

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With this last UN in Focus Newsbrief of 2015, the team at the New York Office of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung would like to sincerely thank you for all your interest and the manifold interactions throughout the year.

We are very pleased to share with you some information on our activities in the recent weeks such as an event with the World Bank Group on a diagnostic framework for implementation of the SDGs. This event allowed us to host Nobel Laureate Professor A. Michael Spence who gave a key note address on the agenda for investment and sustainable growth.

As always we look forward to your comments and feedback.

Wishing you very happy holidays and a peaceful, joyful and successful New Year!

With kind regards,



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Past Event: "From Goals to Implementation: Growth, Inclusiveness, and Trajectories"

December 1, 2015
United Nations HQ

Hosted by the World Bank Group and the New York Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, this event featured an address by Nobel Laureate Professor A. Michael Spence.

The event consisted of two related presentations. The first presentation discussed the need to invest in inclusiveness, sustainability, and growth as a prerequisite for attaining the SDGs. The second presentation was the launch of a country development diagnostic framework, which assesses implementation challenges, potential policies, and sources of fiscal space for countries to achieve the 2030

Agenda.

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Past Event: "Utilizing the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNPGs) in the context of extractive industries - benefits and challenges"

November 18, 2015

Palais des Nations, Geneva

On the occasion of the Fourth Forum of Business and Human Rights, the New York and Geneva Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung co-hosted a Side Event together with the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA).

In line with the focus of the Forum, this session aimed to contribute to multi-stakeholder dialogue and engagement while exploring the benefits and challenges related to the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNPGs) in the context of extractive industries.

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Report: [Human Rights, Peacebuilding and Extractive Industries at a Crossroads](#)

Past Event: "Mining Communities in post-conflict settings: New Challenges and Opportunities for Peacebuilding"

November 17, 2015

Palais des Nations, Geneva

In a number of conflict regions, sanctions and due diligence regimens remain unable to prevent natural resources from fueling armed conflict. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and elsewhere, criminal networks and elite extort an ever-growing share of mining profits at the expense of local communities. Against this backdrop, the FES Geneva and New York Office, in cooperation with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), co-hosted a panel discussion on new developments, challenges and opportunities for peacebuilding in affected mining communities.

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