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PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Amsterdam, September 5th 2006

[Africa: War is business](#)

In September on Dutch television: the three part documentary series "Africa: War is business". The Dutch prince Jaime de Bourbon Parme travels to several countries in Africa, to explore the different aspects of war economies. Broadcasted on 5th, 12th and 19th of september, 23.40 on Nederland 2 (channel 2).

Amsterdam, September 15th 2006

[Congo Trippin'](#)

An interactive debate, live via satellite, about the future of Congo will be held on the 15th september in Amsterdam. Visitors can see the documentary "Raising the Flag", about Congo's recent elections, and join a debate afterwards. Organised by Africa in the Picture, Baobabconnections.org and the Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa (NiZA)

Amsterdam, October 6th 2006

[Africa on the Move](#)

Africa is a continent "on the move" – constantly in motion! Sparkling, restless, determined and confronting; not just in politics, but in culture and literature as well. This continent deserves to be put in the spotlight! That's why NiZA, Fatal Transactions and Hivos, are organising an incredible evening with many African guests, on October 6th in Amsterdam. An absolute must for everybody with a passion for Southern Africa!

Frankfurt, November 23rd and 24th 2006

[Conference: What to do? Critical Campaign Work in Times of Globalisation](#)

This conference, organised by Medico International and the Protestant Academy Bad Boll gives the opportunity to take a step back and reflect the chances and constraints of global campaign work. It will be an occasion to discuss the strategies taken by the Fatal Transactions campaign and others.



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NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Bonn, August 2006

[From Resource War to Violent Peace](#)

The Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) published a new Fatal Transactions report on Congo's transition.

Luanda, August 31st 2006

[Resource Transparency in Angola?](#)

In terms of Oil Transparency, the Angolan government has made some progress the last two years. Nevertheless, Angola still hasn't joined the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and the diamond industry still seems to be a big black box, where human rights violations take place on a large scale.

Lilongwe, August 28th 2006

[Concerned civil society organisations query 16-Year Tax Holiday to Uranium Company](#)

Malawian civil society organisations express their concerns about the governmental grant to a foreign Uranium mining company, Paladin Africa Limited, of a sixteen year tax exemption. They think this decision is deplorable and in bad taste to every concerned Malawian.

Luanda, July 31st 2006

[Operation Kissonde: Diamonds of humiliation and misery](#)

Operation Kissonde looks at the tragic impact that diamond extraction has on the lives of local populations, the institutional incentives to permanently violate human rights, the privatisation of violence, and the unchecked plundering of these resources.

Accra, July 21st 2006

[Wassa district: Moneymaking business or disaster area? A glimpse of gold mining and affected communities in Ghana](#)

The soil of the Wassa district in southern Ghana contains a big wealth of gold. Several foreign mining companies are situated here to extract this money making metal. As in many cases of natural resource exploitation, the mines bring both money and misery. Wassa district forms no exception.

Utrecht, May 2006

[Oil Development in northern Upper Nile, Sudan](#)

The socio-economic and environmental impact of oil exploitation in the Melut Basin in Upper Nile State, Sudan, as told by inhabitants of the area and photo-graphed from satellites. Published by the European Coalition on Oil in Sudan (ECOS).

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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