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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With this Newsbrief we would like to bring to your attention two of our activities in support of current UN processes, respectively on arms trade, and sanctions to prevent natural resources from fuelling conflict. In both cases, the relationship between member states' domestic legislation and the UN are central.

On March 18, FES New York will co-host a discussion event for UN Member States that will gather again in New York for what is officially called the Final Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty. The treaty negotiators will have only nine short days to resolve a number of contentious issues to establish high common standards for international trade in conventional arms. Not only would this document have to be agreed upon by consensus, but signatories will also have to ratify it later domestically.

On March 21-22, together with its partners, FES New York will launch a year-long, global dialogue that revisits the existing UN Security Council sanctions regime on natural resources with the aim to formulate recommendations towards a globally more shared approach. Security Council sanctions are very often circumvented by national and international actors thus undermining well-intended national and international legal obligations.

In addition, I would like to draw your attention to FES's participation in this year's World Social Forum in Tunis, Tunisia, where colleagues from many offices will present a series of seminars on topics such as "Revolution or Evolution? Strategies for political change in the MENA region" and "Eco-Social Fiscal Justice as Part of a Holistic

Post 2015 Agenda". Following on the interest in our recent publication *The Future We the People Need: Voices from New Social Movements in North Africa, Middle East, Europe and North America*, FES New York will also present the strategy and outcomes of this publication project in a workshop on "Global Sustainability Goals".

As usual, I hope this Newsbrief will make for informative reading.

With best wishes from New York,



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#### **Upcoming Event**

##### **"Arms Transfer, Transparency, and the ATT"**

**March 18, 2013, 1:15 - 2:30 pm**

**UN Headquarters, New York, North Lawn Building, Conference Room B**

On the occasion of the beginning of the final conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) on March 18, 2013, FES New York will co-host a side-event at the UN that will bring together various actors' perspectives to strengthen the regulation of international trade in conventional arms. The side event coincides with the launch of an updated version of the SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, which will highlight the importance of transparency for a robust, legally binding treaty.

#### **[Program](#)**

#### **Upcoming Event**

##### **"UN Security Council Sanctions on Natural Resources: Towards a More Global Approach"**

**March 21/22, 2013**

**UN Church Center, New York**

**(By Invitation Only)**

FES New York co-sponsors this two-day exchange of views on current sanctions as a

means to prevent natural resources revenues from fuelling conflicts. Current UN natural resources-related sanctions are linked with governance and due diligence standards that may not adequately reflect global variations in trading concepts, particularly those of the political South. This dialogue initiates a year-long series of events and activities, which should help formulate recommendations for more effective sanctions and due diligence guidelines designed to inspire truly global observance.

#### Program

[CCI Sanctions and Natural Resources Dialogue](#)

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#### **Upcoming Events at World Social Forum in Tunis, Tunisia**

**"Global Sustainability Goals: The way forward in shaping transformation towards a more equitable, just and sustainable world"**

**Workshop/Panel Discussion sponsored by FES, Global Policy Forum, Social Watch, DAWN**

**27 March 2013, 11:30-14:00 hrs<sup>3</sup>**

The present framework of international development goals revolving around "Millennium Development Goals" for the year 2015 does not provide adequate answers to the global problems, whether global warming or growing inequalities. Both the debate over a post-2015 agenda as well as the agreement at the Rio conference to formulate Sustainable Development Goals now offers the opportunity to readdress holistic concepts of prosperity and progress in societies. What could an integrated system of Global Sustainability Goals look like? What are its normative foundations? Beyond goals: what accountability mechanisms must be put in place? How could such goals be embedded in a rights-based approach to development and a system of fair burden-sharing?

With: Roberto Bissio, Social Watch; Anita Nayar/Nicole Bidegain, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) (tbc); Jens Martens, GPF Europe; Ziad Abdel Samad, Arab NGO Network for Development (tbc); Jean Saldanha, International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE) (tbc); Sara Burke, FES New York Office.

FES Senior Policy Analyst Sara Burke will also be on the panel of UBUNTU's "Governance and Democracy: linking global and local needs in an interdependent world" workshop on 27 March 2013, 11:30-14:00hrs.

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#### **Past Event**

**"Lessons Learned From the 2012 QCPR Process"**

**February 28, 2013**

**UN Headquarters, New York**

After the UN General Assembly adopted in December 2012 Resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of UN operational activities for development, on February 28, 2013, FES New York hosted a workshop for key participants in the 2012 QCPR process. The meeting, which was opened by Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary-General, UNDESA, helped to formulate lessons learned that should also inform the planning and organization of other major intergovernmental processes in the future.

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