

Invitation

Conflict diamonds from Africa—What is the reaction of the Kimberley Process to human rights violations?

Expert talk and discussion

Wednesday, 10 November 2010,
16:30–18:30 h,
at BICC, Pfarrer-Byns-Straße 1, 53121 Bonn.

Ladies and gentlemen,

On 10 November, in cooperation with the Fatal Transactions campaign and the Zimbabwe Europe Network (ZEN), BICC cordially invites you to an expert talk on Conflict diamonds from Africa—What is the reaction of the Kimberley Process to human rights violations?. A keynote address by Ian Smillie, Diamond Development Initiative, will 'set the scene' for discussions. Smillie is co-author of the leading analysis on conflict diamonds and human rights *The Heart of the Matter* and was member of the UN Security Council Expert Panel on the involvement of diamond trade in the civil war in Sierra Leone. His latest book *Blood on the Stone* takes a critical look at the diamond trade worldwide and the diamond certification scheme Kimberley Process.

- Is the Kimberley Process capable of reacting to new challenges, such as in countries like Zimbabwe, where the military has committed severe human rights violations in diamond areas?
- Can the Process react adequately to conflicts of low intensity in mining areas which do not develop into civil war but are characterized by violence of security forces?

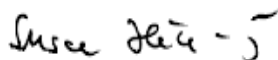
These and other questions will be discussed by the panelists:

- Ian Smillie, Diamond Development Initiative.
- Thomas Albert, Representative for Africa policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (not yet confirmed).
- Shamiso Mtisi, Zimbabwe Environment Law Association (ZELA), Contact person for civil society; Kimberley Process in Zimbabwe.
- Moderator: Lena Guesnet, Researcher BICC.

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We would be pleased to see you at the expert talk. Should you have any questions or wish to interview the panelists, please contact Susanne Heinke, Press spokesperson at BICC (phone: +49-228-91196-44; pr@bicc.de).

Yours sincerely

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