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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

**Talk “Fight for resources: Example diamond trade”, Bonn (26 February 2008)/
Gespräch „Kampf um Ressourcen: Das Beispiel Diamantenhandel“, Bonn (26. Februar 2008)**

Teilnehmer des von der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) organisierten Seminars „Entwicklungsländer – Gewinner oder Verlierer der Globalisierung? Was leistet die internationale Entwicklungszusammenarbeit?“ werden am 26. Februar das BICC zu einem Gespräch zum Thema Ressourcenkonflikte besuchen. Am Beispiel des Diamantenhandels werden Problematiken und Lösungsansätze zum verantwortungsvollen Umgang mit natürlichen Rohstoffen aufgezeigt.

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**International Conference “The Security – Migration Nexus”, Bonn (22–23 February 2008)/
Internationale Konferenz „The Security – Migration Nexus“, Bonn (22. – 23. Februar 2008)**

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) BICC is organizing an international conference on “The Security–Migration Nexus. Challenges and Opportunities of African Migration to EU Countries” from 22–23 February 2008 in Bonn.

Conference Venue: Deutsche Welle, Gremiensaal, Kurt-Schumacher-Straße 3, 53113 Bonn.

Invitation and program

http://www.bicc.de/events/mig_conf/invitation_mig_conf.pdf

Registration form

http://www.bicc.de/events/mig_conf/registration_form_participants.pdf

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**Mpumalanga-Forum NRW, Schwerte (15–16 February 2008)/
Mpumalanga-Forum NRW, Schwerte (15. – 16. Februar 2008)**

Peter Croll wird am Mpumalanga-Forum NRW mit dem Titel „Voneinander lernen – miteinander arbeiten. Länderpartnerschaften Deutschland – Südafrika als Beitrag zur interkulturellen Kooperation?“, veranstaltet von der Evangelischen Akademie Iserlohn, Arbeit und Leben DGB und der VHS Düsseldorf, in der Tagungsstätte Haus Villigst in Schwerte teilnehmen.

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http://www.eine-welt-netz-nrw.de/veranstaltungen/details.php?i_di=1469

Talk “Africa and the EU. The nexus between migration and (in-) security”, Bonn (12 February 2008)/

Vortrag „Afrika und die EU: Die Schnittstelle zwischen Migration und (Un-)Sicherheit“, Bonn (12. Februar 2008)

Peter Croll wird im Rahmen der gemeinsamen Veranstaltungsreihe der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Auswärtigen Politik (DGAP) im Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung (ZEI) einen Vortrag mit dem Titel „Afrika und die EU: Die Schnittstelle zwischen Migration und (Un-)Sicherheit“ halten.

Veranstaltungsort ist das Zentrum für Europäische Integrationsforschung (ZEI) in Bonn.

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**Talk “Afghanistan—Challenges of Peacebuilding”, Bonn (29 January 2008)/
Vortrag „Afghanistan – Challenges of Peacebuilding“, Bonn (29. Januar 2008)**

On 29 January BICC and the US-Consulate General Dusseldorf organized a talk and following discussion on “Afghanistan—Challenges of Peacebuilding“ with US-expert on Afghanistan, Christopher Blanchard.

Christopher Blanchard is analyst at the Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC, a think-tank which serves shared staff on foreign policy to members of the US Congress. Main topics of his work are Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and regional security issues.

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**Fatal Transactions kick off 2008, Bonn (25 January 2008)/
Fatal Transactions Treffen 2008, Bonn (25. Januar 2008)**

The members of the international campaign 'Fatal Transactions' from Poland, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands met at BICC to strategize their activities for this year. 2008 will be the year of closely following and promoting the G8-Heiligendamm promises and other international initiatives about resource governance, increasing consumer awareness, and the Olympics in China. Fatal Transactions will contribute to the debate on the role of Chinese investments in African countries by providing case studies of the actual practices on the ground. Moreover, the international Fatal Transactions conference 2008 will be hosted by BICC in Bonn and will take place in November.

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www.fataltransactions.org (international).

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 Wagner, Section Head of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources presented 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 presented 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.

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**Meeting of the German Atlantic Society, Wuppertal (23 January 2008)/
Treffen der Deutschen Atlantischen Gesellschaft, Wuppertal (23. Januar 2008)**

On 23 January 2008, Wolf-Christian Paes spoke on the challenges of peacebuilding in Sudan during a meeting of the German Atlantic Society ("Deutsche Atlantische Gesellschaft") in Wuppertal.

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**Visit to the *Bundeswehr* Verification Center, Geilenkirchen (24 January 2008)/
Besuch beim Verifikationszentrum der Bundeswehr, Geilenkirchen (24. Januar 2008)**

BICC researchers participated in a one-day visit to the *Bundeswehr* Verification Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany. In addition to learning about the activities of the Center, and providing information about BICC, the BICC researchers were familiarized with small arms by Verification Center personnel. They were also given the opportunity to fire rounds from standard *Bundeswehr* weapons.

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**Final Workshop COST A25 Action on SALW, Brussels (21–23 January 2008)/
Abschlussworkshop COST A25 Action on SALW, Brüssel (21. – 23. Januar 2008)**

The final workshop of the COST A25 Action on SALW, an EU mechanism for coordinating the work of European scholars, was held in Brussels from 21 to 23 January 2008. Michael Ashkenazi presented a discussion on ammunition stockpile safety and security. The Action will be holding its final meeting, a public workshop, in Brussels, from 18 to 20 March 2008.

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**Opening of BICC photo exhibition, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (21 January 2008)/
Eröffnung BICC-Fotoausstellung, Addis Abeba, Äthiopien (21. Januar 2008)**

Peter Croll opened 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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**Seminar "Natural resources and conflict", Hamburg (17–18 January 2008)/
Seminar „Natürliche Ressourcen und Konflikte“, Hamburg (17. – 18. Januar 2008)**

From 17–18 January 2008, Wolf-Christian Paes taught a seminar on natural resources and conflict for postgraduate students of the Master of Peace and Security Studies (MPS) of the University of Hamburg.

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**Meeting of the MDG action forum, Mainz (18 January 2008)/
Treffen MDG-Aktionskreis, Mainz (18. Januar 2008)**

Am 18. Januar kam der Aktionskreis Millennium-Kampagne Rheinland-Pfalz in den Räumen des Innenministeriums in Mainz zusammen, um weitere Aktivitäten zu beraten. Das BICC wurde durch Susanne Heinke vertreten. Der Aktionskreis will nach der erfolgreichen Kampagne 2007 seine Arbeit fortsetzen. Eine zentrale Veranstaltung wird am 30. Juli 2008 der Aktionstag auf dem Liebfrauenplatz sein, der in das Programm der Stadt „Mainz lebt auf seinen Plätzen“ eingebunden ist.

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**Presentation of BICC at the EED-secondment course, Bonn (15 January 2008)/
Vorstellung BICC bei EED-Ausreisekurs, Bonn (15. Januar 2008)**

Auf Einladung des Evangelischen Entwicklungsdienstes (EED) stellte Susanne Heinke den internationalen Teilnehmern des EED-Ausreisekurses mit einem Vortrag in der Andreas-Hermes-Akademie das BICC vor.

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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 Co-operation 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. Not only have certification schemes a limited conflict prevention potential but also is it 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 addressed 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 seriously.

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**EAC workshop, Arusha, Tanzania (13–14 December 2007)/
EAC Workshop, Arusha, Tanzania (13. - 14. Dezember 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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**UNODA meeting, Nairobi, Kenia (11–12 December 2007)/
UNODA meeting, Nairobi, Kenia (11. – 12- Dezember 2007)**

Michael Ashkenazi was among the experts invited to attend a UNODA-sponsored meeting in Nairobi on the issue of the Marking and Tracing Instrument, a UN document specifying how SALW are to be marked, and setting out the modes of cooperation between UN signatories on the ways to trace illicit SALW.

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**Workshop, Asian Regional Forum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (13-14 December 2007)
Workshop, Asiatisches Regionalforum, Phnom Penh, Kambodscha (13. – 14. Dezember 2007)**

Michael Ashkenazi was invited by the German Foreign Office to present a keystone talk at the Asian Regional Forum Workshop on "Management and Security of Small Arms and Light Weapons". Among the experts invited to attend were senior police and military officials from ASEAN countries, including the Cambodian Minister of Defense.

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PRESS RELEASES / PRESSEERKLÄRUNGEN

17 January 2008 / 17. Januar 2008

Interview (in German): "Es wäre auch ohne Charles Taylor zum blutigen Konflikt gekommen"

In einem Interview warnt Wolf-Christian Paes, Experte am BICC davor, den Konflikt in Sierra Leone zu stark auf den Ex-Diktator Charles Taylor zu personalisieren.

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

19 December 2007 / 19. Dezember 2007

BICC Presseerklärung: Auch 2006 blieb 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

NEW PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN

Newsletter January 2008,
Capacity-building on small arms control and DD&R in Southern Sudan.
http://www.bicc.de/sudan/pdf/sudan_newsletter_jan_08.pdf

BICC bulletin, No. 44, October-December 2007
Feature: Bring the Adapted CFE Treaty into Force - International Appeal
<http://www.bicc.de/publications/bulletin/bulletin44.pdf>

BICC Kurzpapier

Dr. Regina Heller, ISFH. 2007.

Grenzüberschreitende Kooperation als Chance? Zur Konsistenz der EU-Zentralasienpolitik im Lichte von Konfliktprävention und dem diesbezüglichen Potenzial grenzüberschreitender Kooperation.

http://www.bicc.de/publications/other/kurzpapier_zentralasien/kurzpapier_zentralasien.pdf

BICC Kurzpapier

Michael Brzoska und Isabelle Maras, ISFH. 2007.

Säulenübergreifende Zusammenarbeit von Rat und Kommission der Europäischen Union zur Unterstützung von Reformen im Bereich der Sicherheitssektorreform.

http://www.bicc.de/publications/other/kurzpapier_ssr/kurzpapier_ssr.pdf

BICC Konzeptpapier

Die Rolle der afrikanischen Diaspora im Konfliktgeschehen

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

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