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IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

5 and 6 May – IPIS lecture ‘Methodology for assessing companies’ compliance with the OECD guidance.’, at the ICGLR-OECD-UN GoE joint meeting on implementation of the OECD-UN due diligence recommendations for responsible mineral supply chains – Paris

11 May – IPIS lecture ‘Case study: Natural Resources and Mapping Conflict Motives in the Province Orientale (Democratic Republic of Congo)’ at University of Amsterdam, Politics & International Relations Department - University of Amsterdam

IPIS MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Jaarverslag 2010 IPIS.

(April 2011 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_activityreports.php

IPIS has published its activity report 2010. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS’ activities in 2010. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version will follow later on.

Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

Global Witness Wrong About Nation’s Involvement with Conflict Minerals – Authority.

(21/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104210001.html>

The National Geology and Mining Authority (OGMR) has strongly refuted claims by a global watchdog organisation that Rwanda does little to prevent the illegal trade of what is known as conflict minerals from the DRC.

La Rdc et le Rwanda se mettent d’accord pour la construction de la centrale à gaz méthane de 200 Mw.

(26/04/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/75310>

The DRC and Rwanda agreed to build a 200MW power station, supplied with Lake Kivu’s methane gas.

China Says Aid to Africa Not Aimed At Resources.

(26/04/2011 – AngolaPress – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104261004.html>

China slammed suggestions that its burgeoning foreign aid to Africa is driven by its interest in the impoverished continent’s rich natural resources, saying Tuesday that it helps poorer countries out of solidarity.

Sud-Kivu : deux vendeuses des braises succombent à la suite des coups reçus à la rivière Ruzizi.

(22/04/2011 – ACP – Digitalcongo.net)

<http://www.digitalcongo.net/article/75210>

Two women have been shot on the Ruzizi River, between Rwanda and the DRC, because they were smuggling charcoal.

DRC

'Obama's law' stirs concern, confusion at key mining area in Congo.

(20/04/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/obama-law-stirs-concern-confusion-key-mining-area-congo>

"We don't understand why President Obama would want to cut off Congo's minerals," said Idrissa Assani, expressing a sentiment clearly shared by his fellow miners who sat together in the dark office of their mining cooperative. "It is the innocents who are vulnerable" and who will suffer most from "Obama's law," he said.

Congo: Awash in mineral riches, Walikale's residents still struggle to get by.

(22/04/2011 – Enough Project)

<http://enoughproject.org/blogs/awash-mineral-riches-walikale%E2%80%99s-residents-still-struggle-get>

The paradox of Congo – ruin caused by years of war and poor governance amid enormous potential wealth – is a common theme when describing the challenges the country faces. But perhaps nowhere is the contradiction of utter lack of development amid abundant natural resources more pronounced than in Walikale, an isolated region in conflict-plagued eastern Congo.

Cobalt's "Rumble in the Jungle".

(21/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page72102?oid=125528&sn=Detail>

The DRC's Katanga Province is the world's principal supplier of mined cobalt but exports are beset with drastic transportation problems which will continue until the Benguela Railway is rebuilt.

Nord-Kivu - L'exploitation du pétrole préoccupe les populations locales.

(23/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104260297.html>

Article on the prospects of oil exploitation in and near the Virunga National Park, North Kivu, and weighing the economic profits and ecological costs.

Le paradoxe de la richesse pétrolière.

(26/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104261282.html>

Article on the fact the DRC gets too little out of its petroleum wealth.

Séoul tente de s'imposer sur le continent.

(20/04/2011 – Africa energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on Seoul's efforts to gain a foothold on the African continent. Among other things the article addresses South Korea's deal with the DRC to build hydro-electric power stations in exchange for Congolese minerals.

Congo's Energy Divide.

(March 2011 – International Rivers)

<http://www.internationalrivers.org/en/node/6400>

The DRC is rebuilding its power grid as part of the war-torn country's reconstruction. Originally built to power copper mines, the grid reaches just 6% of the nation's people and bypasses some of its biggest cities. Rather than improve its citizens' access to electricity, the government plans to provide electricity from the rehabilitated power grid and new dam projects for mining and exports to South Africa and other countries. The rehabilitation's slow pace, ballooning costs and emphasis on energy exports raise serious concerns that it will only perpetuate Congo's great energy divide.

Congo governor offers farmland in mining province.

(22/04/2011 – Reuters)

<http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJ0E73L06F20110422>

A provincial governor in the Democratic Republic of Congo has offered about 14 million hectares of farmland to large-scale farmers to boost agriculture in the mineral-rich Katanga province.

UGANDA

MPs want Onek to explain oil tax.

(25/04/2011 – New Vision)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?newsCategoryId=220&newsId=753169>

Parliament has asked Hilary Onek, the energy minister to explain the capital gains tax levied on petroleum pre-production assets. The move is aimed at ensuring that the public is informed and empowered to hold the leaders accountable. Uganda has already received \$469m as capital gains tax from the sale of blocks 1 and 3A by Heritage Oil to Tullow Oil.

Government Needs Sh31 Billions for Oil Pipeline.

(23/04/2011 – New Vision - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104240024.html>

The Government is seeking sh31.3b to compensate persons in the gazetted Kenya-Uganda oil pipeline corridor. The energy and mineral development state minister, Peter Lokeris, said the project had stalled for a number of years due to lack of funds to compensate the affected people.

Country-Uganda Oil Pipeline Project At Stake.

(25/04/2011 – The East African – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104250705.html>

Political instability in Libya is beginning to take a heavy toll on the progress of the Kenya Uganda oil pipeline -- one of the most critical regional infrastructure projects in East Africa.

China, Norway to Train Citizens in Oil Skills.

(25/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104250023.html>

The China National Offshore Oil Corporation, a Chinese oil company and Norway are to invest in training Ugandans to develop management and engineering skills for the country's oil resource.

International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

DRC

Why Banro is looking for a Chinese dance partner in the DRC.

(22/04/2011 – Mineweb)

<http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page66?oid=125592&sn=Detail>

Progress at Banro's Twangiza gold project could speed up if a Chinese-backed joint venture partner comes into the fold.

China Gold, Banro plan JV on DRC gold projects.

(21/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/china-gold-banro-plan-jv-on-drc-gold-projects-2011-04-21>

China Gold International Enters Into Memorandum of Understanding With Banro Corporation to Develop Gold Business.

(21/04/2011 – Marketwire)

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/china-gold-international-enters-into-memorandum-understanding-with-banro-corporation-tsx-cgg-1505212.htm>

China Gold International Resources Corp. Ltd., is pleased to announce that it has entered into memorandum of understanding with Banro Corporation to jointly develop Banro's Twangiza property, and the related proposed hydro power project. The MOU also provides that the parties intend to extend the cooperation to Banro's other properties located along the Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the DRC.

First Quantum Q1 copper output slides on DRC woes.

(19/04/2011 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.miningweekly.com/article/first-quantum-q1-copper-output-slides-on-drc-woes-2011-04-19>

First Quantum copper production down 13.5%.

(20/04/2011 – Mining Review)

<http://www.miningreview.com/node/19360>

First Quantum Minerals produced 12% less copper in the first quarter of 2011 than the same period the year before, mainly because of the Democratic Republic of Congo's government closure of the Frontier mine, the company said on Tuesday.

Freeport, Lundin Eye Congo Expansion After Contract Approval.

(20/04/2011 – Bloomberg)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-20/freeport-lundin-eye-2-billion-expansion-in-congo-after-contract-approval.html>

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. and Lundin Mining Corp may proceed with plans for an expansion of the \$2 billion Tenke project in the DRC after their revised contract with the government received presidential approval.

Echec des premières explorations pétrolières de la société SOCO, au sud-ouest.

(20/04/2011 – Info Plus Gabon – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104200070.html>

The first explorations carried out by SOCO International did not render the hoped-for results.

L'ENI veut tout, tout de suite.

(20/04/2011 – Africa energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

Article on the negotiations between Kinshasa and the Italian oil company ENI on the the DRC's oil deposits.

Grandes manoeuvres sur le pétrole congolais.

(26/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104260501.html>

Article on the interest international oil companies are showing for the DRC's oil reserves.

Inga III, suspense sur la short-list.

(20/04/2011 – Africa energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

The nine companies that are currently short-listed for the construction of Inga III still have the wait for Kinshasa's final decision.

UGANDA

Heritage Oil to launch \$100m share buyback.

(26/04/2011 – The Telegraph)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/oilandgas/8473277/Heritage-Oil-to-launch-100m-share-buyback.html>

Heritage Oil, the UK oil explorer, announced a \$100m share buyback on Tuesday, after a halving in its share price since January and as the explorer faces a \$313m lawsuit from former partner Tullow Oil.

Tullow Sues Heritage Over Taxes.

(21/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104210112.html>

The recent \$313.5 million legal battle between oil explorers Tullow and Heritage has come down to the interpretation of Uganda's tax laws. The former partners have disagreed since last year on whether the \$1.45 billion sale of two major blocks of oil land in the West should be taxed in the first place.

Tullow Oil Exploration in Lake Albert Rift Set to Resume Soon.

(26/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104260144.html>

Oil and gas explorer, Tullow has reactivated its exploration programme in the Lake Albert Rift basin. According to a statement to Daily Monitor recently, Tullow noted that drilling the two wells in Exploration Area 1 (EA1/Block 1) will commence in less than a month. The announcement follows the signing of the Sale and Purchase Agreements for the farmdown to the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and French Oil Company Total on March 29, 2011.

Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region

Les experts examinent le litige frontalier au niveau de la rivière Ruzizi.

(26/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104261284.html>

Burundian and Congolese experts gathered in Bukavu to discuss the dispute on the Ruzizi border between the two countries.

DRC

Bunia : affrontements entre FARDC et miliciens à Aveba, deux morts et un blessé.

(21/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/21/bunia-affrontements-entre-fardc-et-miliciens-a-aveba-deux-morts-et-un-blesse/>

Armed men attacked FARDC soldiers in Aveba, in Irumu territory.

Lubero: la population déserte Bandulu après l'attaque des Maï Maï Simba.

(20/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/20/lubero-la-population-deserte-bandulu-apres-lattaque-des-mai-mai-simba/>

Last week, Maï Maï Simba attacked the locality of Bandulu in Bapere sector, Lubero territory.

Nord Kivu: Tension receding between Hutus, Tutsis and Nandes at Lubero.

(26/04/2011 – MONUSCO – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398586>

MONUSCO has facilitated 5 provincial parliamentarians' mission to the territory of Sud-Lubero, situated about 150 kms north-west of the city of Goma, to defuse nascent tension there between the Hutus/Tutsis and the Nandes. During their 4-day mission, between 12 and 15 April 2011, the five parliamentarians from Beni, Lubero and Masisi attempted to bring together 388 Hutu/Tutsi and Nande families who consider themselves to be the autochthones and refer to the new comers as "Returnees".

Rapatriement des réfugiés de la RDC.

(21/04/2011 – Africa Info - allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104210914.html>

Congolese refugees who fled interethnic fighting in the Equator province will be repatriated from Congo-Brazzaville in the course of the year.

Brazzaville: prévu pour ce mercredi, le début du rapatriement des réfugiés de la RDC n'a pas eu lieu.

(20/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/20/brazzaville-prevu-pour-ce-mercredi-le-debut-du-rapatriement-des-refugies-de-la-rdc-n%E2%80%99a-pas-eu-lieu/>

The start of the repatriation of Congolese (Kinshasa) refugees from Congo-Brazzaville, which was planned for 20 April, did not take place. UNHCR announced the two Congos will have to agree on a new date.

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Sud-Kivu, 26 avril 2011.

(26/04/2011 – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398521>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire - Province du Nord-Kivu, 26 avril 2011.

(26/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398522>

Action humanitaire en Province Orientale - Rapport mensuel mars 2011.

(25/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398271>

République démocratique du Congo : Insécurité et déplacement (au 31 mars 2011).

(20/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397655> (French)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397654> (English)

Rapport humanitaire mensuel Nord Kivu/RD Congo, mars 2011.

(20/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397614>

Situation humanitaire en République Démocratique du Congo - Note d'information à la presse, 20 avril 2011.

(20/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397589>

Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Nord Kivu - 19 avril 2011.

(20/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397585>

Bulletin d'information humanitaire, Province Orientale - 19 avril 2011.

(20/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397510>

Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire, Province du Sud-Kivu - 19 avril 2011.

(20/04/2011 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/397497>

OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

(23/04/2011 – USAID – Reliefweb)

<http://reliefweb.int/node/398085>

Update from USAID on the humanitarian and security situation in the DRC.

FDLR

Nord-Kivu - La police repousse une attaque d'hommes armés à Walikale.

(26/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104261285.html>

Walikale: la police repousse une attaque d'hommes armés à Kembe.

(24/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/24/walikale-la-police-repousse-une-attaque-d%E2%80%99hommes-armes-a-kembe/>

A PNC patrol clashed with a coalition of FDLR and Maï Maï Cheka rebels in Kembe, Walikale territory.

Fizi: insécurité dans le groupement de Basikasilu.

(21/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/21/fizi-insecurite-dans-le-groupement-de-basikasilu/>

Customary chiefs in Fizi demand the government to tackle the problem of insecurity and pillaging on the main road axes, caused by the FDLR rebels.

Top RUD-Urunana Commander Defects.

(23/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104250816.html>

Colonel Jean Damascene Nizeyimana, the Deputy Commander of a brigade of RUD-Urunana militia, operating in Walikale province, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, has joined other senior members of FDLR, in defecting and returning home. RUD-Urunana is a faction of the FDLR which was declared a terrorist group by the United Nations.

FDLR Campaign in Futile.

(24/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104250738.html>

Several top commanders of the FDLR militia outfit, have defected from its ranks and returned home. In one week, a good number and their escorts have abandoned the rebel group.

Burundi Army Chief Pledges Cooperation.

(27/04/2011 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104270112.html>

Rwanda and Burundi will continue to share information on the FDLR operations in the DRC. This was revealed yesterday by the visiting head of Burundian armed forces, Maj. Gen. Godefroid Niyombare.

LRA**La Monusco planifie les opérations de protection des civils.**

(21/04/2011 – La Prospérité – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104211093.html>

Province Orientale - Les rebelles de la LRA attaquent Doruma.

(23/04/2011 – Le Potentiel allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104260283.html>

The MONUSCO deploys extra patrols in Haut- and Bas-Uélé districts during the Easter weekend, to dissuade the LRA rebels from their traditional Easter attacks.

Selon la Monusco - Une réduction sensible des activités de la LRA observée en Province Orientale.

(21/04/2011 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201104210437.html>

Last week, the MONUSCO observed a serious decrease of the LRA's activities.

Province Orientale: nouvelle attaque des LRA à Doruma.

(22/04/2011 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2011/04/22/province-orientale-nouvelle-attaque-des-lra-a-doruma-2/>

LRA rebels attacked Doruma, 210 kilometres northeast of Dungu, last week.

UGANDA

Ugandan opposition leader arrested for 4th time in walk to work price protest.

(21/04/2011 – Washington Post)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/uganda_top_opposition_leader_arrested_for_4th_time_amid_walk_to_work_protest_over_high_prices/2011/04/21/AFIUUXGE_story.html?wprss=rss_africa

Ugandan opposition leader Kizza Besigye arrested for fourth time.

(21/04/2011 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/21/kizza-besigye-arrested-for-fourth-time>

Ugandan Police Arrest Opposition Leader Besigye.

(21/04/2011 – VoA News)

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Ugandan-Police-Arrest-Opposition-Leader-Besigye-120389524.html>

Ouganda : le leader de l'opposition arrêté pour la troisième fois.

(21/04/2011 – Le Monde)

http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2011/04/21/le-leader-de-l-opposition-ougandaise-arrete-pour-la-troisieme-fois_1510651_3212.html

Ugandan forces fire tear gas, hold opposition leader.

(21/04/2011 – Reuters)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/04/21/uk-uganda-protest-idUKTRE73K0ZM20110421>

Ugandan opposition leader held, protests spread.

(21/04/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE73K0AR20110421?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Ugandan opposition leader arrested again.

(21/04/2011 – CNN)

http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/04/21/uganda.protest/index.html?eref=edition_africa&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_africa+%28RSS%3A+Africa%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Besigye to Celebrate Easter in Jail Over Protests.

(21/04/2011 – Daily Nation – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104211445.html>

Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets Thursday to disperse a growing crowd walking toward the capital's city center and arrested Uganda's top opposition politician for the fourth time in only two weeks.

30 Arrested While Bringing Food to Imprisoned Opposition Leader.

(27/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104270188.html>

Thirty residents of Luweero District were yesterday arrested by police when they tried to take food to Forum for Democratic Change president Kizza Besigye who is being held at a prison in the neighbouring Nakasongola District.

Uganda protests European diplomats' visit to Besigye.

(26/04/2011 – Reuters)

http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE73P0KK20110426?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines

Uganda accused Irish and Dutch diplomats of breaching rules to visit detained opposition leaders in jail and said some unnamed countries were funding the opposition to destabilise the country.

Cabinet Considers Fuel Tax Cut.

(27/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104270181.html>

Cabinet will today decide whether it can afford to cut taxes on oil imports as it seeks to defuse the ongoing protests against rising food and fuel prices.

Militia Plans Attack On Barracks, Says UPDF.

(26/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104260128.html>

The army in Arua is claiming that a new group of armed militia allegedly linked to the organisers of the ongoing walk-to-work campaign, is planning to attack their military bases using bows and arrows.

U.S. Airforce, UPDF Conclude Joint Exercise.

(21/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104210140.html>

A joint military exercise between the US Army and UPDF code-named ATLAS Drop 201 (AD11) was concluded yesterday with a commitment from the two governments to work towards a stronger collaboration. The two-week training consisting of classroom instruction and field training exercise aimed at enhancing competence of the UPDF in handling aerial rescue operations.

Fury as MPs Debate Fighter Jets, Swearing-in Budget.

(23/04/2011 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104230024.html>

With no quorum in the House on Thursday evening, Speaker Edward Ssekandi was forced to adjourn proceedings on a Shs1.5 trillion supplementary budget which seeks monies for fighter jets, and the swearing-in of President Museveni among others. Opposition legislators had put up a spirited fight to have most of the money in the budget cut, citing poor spending methods of the NRM and misplaced priorities at a time when Ugandans are suffering.

IPIS latest publications

IPIS LATEST REPORTS

Guide to Current Mining Reform Initiatives in Eastern DRC.

(April 2011 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

US legislation has brought on a variety of initiatives aiming at mining reform in EDRC. This paper describes the basic elements of these initiatives, their genesis, the current state of affairs, the linkages between the initiatives and the main challenges they face. Further, the paper briefly evaluates the initiatives while focussing on the steps ahead.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: The case of eastern DRC.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/natural-resources.php>

A host of publications over the last decade have highlighted the important role played by artisanal and small-scale mining of coltan, gold and cassiterite in the ongoing conflict in the DRC, yet there is still little awareness of the modus operandi of the various actors involved in the exploitation and trade of these minerals. It is vitally important that initiatives aimed at reforming the artisanal mining industry are based on a thorough knowledge of the political, economic and social dynamics at the grassroots level. This research report analyzes the trading networks within the mining sector and their links to military, economic and political actors in eastern DRC, focusing on the provinces of North and South Kivu, and Ituri District in Orientale Province.

MONUC/MONUSCO and Civilian Protection in the Kivus.

(February 2011 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/publications_internpapers.php

Although UN peace operations have evolved over time, they still do not manage to address the Protection of Civilians (POC) in an effective way as this constitutes a relatively new role for UN peacekeepers. This also applies to the United Nations Mission in the Congo (MONUC) where civilian protection remains a major concern. This paper aims to uncover the challenges MONUC is facing in the country's eastern provinces, North and South Kivu, where civilians are most heavily targeted by violence.

The Karamoja Cluster of eastern Africa: Arms transfers and their repercussions on communal security perceptions.

(December 2010 – IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

The pastoralist societies within the Karamoja Cluster have been unable to adequately defend themselves politically against claims that they, the pastoralists, are responsible for the proliferation of small arms and light weapons in East Africa. This report endeavours in a small way to redress this balance; it is our contention that the majority of the blame for this SALW proliferation should be laid at the doors of the three governments concerned, governments who themselves have failed to adequately address the problems of regional insecurity, weapons diversion and, in many cases, have been quite unable to resist the temptation to support individuals and groups intent on destabilising their neighbours. Although at first sight this linkage between State actors and local actors is, perhaps, not always obvious – and, indeed, may serve to mask the impact of SALW on pastoralists – it is our contention that all unavowed arms transfers are, ipso facto, destabilising and can only serve to exacerbate existing perceptions of communal instability. Indeed, the burden of our song is that any illicit or unavowed transfer of arms will earn a concomitant repercussion in such communal security perceptions.

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility: An analysis of the mining sector in the Kivu hinterlands.

(November 2010 – IPIS / International Alert)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mining-hinterlands.php> (website)

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(January 2011 – IPIS / International Alert)

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The report 'Mining activity and mineral trade in the Kivu hinterland' was commissioned by the Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) of the European Commission and aims to fill an information gap by identifying the principal mining sites and analysing the trade networks of the 'Eastern hinterland' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), located in Maniema, North Katanga and Orientale Province, and the transport networks from these territories to the regional hubs of Bukavu, Goma, Butembo and Bunia.

Mapping the labyrinth: more on the strange weapons flight of 4L-AWA.

(October 2010 – IPIS / TransArms)

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This research report is the third in a series about the case of a IL-76 aircraft used for an apparently clandestine arms flight in provenance from Pyongyang, which was impounded by Thai authorities during a technical stop in Bangkok December 12, 2009. The third updated report presents new information and documents that show other important actors in the chain of companies who managed the flight, shedding a new light on the information included in the previous reports.

Mining Concessions in the DR Congo.

(October 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/mine-concessions-drc.php>

IPIS has produced an interactive web map of all mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The data on this map are official and public data from the Cadastre Minier (CaMi) of the DR Congo, showing the situation as it was on 27 July 2010.

Deadly Movements. Transportation Controls in the Arms Trade Treaty.

(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.

Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.

(July 2007 – IPIS)

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Une analyse de la législation environnementale et de la législation minière de la République Centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.

(June 2010 – IPIS)

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Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.

Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)

(March 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en

Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).

(June 2010 – IPIS)

http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php

It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.

With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.

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