



Fatal Transactions

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PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Lubumbashi, April 25th 2006

[NiZA partners in Congo call for responsible management of natural resources](#)

The DR Congo is one of the richest countries in the world in terms of natural resources. It is rich in diamonds, gold, copper etc. Yet the majority of its population lives in misery. The country is one of the lowest ranking on the Human Development index. How to change this paradox?

[Diamonds still Matter: one year exhibition](#)

The photo exhibition Diamond Matters, follows the route of a diamond; from Africa via India to the West. They show the dangerous alluvial mining in Sierra Leone, the poor working conditions of the diamond cutters in Surat, the Jewish traders in Antwerp and finally the rich customers in cities like New York and Amsterdam.

[Web-dossier on DR Congo](#)

After decades of dictatorship, democratic elections will take place in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Netherlands institute for Southern Africa (NiZA) has close relations with Congolese civil society organisations. With a web dossier NiZA gives update information on the current situation in Congo. Visit the DR Congo web-dossier!

[Civil society in Sierra Leone calls for reparations from the diamond industry](#)

Last year Medico International visited its project partner "Amputees and War Wounded Association" in Sierra Leone, to talk with them about strategies of reparations – also from the diamond industry...

NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Amsterdam, May 14th 2006

[Congolese organisations receive death threats after criticising natural resources policy](#)

The Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa (NiZA) is seriously concerned about the safety of its Congolese partner organisations. Human rights and media organisations in Katanga have received death threats due to their criticism of the corruption in the extractive industry sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)....

Amsterdam, March 2006

[The State versus The People](#)

Based on investigations of the situation in the Congolese province of Katanga, Fatal Transactions demonstrates how members of the government, with the help of international donors such as the World Bank, have profited from the natural wealth of the Congo in recent years, at the expense of the Congolese people.

Durban / Pietermaritzburg, February 22nd 2006

[Replacement of SAPREF aging pipelines – A victory for the community](#)

After many years of struggle, time and community resources, the Shell & BP refinery has finally agreed to change their seven pipelines that run from the refinery to Island View. Over the past forty years, these pipelines have been badly maintained, resulting in many leaks...

Kinshasa, February 18th 2006

[Statement on the launch of the national Publish What You Pay coalition in DR Congo](#)

The Natural Resource Network in DR Congo officially launched the national Publish What You Pay coalition in Congo. This international campaign aims to help citizens of resource-rich developing countries to hold their governments accountable for the management of revenues from the oil, gas and mining industries...

Bonn, April 2006

[Who's Minding the Store? The Business of Private, Public and Civil Actors in Zones of Conflict](#)

The Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC) presents some findings of a multi-year research project into the role of external economic actors in zones of conflict in their *Brief 32: Who's minding the store?*

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.

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