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New GPF Report: Contracting Insecurity



Today Global Policy Forum publishes a new report on recent developments and practices of the security outsourcing of the UN. GPF's Lou Pingeot discusses the increasing use of private military and security companies (PMSCs), the shifting understanding of their role and activities, and how this influences the perception of the UN by other actors. The report discusses the UN's attempt to increase transparency and accountability in their selection processes of PMSCs. Finally, Pingeot calls on the UN, member states, and civil society to adopt a more ambitious and radical approach to PMSCs.

The Ecological Dimension in the Post-2015 Agenda



In 2012, the Rio+20 Conference agreed upon launching negotiations for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the Post-2015 era. While the MDGs' targets were aimed at poverty reduction, several southern countries aimed at formulating and implementing concrete goals for a new agenda for sustainability and development. In a new publication German environmental and development organizations have therefore engaged in

the discussion and present a set of ecological sustainability goals to be included in the Post-2015 Agenda and to put the ecology in the focus of the future SDGs.

New OECD report on automatic information exchange: Will developing countries be left out?



Today the OECD presented its report on a new global standard for countries and tax havens to exchange information with each other, a new tool for fighting the scourge of tax evasion. The report contains many positive elements but falls far short of what the world's citizens desperately need – especially citizens in poorer countries.

Moving Beyond The Corporate Vision of Sustainability



In this column, Share the World's Resources' Rajesh Makwana calls for an end to the corporate capture of sustainable development policies, especially at the international level. Makwana cautions against the growing influence of corporate interests in UN processes and the pro-market solutions they advocate for, in particular the concept of a "green economy" that does not question the growth paradigm and proposes to monetize nature. His column comes at a time when GPF has just co-published a working paper on the influence of corporations in the Post-2015 Agenda at the UN.

Conference on the transition to sustainable societies: EU5P



UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food announces the Francqui International Conference on "Europe's Fifth Project" (EU5P), taking place on 8-9 May 2014 in Brussels. The EU5P conference will discuss new ways to measure progress, new modes of living, producing and consuming, and new, transitional governance tools that can serve Europe's transition to sustainable societies.

Feminist Economists Respond To The Recent IMF Discussion Note Women, Work, And The Economy



In this second of a two part series on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Discussion Note on 'Macroeconomic Gains From Gender Equity' feminist economists Prof. Stephanie Seguino with Associate Prof. Elissa Braunstein and Dr. Anit N. Mukherjee take a look at the some of the shortfalls in the report related to gender wage gap, how macroeconomic policies perpetuate gender

inequality, female labour force participation rate and unpaid care work.

New Working Paper: Corporate Influence in the Post-2015 Process



In a new working paper, GPF's Lou Pinget discusses the influence of transnational corporations in the Post-2015 process. This working paper by Brot für die Welt, Global Policy Forum and Misereor provides an overview of the main corporate actors in the post-2015 process and how they shape the discourse on development. The paper advocates for more transparency around the participation of corporations in UN processes, including their financial support to UN initiatives, and for more reflection on the risks of a corporate, private interests-driven development agenda.

New Working Paper Summary: Country-by-Country Reporting



A new working paper by Global Policy Forum, MISEREOR and Brot für die Welt sheds light on how greater corporate transparency can help overcome the dependence by countries in the Global South on foreign donors and mobilize sufficient government revenue to provide an adequate level of public goods. Corporations have devised various ways of getting their money out of a country without paying tax. If transnational companies are to be more honest in their tax affairs, their payment flows must be transparent. This can be achieved through country-by-country or project-by-project reporting. "Country-by-Country Reporting" explores what opportunities lie in the concept of country-by-country reporting. Furthermore it gives an introduction into new regulations devised on the European level for new reporting requirements for the extractive and logging industries as well as banks.

Upcoming events

Präsentation des Reports

Gemeinsame Ziele – unterschiedliche Verantwortung

Das Gerechtigkeitsprinzip in den Klima- und Post-2015-Verhandlungen

Eine gemeinsame Veranstaltung von terre des hommes, der Stiftung Umwelt und Entwicklung Nordrhein-Westfalen und Global Policy Forum

**Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus, Ziegelstraße 30, 10117 Berlin
10. März 2014, 17.30-19.30 Uhr**

Das Prinzip der gemeinsamen, aber unterschiedlichen Verantwortung (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities, CBDR) gilt als einer der

Meilensteine des Erdgipfels von Rio 1992. Über 20 Jahre nach seiner Verabschiedung ist dieses Prinzip zum Dreh- und Angelpunkt der Klima- und Post-2015-Verhandlungen geworden.

Angesichts der veränderten geopolitischen und weltwirtschaftlichen Rahmenbedingungen lautet die entscheidende Frage, wie das Prinzip bewahrt, aber die unterschiedliche Verantwortung jenseits der anachronistischen Aufteilung der Welt in Industrie- und Entwicklungsländer neu interpretiert und in gerechte Kriterien der Lastenteilung übersetzt werden kann.

Ohne eine Einigung in dieser Frage wird es 2015 weder zu einem neuen Weltklimavertrag noch zu einer globalen Entwicklungsagenda kommen, die diesen Namen verdient.

Global Policy Forum und terre des hommes haben vor diesem Hintergrund einen Report angefertigt, der die politische Bedeutung und die aktuellen Kontroversen um das Rio-Prinzip darstellt, die wichtigsten Vorschläge zu seiner Operationalisierung unter die Lupe nimmt und Empfehlungen für die Weiterentwicklung dieses Prinzips zur Diskussion stellt.

Wir laden Sie ein, sich an dieser Diskussion zu beteiligen. Anmeldungen erbitten wir bis zum 05. März 2014 online unter https://rsvp.globalpolicy.org/cbdr_berlin oder per email an europe@globalpolicy.org.

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