



Environmental Peacebuilding Update

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Announcements

- **[Social Media Launch](#)** - Environmental Peacebuilding is now on [Facebook](#) , [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) . We invite you to like us, follow us, and join in the discussion on natural resources, conflict and peacebuilding. We will be using all three platforms to share jobs, news, and other announcements as they are posted to the knowledge platform.
 - **[New online training - UN and EU partner in a training toolkit for preventing land and natural resources conflict](#)** – The EU-UN Partnership on Land and Natural Resource Conflicts has issued practical guidance notes and training materials on land and conflict, extractives and conflict, renewable resources and conflict, capacity-building for natural resources and conflict prevention in resource rich economies. They are available via the new [EU-UN website](#) .
 - **[Toxic Remnants of War Project: New civil society initiative on conflict and the environment](#)** - The Toxic Remnants of War Project is founding a new network which will call on states and other actors to improve policies and procedures for addressing the consequences of environmental harm generated by conflict, and strengthen obligations governing responsibility, assistance and cooperation.
 - **[Call for Abstract and Research Proposals on Government Development Strategies in the Pastoral areas of the Horn of Africa](#)** - The Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) is calling for Abstracts on Government Development Strategies in the Pastoral areas of the Horn of Africa: lessons learned. The research findings and proposals will largely focus on analyzing government policy and implementation of strategies with solid evidence in pastoralist areas of Africa. (Deadline: February 28, 2014).
 - **[DFID-ESRC China and Africa Research Programme Grant](#)** - The Department for International Development and the Economic and Social Research Council announce a research grant program focused on the comparative economic development impact of China's engagement in sub-Saharan Africa. (Deadline: March 13, 2014).
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Events

- **[Book Launch: Water and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding](#)** - Washington, DC, March 21, 2014, location to be announced.
- **[Alliance for Peacebuilding Annual Conference](#)** - Washington, DC, May 21-23, 2014. The Annual Conference provides a platform to discuss pressing issues in the field and develop collaborative initiatives. One of the themes of the conference explores how the private sector operates in chaotic conflict environments, how corporations consider their roles as peacebuilders, and how the private sector can serve as a positive force in building peace. Organizers encourage a broad range of experts to participate in the event, including practitioners on natural resources and peacebuilding.
- **[UN Environmental Assembly of UNEP](#)** - Nairobi, Kenya, June 23- 27, 2014. The UNEA is mandated to ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders in the governance of UNEP and to promote a strong science-policy interface.
- **[2nd International Summer Academy in Peace-building & Intercultural Dialogue](#)** - Baar, Switzerland, August 17, 2014. The main goal of the international summer academy is to support institutional

academic peace education and strengthen peace-building skills and intercultural dialogue of international society.

- [UNITAR Course: Natural resources management in post-conflict countries](#) – Web-based, September 24 – October 22, 2014. The goal of this UNITAR course is to provide an overview of the role natural resources play in conflict environments, illustrating both positive and negative situations where natural resources have an impact on a conflict and – conversely – how the environment is impacted by conflict. (Registration Deadline: September 17, 2014).
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New Library Resources

- [The Hoe, the Cow and the Gun - New Research on Transhumance in the DRC](#) - Justine Brabant and Jean-Louis K. Nzweve (Life and Peace Institute), 2014. New research report includes an in-depth study of the phenomenon of transhumance which is highlighted as one of the main causes of armed conflict in South Kivu. Full report in French only.
 - [Securing Land Rights Project: Working Paper on Land Tenure Regularization in Rwanda](#) - Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development, 2013. This paper deals with a paradox of one of the most ambitious attempts to secure land rights for a predominantly rural population: the 2007 Rwandan Land Tenure Regularization Program (LTRP).
 - [Nigeria's Criminal Crude: International Options to Combat the Export of Stolen Oil](#) - Christina Katsouris and Aaron Sayne (Chatham House), 2013. This report analyses the international dimensions of Nigerian crude oil theft and explores what the international community could do about it.
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Jobs and Fellowships

- [UNICEF: WASH Emergency Coordinator \(P-4\) Bangui, CAR \(SURGE\)](#) - Accountable for the development, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of UNICEF's WASH emergency response to safeguard and improve public health in Central African Republic. (Deadline: February 4, 2014).
- [Flora & Fauna International: Programme Manager, West Africa](#) – This position will be based either at Flora & Fauna International's office in Cambridge, UK, with regular travel to West Africa or will be based in the West Africa region. (Deadline: February 16, 2014).
- [Conservation International: Senior Vice President - Center for Environment and Peace](#) - The Senior Vice President for the Center for Environment and Peace will implement an ambitious strategy encompassing international policy goals, ambitious fundraising targets and the development of a new program area focusing on the relationship between peace and the environment. (Deadline: February 21, 2014).
- [UNEP: Disasters & Conflicts Programme - Senior Programme Officer \(P5\)](#) - UNEP is looking for Senior Programme Officers to coordinate the sub programme in Disasters & Conflict. (Deadline: March 16, 2014).
- [UNEP: Disasters & Conflicts Programme - Regional Humanitarian Affairs Officer \(P4\)](#) – UNEP is looking for senior experts to act as Regional Focal Points in the deployment of environmental expertise to crisis affected countries. (Deadline: March 1, 2014).
- [UNEP: Disasters & Conflicts Programme - Communications Assistant Internship](#) - Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Communications Advisor, the communication internship

program supports the implementation of the communications strategies for UNEP's Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch with partners, media and the public. (Deadline February 14, 2014).

- [Mercy Corps: Conflict Mitigation and Resource Management Program Manager - Nepal](#) - Program Manager for the Conflict Management and Mitigation and Inclusive Resource Management Initiative. Responsible for administration and implementation of a USAID-funded peacebuilding program with strong natural resources management elements. (Apply immediately).
- [International Alert: Specialist Consultants Required in Peacebuilding Sector](#) - International Alert is requesting Expressions of Interest for short and long term assignments from specialists with experience in areas including peacebuilding, climate & environment, and advanced research techniques. (Deadline: February 23, 2014).

International News Highlights

- [Elephant Campaign: How Africa's "White Gold" Funds the al-Shabaab Militants](#) - Vidhi Doshi, *The Independent*, February 3, 2014.
- [Saving More Than Just Snow Leopards](#) - Peter Zahler & George Schaller, *The New York Times*, February 1, 2014.
- [Congo's Poachers Threatened with U.N. Sanctions](#) - Reuters, January 31, 2014.
- [Security Council Grants Year-long Mandate Extension for United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Central African Republic](#) - United Nations, January 28, 2014 .
- [Rebels in Syria Claim Control of Resources](#) - Ben Hubbard, Clifford Krauss & Eric Schmitt, *The New York Times*, January 28, 2014.
- [Wikileaks, Drought & Syria](#) - Thomas Friedman, *The New York Times*, January 21, 2014.

About our Community of Practice

[Environmental Peacebuilding](#) is a knowledge platform and global community of practice on natural resources, conflict, and peace, hosted by the Environmental Law Institute (ELI), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), McGill University, and the University of Tokyo. The platform unites a global network of researchers, practitioners, and decision makers in sharing experiences and lessons from managing natural resources in fragile states and conflict-affected settings. The platform also helps people to access new publications on the topic, conduct new research, and participate in events to support the growth of the field. As part of our Community of Practice, we bring you biweekly updates on recent developments, including news about our program as well as links to new publications, upcoming conferences and events, and job openings. Please visit us at www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org for more information. Financial support for the platform has been provided by the Government of Finland, USAID, and the European Commission.

Sharing and Posting Materials

The strength of the knowledge platform depends on submissions and suggestions on contents from users. To share publications and information on events, job opportunities, and other announcements, please contact share@environmentalpeacebuilding.org. Please also feel free to share ideas on how the platform can be further improved to meet your needs.

Key Platform Statistics

	Group Members	Page Visits	Program Publications	Library Resources
Jan 1 - 31, 2014	670	4573	75	141
Dec 1 - 31, 2013	492	2087	75	119
Nov 1 - 30, 2013	298	5866	75	108

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