



# Environmental Peacebuilding Update

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## Announcements

- **[Social Media](#)** - Environmental Peacebuilding is developing a [LinkedIn](#) page to foster a vibrant discussion on natural resources, conflict, and peacebuilding; please join us! We also invite you to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). We are using all three platforms to share jobs, news, and other announcements as they are posted to the knowledge platform.
  - **[Water, People, Agriculture - PhD Scholarship Information](#)** - The "Water, People, Agriculture" Research Training Group is looking for applications for their PhD Scholarship on research proposals in one of the research themes indicated on their page. Scholarships of the Anton & Petra Ehrmann-Stiftung Research Training Group are based on a monthly payment rate of 1300 Euro for a maximum period of 36 months. (Application Deadline: March 1, 2014).
  - **[Call for Applications: 2014 Media Course on Oil, Gas, and Minerals](#)** - The Revenue Watch Institute-Natural Resource Charter is rolling out this year's training program for African journalists interested in improving their knowledge of and skills in covering the extractive sectors of oil, gas, and minerals. This call for applications is intended for early- to mid-career journalists working with media organizations in Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda. (Application Deadline: March 15, 2014).
  - **[2014 Call for Proposals: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone](#)** - Open Society Initiative for West Africa seeks proposals aimed at achieving objectives relating to governance, conflict prevention, and natural resource management in the priority countries listed. (Submission Deadline: May 30, 2014).
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## Events

- **[Environmental and Social Conflict Resolution in the Resources Sector](#)** - Live Webcast, February 18, 2014. The course is aimed at all extractive industry managers and practitioners who engage with local communities and other external stakeholders. It may be of particular relevance for community relations/social performance and environment staff and legal and compliance officers. Staff from technical professions who are seeking to build their knowledge about the social aspects of mining are also welcome.
- **[Pillage: Exploring the Links between Armed Conflict and Natural Resource Exploitation](#)** - American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC, February 20, 2014. Join four expert panelists from leading organizations for an exploration of the law of pillage in international humanitarian law as it relates to the exploitation of natural resources in conflict-affected states.
- **[Book Launch: Water and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding](#)** - Environmental Law Institute, Washington, DC, March 21, 2014. This launch event will celebrate the publication of "Water and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding," the fourth book in the series on strengthening post-conflict peacebuilding through natural resource management.
- **[The University of California Berkeley \(UCB\) and the University for Peace \(UPEACE\) - Summer Peace Institute](#)** - This summer course on current world issues related to peacebuilding and human security is held at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) in Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica. A n intensive two-week field study assignment provides the opportunity to interact with a variety of both

governmental and non-governmental institutions and actors working in the areas of environment, health, food security, education, development, gender equity, conflict resolution and other human security issues.

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## New Library Resources

- [Conflicts over Natural Resources in the Global South: Conceptual Approaches](#) - Maarten Bavinck, Lorenzo Pellegrini, and Erik Mostert, eds. 2014. This report presents conceptual approaches to interdisciplinary projects ranging from green criminology and political ecology to institutional analysis, legal pluralism and identity politics, providing an understanding of conflict as well as cooperation over natural resources.
- [Local-Level Agreements in Darfur](#) - United Nations Environment Programme, 2014. This report looks beyond internationally-driven peacebuilding initiatives to locally owned, bottom-up peacebuilding efforts in Darfur. The report discusses security and livelihood concerns including natural resources.
- [Greening in the Red Zone](#) - Keith G. Tidball and Marianne E. Krasny, 2014. "Greening in the red zone" refers to post-catastrophe (including post-conflict), community-based stewardship of nature, and how these often spontaneous, local stewardship actions serve as a source of social-ecological resilience in the face of severe hardship.
- [Sudan's Spreading Conflict: The Limits of Darfur's Peace Process](#) - International Crisis Group, 2014. This report contains a summary and analysis of recent developments in the Darfur peace process, and includes recommendations for the government of Sudan and for international actors.
- [Fragile States 2014: Domestic Revenue Mobilization](#) - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, 2014. The report reveals that aid remains the largest source of development finance for fragile least-developed countries, while remittances from migrants have outpaced aid in other fragile states. Those transfers could be used better to finance development; this report provides insights on how to do this.
- [Ending Conflict & Building Peace in Africa: A Call to Action](#) - African Development Bank, 2014. In this report, the High-Level Panel on Fragile States in Africa reviews the likely sources of fragility in Africa in the coming years and to make recommendations both for the Bank and the wider policy community as to how they should be addressed.
- [Fields of Bitterness \(I\): Land Reform in Burundi](#) - International Crisis Group, 2014. This report examines why reform has failed to improve land governance since the 2000 Arusha peace agreement. Fourteen years later, while 90 per cent of the population depends on agriculture, many suffer from malnutrition and land disputes remain a primary cause of violence in rural areas. Solving the land problem is critical to long-term political stability and economic growth.
- [Reverse the Curse: Maximizing the Potential of Resource-driven Economies](#) - Richard Dobbs, Jeremy Oppenheim, Adam Kendall, Fraser Thompson, Martin Bratt, and Fransje van der Marel (McKinsey Global Institute), 2013. The research explores best practices on six fronts: building the resource sector's institutions and governance, developing infrastructure, ensuring robust fiscal policy and competitiveness, supporting local content, deciding how to spend resource windfalls wisely, and transforming resource wealth into broader economic development.

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## Jobs and Fellowships

- [\*\*UNDP: International Consultant - New Deal Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, Kabul, Afghanistan\*\*](#) - Under the direct supervision of Ministry of Finance, Director of Aid Management Directorate and Manager of Aid Effectiveness and Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance (MoF) and with support from the UNDP New Deal Project Manager, the international consultant will be responsible for conducting research on Afghanistan's development and national strategies to identify lessons, issues and existing data sets that will support the objectives of the New Deal study. (Deadline: February 18, 2014).
- [\*\*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).
- [\*\*UNEP: Disasters & Conflicts Programme - Regional Humanitarian Affairs Officer, Nairobi; Panama City\*\*](#) - 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).
- [\*\*International Rescue Committee: Emergency Response Coordinator, Myanmar\*\*](#) - The ERC will oversee the emergency response program in mainly in the Rakhine state. The ERC is responsible for ensuring rapidity of response, scale of assistance and timely delivery of program activities, while maintaining a positive relationship with State Ministries and other partners. (Deadline: March 29, 2014).
- [\*\*Environmental Law Institute: Research Intern in Post-Conflict Natural Resource Management\*\*](#) - The Environmental Law Institute seeks an off-site intern to conduct research and assist in editing on a global project to strengthen post-conflict peacebuilding through natural resource management. The intern will conduct research, review scholarly material, assist with editing and publishing the six volumes and perform various administrative tasks. (Deadline: rolling).
- [\*\*Act Change Transform: Program Officer - Environment and Natural Resources - Water Resources Management, Nairobi, Kenya\*\*](#) - The program officer will be responsible for providing technical support on water as a natural resources as well as NRM advocacy programming. The post holder is primarily responsible for providing leadership on mainstreaming water management issues within the Environment and Natural Resources Management platform ensuring responsiveness to the context and all its initiatives are based on sound external analysis.

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## International News Highlights

- [\*\*Whose Garbage Is This Anyway?\*\*](#) - Thomas Friedman, *The New York Times*, February 8, 2014.
  - [\*\*Why Global Water Shortages Pose Threat of Terror and War\*\*](#) - Suzanne Goldenberg, *The Guardian*, February 8, 2014.
  - [\*\*Oil, Libyans' Bargaining Chip\*\*](#) - Kevin Casey, *Sada: Middle East Analysis*, Carnegie Endowment, February 11, 2014.
  - [\*\*Apple in Conflict Mineral 'Name and Shame' Crackdown\*\*](#) - Dave Lee, *BBC News*, February 13, 2014.
  - [\*\*Ivory Coast Joins the African Gold Rush - But It's No Quick Fix for the Economy\*\*](#) - *The Guardian*, February 16, 2014.
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## About our Community of Practice

[Environmental Peacebuilding](http://www.environmentalpeacebuilding.org) 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.

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