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## **Governance of Natural Resources**

**Advanced Course in Bukavu**

**Co-organized by CEGEMI<sup>1</sup> and IOB<sup>2</sup>**

**From 15-26 April 2024**

### **Aim**

This short course will give insight into the governance of natural resources, drawing on different disciplines and theoretical approaches such as political ecology, global value chains, and gender. We will discuss the governance of renewable and non-renewable resources such as water, forests and minerals 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 African countries. After 26 April students will engage in an action research on a related topic.

### **Course content**

1. Natural resource curses and tragedies: core economic principles (Prof. Dr. Marijke Verpoorten, IOB, Prof. Dr. Francine Iragi, UCB)
2. Governance of mineral resources: a global value chain approach (Prof. Sara Geenen)
3. Governance of mineral resources: conflict minerals and formalization (Prof. Janvier Kilosho)
4. Governance of natural resources: a political ecology approach (Prof. Dr. Papy Bambu, Dr. Anuarite Bashizi)

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

5. Governance of water resources: socio-environmental impact (Prof. Dr. Bossissi Nkuba, UCB).
6. Governance of natural resources : a gender perspective (Prof. Dr. Marie Rose Bashwira, UCB and ISDR).
7. Action research, under the supervision of one of the lecturers as well as a representative of a partner organization

### **Learning outcomes**

1. Gain insight into the particular governance problems surrounding renewable and non-renewable resources as well as the different governance solutions proposed for addressing these problems.
2. Gain insight into how these problems and solutions are shaped by global issues (e.g. global value chains, climate change, increasing regulation), how they are implemented at the national and local level (specifically in the DRC), and what their effects are.
3. Conduct action research on a topic related to natural resources governance and produce a relevant output.

### **Exam**

The last day of the short course, an open book exam will be organized. In addition, participants will conduct an action research under the supervision of one of the lecturers and a representative of a partner organization. They will produce a relevant output for this action research. 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 [mirindi.thierry@ucbukavu.ac.cd](mailto:mirindi.thierry@ucbukavu.ac.cd) by 29 February at the latest. They should include their CV (max. 4 pages) and letter of motivation (max. 1 page), and proof of place of residence if they come from outside Bukavu. The letter (English or French) can mention a general motivation, but should also mention a concrete (academic) project that the candidate seeks to advance by following the course. The team of lecturers will select the 20 most suitable applications. The other applicants will be on a waiting list. The selection will be communicated by 20 March. The selected applicants will be asked to confirm their participation by 25 March. Lack of confirmation will result in replacement by someone on the waiting list.

### **Practicalities**

Location: Bukavu. Timing: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 April, from 9 am till 5 pm. Lunch and coffee breaks are provided.

Finances: There is no enrollment fee. There are no per diems. However, maximum three selected applicants from outside of Bukavu will receive a lump sum of 750 euros to cover accommodation and all costs related to their stay in Bukavu. In addition, their transport costs from their place of residence to Bukavu can be covered for a maximum of 600 euros, and to be justified with receipts.

The lectures will be in French, but most of the course materials will be in English. **English reading skills are required.**

### Provisional schedule

	Monday 15/04	Tuesday 16/04	Wednesday 17/04	Thursday 18/04	Friday 19/04
9:00-10:30	Introduction: Geenen	Verpoorten	Geenen	Nkuba	Kiloshu
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Verpoorten	Iragi	Geenen	Nkuba	Kiloshu
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Verpoorten	Iragi	Geenen	Nkuba	Kiloshu
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	Verpoorten	Iragi	Geenen	Nkuba	Kiloshu

	Monday 22/04	Tuesday 23/04	Wednesday 24/04	Thursday 25/04	Friday 26/04
9:00-10:30	Bashwira	Bashizi	Bambu	Preparation action research	Open book exam
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	Bashwira	Bashizi	Bambu	Preparation action research	Open book exam
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Bashwira	Bashizi	Bambu		
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
15:30-17:00	Bashwira	Bashizi	Bambu		