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Peace and conflict research institute BICC \ **Presentation at the Open Day of the German Federal Foreign Office**

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On the occasion of the Open Day of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, BICC will be showing the photo exhibition “A CALL FOR ARMS—Community Security and Arms Control in Darfur” at the Foreign Office on 26 and 27 August 2017. Additionally, BICC technical advisors will demonstrate a weapons marking machine used in Sudan.

Poorly secured stockpiles and illicit weapons flows pose a serious threat to security and stability in West Africa, the Greater Sahel and the Horn of Africa. Funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, the peace and conflict research institute BICC (Bonn International Center for Conversion) is supporting various African states in their efforts to improve their capacities in the area of physical security and stockpile management (PSSM) of weapons and ammunition.

In the region of Darfur, Sudan, crises and violent conflict have prevented the population from settling in peace in past decades. The marking and registration of small arms and light weapons is a first step towards the control of weapons that bring suffering and destruction. BICC, also funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, offered technical advice and support to local and transregional small arms control efforts.

The photo exhibition “A CALL FOR ARMS—Community Security and Arms Control in Darfur” documents this complex process. BICC will also show a video documentary of the same name during the Open Day of the Foreign Office (Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin) and will demonstrate a dot-peen marking machine that marks the weapons as part of the registration process of small arms in Darfur.

Please have a look at the flyer of the exhibition at <http://bit.ly/2xvtU4v>