Juli 2006)

Mit einem Informationsstand zum Thema "Grenzübergreifendes Wassermanagement und Konfliktprävention" beteiligte sich das BICC an der 5. Bonner Wissenschaftsnacht, die am 7. Juli 2006 an der Universität Bonn stattfand.

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UN Review Conference on Small Arms and Light Weapons, New York (26 June–7 July 2006)/
VN-Überprüfungskonferenz zu illegalem Kleinwaffenhandel, New York (26. Juni – 7. Juli 2006)

The United Nations Review Conference took place at the UN headquarters in New York from 26 June to 7 July 2006. The conference reviewed the progress made over the last five years since the implementation of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects (UN PoA), agreed in 2001, and discussed how to continue the process of small arms control at the international, regional and national level.

On 5 July 2006, BICC organized a side event with SAS launching the book "No Refuge. The Crisis of Refugee Militarization in Africa". The book "No Refuge", published by the Small Arms Survey and BICC, analyses the experience of refugee and IDP militarization in several African countries affected by and emerging from civil war. It provides a considered overview of the historical, political and regional dimensions of refugee and IDP militarization in Africa, as well as international and national efforts to contain it.

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Workshop "Gun Control in Fragile States", New York (6 July 2006)/

Workshop „Waffenkontrolle in instabilen Staaten“, New York (6. Juli 2006)

On 6 July 2006, BICC organized a workshop together with IANSA entitled "Beyond the Program of Action: Gun Control in Fragile States" in New York City in the context of the United Nations Review Conference on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

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Students from Humboldt University Berlin at BICC, Bonn (4 July 2006)/

Studenten der Humboldt-Universität Berlin besuchten BICC, Bonn (4. Juli 2006)

Unter der Leitung von Dr. Matthias Weiter, BMZ, besuchte eine internationale Studentengruppe der Humboldt-Universität Berlin am 4. Juli das BICC. Susanne Heinke führte in die Arbeit des BICC ein, Marc von Boemcken referierte über das Thema "Private Militärfirmen".

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Seminar "Islamism with Atomic Weapons?", Arnoldsheim (3–4 July 2006)/

Tagung "Islamismus mit Atomwaffen?", Arnoldsheim (3. – 4. Juli 2006)

Im Rahmen der Tagung der evangelischen Akademie Arnoldsheim "Islamismus mit Atomwaffen? Der Mittlere Osten als friedenspolitische Herausforderung. Friedensgutachten 2006" diskutierte Corinna Hauswedell als Mitherausgeberin des Friedensgutachtens zum Thema "Krisenherd Vorderer Orient – was tun? Empfehlungen für die deutsche und europäische Außenpolitik".

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Conference "Patterns of Conflict, Paths to Peace", Calgary, Canada (29 June–3 July 2006)/

Konferenz "Konfliktmuster und Wege zum Frieden", Calgary, Kanada (29. Juni – 3. Juli 2006)

Tobias Pietz took part in the 41st biennial conference of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) in Calgary, Canada, from 29 June to 3 July 2006. The conference's theme was "Patterns of Conflict, Paths to Peace". Tobias Pietz's paper proposal on "Merging Security and Development: Recent Experiences with Integrated Missions in Post-Conflict Environments" was selected by IPRA's

Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building Commission and formed the basis of his presentation at the conference. Tobias Pietz also gave a presentation on "Failing Promises? In how far DDR can (and can not) contribute to Post-Conflict Peacebuilding".

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Meeting of UN Research Circle, Potsdam (23–24 June 2006)/

Treffen des Forschungskreises Vereinte Nationen, Potsdam (23. – 24. Juni 2006)

Diana Burghardt nahm am 23. und 24. Juni 2006 an der Potsdamer UNO-Konferenz 2006 teil, die vom Forschungskreis Vereinte Nationen organisiert wurde. Der Titel der Veranstaltung lautete "Ein Jahr nach dem UN-Weltgipfel 2005: Eine Bilanz der Reformbemühungen".

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<http://www.forschungskreis-vereinte-nationen.de/text/konf2006.html>

Press Conference with UNICEF, Berlin (23 June 2006)/

Pressekonferenz mit UNICEF, Berlin (23. Juni 2006)

Zur Vorbereitung der New Yorker Kleinwaffenkonferenz (26. Juni bis 3. Juli 2006) haben das Deutsche Komitee für UNICEF, vertreten durch seine Vorsitzende Heide Simonis und den Büroleiter für den Ostkongo Johannes Wedenig, sowie das BICC, vertreten durch Peter J. Croll, auf einer gemeinsamen Bundespressekonferenz am 23. Juni zu aktuellen Fragen der Kleinwaffenkontrolle Stellung genommen und Forderungen an die Bundesregierung formuliert. Zu den gemeinsamen Anliegen gehört u.a., dass sich die Bundesrepublik für ein rechtlich verbindliches internationales Waffenhandelsabkommen einsetzen soll, das Kriterien wie Menschenrechte und Konfliktsituationen berücksichtigt.

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http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_unicef_bicc.pdf

http://www.bicc.de/events/bicc_unicef_berlin/content.php

Workshop on SALW Proliferation, New York (22–23 June 2006)/

Workshop zur Kleinwaffenproliferation, New York (22. – 23. Juni 2006)

Dr. Michael Ashkenazi served as a resource person and trainer for a two-day workshop (22–23 June) at UN Headquarters, New York, for diplomats from weaker states suffering from SALW proliferation. The workshop was organized by UNDDA New York. Representatives of seventeen countries from all continents were present. The training was part of the run up to the Review Conference on the Programme of Action on Small Arms.

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Workshop for training materials on SALW control in Sudan, Nairobi (14–17 June 2006)/

Workshop zu Trainingsmaterialien zur Kleinwaffenkontrolle im Sudan, Nairobi (14. – 17. Juni 2006)

From 14–17 June 2006, BICC (with the participation of M. Ashkenazi, E. Isikozlu, W-C. Paes) carried out a localization workshop in Nairobi for training materials on SALW control in Sudan. Present were various Southern Sudan experts and actors, including representatives of UNMIS (United Nations Mission in Sudan), UNDP, and several NGOs. Most significantly, the workshop was attended by the Chair of the Southern Sudan Legislatures Security Committee, a representative of the National Congress in Khartoum, and the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Southern Sudan DDR Commission.

The workshop concentrated on three main themes: "Organizational parameters and the flow of information and activities on SALW in Southern Sudan", "Potential training locations and audiences" and "The varied experiences of trainers in Southern Sudan".

The most significant result of the workshop was an agreement by BICC to support and work in partnership with the SSDDRC in raising SALW capacity both at the national Southern Sudan level and at the level of all ten states of S. Sudan.

The workshop is part of BICC's SALW capacity building project financed jointly by the German and Canadian governments.

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PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

Presseerklärung / Press release:
http://www.bicc.de/press/releases/presseerklaerung_unicef_bicc.pdf

Statement Peter J. Croll:
Die UN-Überprüfungskonferenz zu illegalem Kleinwaffenhandel – Eine kritische Bilanz
http://www.bicc.de/events/revcon/statement_croll.php

Statement Peter J. Croll:
The UN-Small Arms Review Conference – A critical balance
http://www.bicc.de/events/revcon/statement_croll_engl.php

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

Documentary "My first shot"
The documentary "My first shot" is now available as a DVD for training, information and awareness raising activities. The film is the output of a video workshop that took place in Skopje/Macedonia in the framework of BICC's TRESA project (Training and Education on Small Arms) in co-operation with the Macedonian NGO, CIVIL. In this workshop, children and youth were given the possibility to show their experiences with small arms and violence and how this influences their lives through short film clips. The DVD has english subtitles and is available free of charge at BICC. Please also have a look at the TRESA website.

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Annual Report 2005/2006
http://www.bicc.de/publications/jahresbericht/2006/content_e.php

brief 34: Tobias Pietz
Defense Reform and Conversion in Albania, Macedonia and Croatia, July 2006
<http://www.bicc.de/publications/briefs/brief34/content.php>

brief 33: Volker Böge
Water Governance in Southern Africa — Cooperation and Conflict Prevention in Transboundary River Basins, July 2006
<http://www.bicc.de/publications/briefs/brief33/content.php>

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