



University of Antwerp
**IOB | Institute of
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Governance of Natural Resources

Short training programme

Co-organized by CEGEMI/Université Catholique de Bukavu¹ and IOB/University of Antwerp²

1-14 November, Bukavu, DR Congo

Aim

The course will give insight into the governance of natural resources, drawing on different disciplines and theoretical approaches. We will discuss the management of renewable and non-renewable resources in a globalized world, the associated governance problems (e.g. tragedy of the commons, resource curse, conflict minerals), and the different forms of solutions to these problems that are proposed at the local, national and global level. Theories and concepts will be illustrated with case study material from the DR Congo and other SSA countries.

Course content

The following topics will be part of the course:

1. Natural resource curses and tragedies: core economic principles (Prof. Dr. Marijke Verpoorten)
2. Governance of mineral resources: a global value chain approach (Prof. Dr. Sara Geenen).
3. Governance of mineral resources: formalization and “conflict minerals” regulation (Dr. Sarah Katz Lavigne).
4. Governance of natural resources: a political ecology approach (Dr. Catherine Windey & Prof. Dr. Papy Bambu Liena).

Learning outcomes

- Gain insight into the particular governance problems surrounding renewable and non-renewable resources.
- Gain insight into the different governance solutions proposed for addressing these problems.

¹ Centre d'Expertise en Gestion Minière, Université Catholique de Bukavu, <http://cegemi.com/>

² Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp, <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/faculties/institute-of-development-policy/>

- Gain insight into how these problems and solutions are shaped by global issues (e.g. global organization of production, climate change, increasing regulation), how they are implemented at the national and local level, and what their effects are.

Exam

There will be an exam and an assignment in which students apply the course content to a topic of their choice. Students who pass the exam receive a 'certificate'. Students who are present during the sessions, but do not take the exam, are entitled to a 'certificate of attendance'.

Enrollment

Candidates should apply by sending an email to bikubanya.luc@ucbukavu.ac.cd by **October, 11** at the latest. The email should contain, in **one attachment**, a CV, a letter of motivation, and a concrete natural resources related research topic the student is either working on, or plans to start working on. Those residing outside Bukavu also need to provide a proof of place of residence. The selection committee will select the 30 most suitable applications.

Practicalities

- Location: Bukavu (Bugabo campus, Université Catholique de Bukavu).
- Timing: classes from 4 till 7 pm, except for 10-11 November when there are classes from 9am till 6 pm and 13-14 November when there are classes from 1 pm till 7 pm.
- Most classes will be live and in-person, except for unit 3 which will be taught online.
- Finances: There is no enrollment fee. There are no per diems. However, selected applicants from outside of Bukavu can be reimbursed for travel costs, upon presenting the receipt. In addition, lodging and food will be provided for these applicants.
- The lectures will be in French, but most of the course materials will be in English. **English reading skills are required.**