



### Announcements

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#### **Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform Expands Listing of Courses, Seeks Additional Courses to Include**

8 June 2015 | ELI & UNEP

Three environmental peacebuilding courses by Outward Bound Peacebuilding have been added to the Environmental Peacebuilding Knowledge Platform. They are the "Palestinian and Israeli Emerging Leaders Program" (1 year), "Practicum on Experiential Peacebuilding" (10 days), and, "SPI: Developing Peace Leadership in the Wilderness" (7 days). [Read More](#)

### Events

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For more upcoming events on environmental peacebuilding, please visit our [online calendar of events](#).

#### **Book Launch: Oil to Cash: Fighting the Resource Curse with Cash Transfers**

10 June 2015 | Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C.

This new book proposes a radical new policy option for countries facing the daunting challenges of natural resource windfalls: citizen dividends. Authors Todd Moss, Caroline Lambert, and Stephanie Majerowicz make the case for every citizen to receive a share of their nation's resource wealth through a regular, universal, and rules-based...

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#### **Transatlantic Climate Security Dialogue**

16 June 2015 | Global Governance Institute, Brussels, Belgium

This event will bring together around 30 high level experts from the climate, security and foreign policy community. The security and defense community has long understood how climate change can be a driver of conflict. However, EU action on integrating this into security and foreign policy has been a challenge... [Read More](#)

#### **Climate Security: The Next 'Battle Ground'?**

17 June 2015 | Atlantic Council and the EU, Washington, DC

As the international community heads to COP21 in Paris this December, much of the public discourse focuses on the relationship between climate and the environment. Equally important, however, are the ways countries address the global security threats that arise from climate change. [Read More](#)

### **Investing in Stability: Can Extractive Sector Development Help Build Peace?**

19 June 2015 | Chatham House, London, UK

This event coincides with the launch of a new Chatham House research paper entitled, "Investing in Stability: Can Extractive Sector Development Help Build Peace?" The paper explores the impact of resource development in fragile conflict and post-conflict situations. At this event, the authors will present the key findings of the paper. [Read More](#)

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## **Library**

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In the last two weeks, 25 new publications were added to our [online library](#) of materials on environmental peacebuilding. Here is a sampling of the new additions:

### **Regional NGO Master Plan for Sustainable Development in the Jordan Valley**

EcoPeace Middle East, Global Nature Fund, and Stockholm International Water Institute, 2015

The overall objective of this master plan is to promote peace, prosperity and security in the Jordan Valley and the adjacent regions. All three governments, Jordanian, Israeli and Palestinian have shown considerable leadership to date in advancing sanitation solutions and in their master planning efforts. [Read More](#)

### **Un processus participatif pour réduire les conflits fonciers au Senegal**

International Institute for Environment and Development, 2014

Des communautés rurales ont participé à la vulgarisation des 'Plans d'occupation et d'affectation des sols' (POAS) au niveau local dans le bassin de l'Anambé au Sénégal. Cette démarche a nettement réduit le nombre de conflits fonciers dans la région et pourrait être reproduite ailleurs. [Read More](#)

### **Human Rights and Resource Conflicts in the Amazon**

Torkjell Leira (Rainforest Foundation Norway, 2015)

This report investigates an alarming increase in human rights violations in the Amazon region. Human rights defenders, environmental activists and indigenous peoples are facing attacks and are being put under systematic pressure, and rights to land and to consultation are regularly encroached. [Read More](#)

## **Local Conflicts and Natural Resources: A Balancing Act for Latin American Governments**

Lisa Viscidi and Jason Fargo (Inter-American Dialogue, 2015)

This Inter-American Dialogue report examines the reasons behind clashes over energy and extractive industries projects, analyzes the challenges for governments seeking to balance investment needs with local communities' grievances and offers recommendations to reduce conflicts in four Latin American countries – Peru, Colombia, Mexico and Chile. [Read More](#)

## **Transboundary Water Management and the Climate Change Debate**

Anton Earle, Ana Elisa Cascao, Stina Hansson, Anders Jägerskog, Ashok Swain, and Joakim Öjendal (Routledge, 2015)

Climate change has an impact on the ability of transboundary water management institutions to deliver on their respective mandates. The starting point for this book is that actors within transboundary water management institutions develop responses to the climate change debate separately from the physical phenomenon of climate change. [Read More](#)

## **Contested Development in Nepal: Experiences and Reflections**

Sagar Raj Sharma, Bishnu Raj Upreti, Prabin Manandhar, and Mahendra Sapkota (Kathmandu University and Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, 2014)

Emerging from a decade long violent conflict, Nepal is at a crossroads where it is faced with some major tasks to accomplish in the near future – drafting a new constitution, addressing its democratic deficit and institutionalizing democracy, concluding the peace process, and paving the path for socio-economic development of the... [Read More](#)

## **Environmental Conflicts Management in Rwanda: The Role of Decentralization**

Peter J. Mugume (University of Gothenburg, 2015)

This thesis concerns the management of environmental conflicts in post-genocide Rwanda through decentralization. The study advances knowledge in the field of peace and development. The thesis contributes an exploration of whether and how decentralization promotes the management of environmental conflicts. [Read More](#)

## **Mining in Sierra Leone: An Overview of the Current Legal Framework**

Yann Alix (Herbert Smith Freehills, 2015)

Sierra Leone is a resource-rich country, unfortunately known for its 'conflict' or 'blood' diamonds used by the rebellion during the 1991–2002 civil war. However, its fertile soil also contains iron ore, rutile, bauxite and gold and its mining sector was relatively advanced and mechanised before industrial large-scale mining ceased in... [Read More](#)

## **Seed Governance: From Seed Aid to Seed System Security in Fragile Areas**

Edith Boekraad (Cordaid, 2014)

Intergovernmental agencies and development organizations, including Cordaid, consider interventions directed at seed security of utmost importance to support smallholders recovering from conflict situations and disasters, and to contribute to revitalisation of local agricultural production and food security. [Read More](#)

### **A Land Title is Not Enough: Ensuring Sustainable Land Restitution in Colombia**

Amnesty International, 2014

The violent struggle to control territory for economic, military and political reasons, coupled with high levels of rural poverty and the high concentration of land ownership among relatively few owners, has been one of the root causes of Colombia's 50 year-old internal armed conflict. [Read More](#)

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## **Jobs**

Please visit our [jobs page](#) to view these positions and other job opportunities.

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo: General Manager (Deadline: 2015-06-12)**

17 May 2015 | Esco Kivu

Established in 1970, Esco Kivu came out of the coffee exporting business and now strives to be the bridge between smallholder farmers and the export markets for good quality cocoa, cinchona, and vanilla from Eastern DRC. [Read More](#)

### **Ethiopia: Thematic Director, Crop Productivity and Enhancement (Deadline: 2015-06-16)**

2 June 2015 | Sasakawa Africa Association

The Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA) is seeking a Crop Productivity Enhancement Theme Director (TD-CPE). This position will be based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The TD-CPE will work within a matrix management system that includes a number of staff in management-related positions - two Executive Directors (EDs) for Programmes and for Management; the Managing... [Read More](#)

### **Cambodia: Conservation Program Manager (Deadline: 2015-06-19)**

2 June 2015 | World Wildlife Fund

WWF-Cambodia is looking for a qualified and energetic Conservation Programme Manager who is responsible for the implementation of the Country Conservation Programme and contributing to the Greater Mekong Programme Strategic Plan. He/she will have the chance to lead and provides measurable inputs to ensure the delivery of an challenging and interesting conservation strategy and... [Read More](#)

### **Rwanda, Kenya, Burundi: Africa Government Officer (Deadline: 2015-06-22)**

17 July 2014 | One Acre Fund

One Acre Fund is increasingly exploring opportunities to work together with the Ministries of Agriculture in the countries where we work. There exist very powerful opportunities to partner with the Ministries to both shape policy, but more importantly to implement effective policy, coordinated together with our significant field presence.

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**Nepal: Country Representative (Deadline: 2015-06-30)**

2 June 2015 | International Union for Conservation of Nature

IUCN is seeking applications from qualified individuals to recruit a dynamic and self-motivated professional for a Country Representative post in IUCN Nepal Country Office. The Country Representative is the head of IUCN's operations in Nepal under the agreement between IUCN and the Government of Nepal, and has the overall responsibility of... [Read More](#)

**Africa/Asia: Researcher on Women and Land (Deadline: 2015-06-30)**

2 June 2015 | Human Rights Watch

The Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch ("HRW") is seeking highly-qualified applicants for the position of Researcher on Women and Land. This position will be responsible for developing and implementing a research and advocacy agenda focusing on the impacts of large-scale international land acquisitions on women's human rights in... [Read More](#)

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## International News

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**Iraq: Iraq to Form Special 'Oil Army' to Fend off ISIL Threat**

8 June 2015 | Andrew Critchlow, The Telegraph

Iraq is mobilising a 27,000 strong army of security personnel to protect its oil and energy facilities from attacks by Islamic State insurgents. Adel Abdel Mahdi, Iraq's oil minister, gave details of the new force at the end of the meetings of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). [Read More](#)

**Cote d'Ivoire/Liberia: Land Conflict Still Brewing at Liberia/Ivorian Border: Fear Mounts**

5 June 2015 | Cholo Brooks, GNN Liberia

Continued land disputes between Liberia and Ivory Coast are still ongoing as Liberians in some towns in Grand Gedeh County say Ivorians are encroaching on Liberian soil on a daily basis. They are planting cocoa and other crops, giving rise to a situation that they said is creating fear amongst... [Read More](#)

**Timor-Leste: Timor-Leste Presses Ahead with Challenge to Timor Sea Oil and Gas**

## **Treaty**

5 June 2015 | Daniel Hurst, The Guardian

Timor–Leste is set to resume a formal challenge against an oil and gas treaty that became mired in controversy following claims Australia bugged the cabinet room in Dili to gain the upper hand in negotiations. But the government of Timor–Leste has decided to withdraw an International Court of Justice case... [Read More](#)

## **Iraq: IS Reduces Water Supply to Government Areas in Iraq's Anbar**

4 June 2015 | Sameer N. Yacoub, Associated Press

Islamic State militants have reduced the amount of water flowing to government–held areas in Iraq's western Anbar province, officials said Thursday, a move that highlights the use of water as a weapon of war and puts more pressure on Iraqi forces struggling to claw back ground held by the extremists... [Read More](#)

## **South Sudan: Meet the South Sudanese Farmers Who Want to Feed Their War-Torn Nation**

1 June 2015 | Charlotte Alfred, Huffington Post

Pineapple farmer Marko Bagayowya has big plans. He wants to build a juice factory and sell South Sudan–made drinks. He wants to leave his four children an inheritance, something his own father was unable to do. [Read More](#)

## **Iraq/Kurdistan: Erbil Warns Baghdad It May Sell Oil 'On Its Own'**

31 May 2015 | Middle East Monitor

The regional government in Erbil has the right to sell its own oil if Baghdad does not uphold its part of an oil agreement, the Iraqi Kurdish administration's parliament speaker said Saturday. Speaker Yusif Muhammad Sadiq said that the Kurdish administration had alternatives if the central government continued not dispersing... [Read More](#)

## **China/South China Sea: China Says It Could Set Up Air Defense Zone in South China Sea**

31 May 2015 | Edward Wong, New York Times

A Chinese admiral said Sunday that Beijing could set up an air defense zone above disputed areas of the South China Sea if it thought it was facing a large enough threat, according to Chinese news media. [Read More](#)

## **Iraq: OPEC under Siege as ISIL Threatens World's Oil Lifeline**

30 May 2015 | Andrew Critchlow, The Telegraph

Thick black smoke rising from the Baiji oil refinery could be seen as a dirty smudge on the horizon as far away as Baghdad after fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) set fire to the enormous processing plant just over 100 miles north of the... [Read More](#)

### **Liberia: Protesters Invade Liberia Palm Oil Plantation, Injure Official**

28 May 2015 | Reuters

Armed protesters entered a palm oil plantation in southeastern Liberia, taking several people hostage and injuring a senior government official, police officials and the company that owns the project said on Wednesday. The violent demonstrations first broke out on Tuesday at a plantation in Sinoe County run by Golden Veroleum... [Read More](#)

### **Sudan: Sudan Orders Chinese Gold Miners to Stop Digging Immediately**

27 May 2015 | Want China Times

The government of Sudan has stunned Chinese investors in gold mining in the country by ordering them to stop extraction operations within 24 hours or face arrest. As a result, most Chinese gold extracting enterprises have stopped production, while others have hired local contractors to keep their factories running. [Read More](#)

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## **Blogs & Opinion**

In the last two weeks, 5 [blogs & opinion pieces](#) on environmental peacebuilding were posted on our website.

### **Oil and Sustainable Peace in South Sudan**

5 June 2015 | Gurtong

Shortly after independence, the National Legislative Assembly enacted two important pieces of legislation: Petroleum Act (2012) and Petroleum Revenue Management Act (2013). These two laws are widely considered to represent good industry practice. If fully implemented, the laws could set the foundation for a vibrant and sustainable petroleum sector. [Read More](#)

### **Revealed: How America Could Stop China in the South China Sea**

5 June 2015 | Robert A. Newson and Lauren Dickey

Beijing's release of its new military strategy has surely captured the attention of many. Now, more than ever before, the Chinese military has made clear its intentions to develop maritime capabilities that will enable Beijing to assert claims to sovereignty in the South China Sea and project military reach far beyond their... [Read More](#)

### **The Danger of False Narratives: Al-Shabaab's Faux Ivory Trade**

5 June 2015 | John Campbell

Elephants are being slaughtered and their tusks sold, in order to finance deadly attacks by Somalia's terrorist group al-Shabaab. This narrative linking poaching and al-Shabaab financing has been widely touted. It hit the international spotlight thanks to

high profile attention from U.S. congressmen, former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta. [Read More](#)

### **Companies Mark Major Benchmark, Support a Conflict-Free Minerals Trade in Congo**

1 June 2015 | Annie Callaway

Today marks the deadline for publicly traded companies in the United States to disclose the potential presence of conflict minerals in their supply chains, and what they're doing about it. In a recent statement, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Sakharov Prize winner Doctor Denis Mukwege said of the issue, "A conflict-free minerals industry... [Read More](#)

### **Saudi Arabia's War in Yemen Could Change OPEC's Entire Strategy**

1 June 2015 | Elena Holodny

OPEC's hands-off policy in the oil market is expected to continue after the cartel meets in Vienna on June 5. This policy includes an aggressive pace of oil production despite extremely volatile oil prices. However, if prices once again move significantly lower and look like they'll stay there all the way into 2016,... [Read More](#)

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## **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](http://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org) for more information. Financial support for the platform has been provided by the Government of Finland, USAID, and the European Commission.

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## **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](mailto:share@environmentalpeacebuilding.org). Please also feel free to share ideas on how the platform can be further improved to meet your needs.

## Platform Statistics

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	<b>Members</b>	<b>Page Views</b>	<b>Library</b>
May, 2015	2415	6368	1561
April, 2015	2387	6936	1499
March, 2015	2331	6014	1449
February, 2015	2275	5646	1370
January, 2015	2252	6916	1277
November, 2013	298	5866	108

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