



Fatal Transactions

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PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Belgium, Brussels, November 23rd-24th, 2005

[DRC 's natural treasures; Source of conflict or key to development?](#)

Fatal Transactions organises an expert meeting on the DRC and the role of natural resources on november 23rd and 24th in Brussels.

South-Africa, Johannesburg, September 26th-29th, 2005

[PPP-Conference](#)

From September 26 to 29, the members of the PPP Network; 19 Civil society Organizations from 5 SADC countries and the Netherlands institute for Southern Africa (NiZA) came together for the second time to discuss the road ahead, developing ideas and tactics for a more sustainable and just resource exploitation.

South-Africa, Rustenburg, October 25th, 2005

[Photo exhibition Diamond Matters in Rustenburg](#)

The photo exhibition Diamond Matters shows the pipeline of a diamond; from the mines in DR Congo and Angola via diamond cutters in India to the Jet-set in Europe. Exposed from october 25st to october 31st 2005 in Rustenburg by the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation (GRCF).

South-Africa, Rustenburg, September 23rd, 2005

[Going 1000 metres underground; a visit to a platinum mine](#)

The earth of the Rustenburg area, near Johannesburg, contains a big wealth of natural resources. NiZA employees Bas Zwiers and Meindert Korevaar joined the miners of shaft 14 to search for that one material; platinum.

NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

South-Africa, September 28th, 2005

[Whose energy future? Big oil against people in Africa](#)

Civil Society Organisation [groundWork](#) published a new report on oil in Africa within a global context. The report implicates the oil industry not only in ecological wars conducted against the poor in Africa but also fundamentally in the geo-military-politics of the global capitalist order.

South-Africa, September 1st, 2004

[CSR in mining in Southern Africa: Fair accountability or just greenwash?](#)

Society for International Development (SID). Based on case studies of mining in South-Africa and Zambia, this article assesses CSR practices with accountability and fairness as key criteria.

DRCongo, October 1st, 2005

The dangers facing some civil society activists working in the mining sector

The African Association for the Defence of Human Rights, Katanga Branch ([ASADHO](#)/Katanga), is concerned by acts of intimidation made against some civil society activists working in the mining sector and the selling off of national mining assets by the state mining company Gécamines.

South-Africa, September 29th, 2005

Misty Hills Declaration

Twenty civil society organisations from the Peace, Principles and Participation (PPP)-network signed a joint declaration to "work together together for a more sustainable and just resource exploitation in Southern Africa".

Publish What You Pay

The Publish What You Pay campaign aims to help citizens of resource-rich developing countries hold their governments accountable for the management of revenues from the oil, gas and mining industries. Fatal Transactions is one of the 280 worldwide members of the PWYP campaign.

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Making revenue disclosure effective in the extractiv industries sector

The International Accounting Standards Board has initiated a process that will lead to the definition of new disclosure standards for the industry. A report by the Publish What You Pay Coalition highlights why such standards should require upstream extractive industry operators to disclose revenue payments on a country-by-country basis.

Fatal Transactions is an international campaign for awareness raising among consumers, opinion makers, politicians and industry on the crucial relation between trade in natural resources from African countries and continuation and escalation of armed conflicts and human rights violations. The overall objective is to end armed conflicts and human rights violations by drying up the financial resources and making sure that the revenues made out of the exploitation of natural resources are being used for the well-being of the population.

Fatal Transactions is carried out by six European NGOs; [Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa](#) (The Netherlands), [Medico International](#) (Germany), [Novib](#) (The Netherlands), [Broederlijk Delen](#) (Belgium), [11.11.11](#) (Belgium), [Intermon Oxfam](#) (Spain). Associate members are: [IPIS](#) (Belgium), [BICC](#) (Germany), [Pax Christi](#) (The Netherlands).

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