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## **THE REFORM OF THE MINING CODE IN THE DRC: PERSPECTIVES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY**

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, 10 am – 11.30 am

EurAc, Rue Stevin 115b, 1000 Brussels

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of the main global exporters of tin, tantalum and tungsten (also called 3T), minerals that are indispensable for the production of many electronic devices that are used daily by consumers around the globe.

Notwithstanding DRC's richness in natural resources, the revenues from the mining sector rarely benefit the majority of the Congolese population. This is in part due to an outdated and inadequate Congolese legal framework, which led the Congolese government in 2017 to the launch a revision of its Mining Code. The *Réseau d'Appui à la Transparence et la Traçabilité dans les Ressources Naturelles* (GATT-RN) and the *Commission Justice & Paix Goma*, together with a coalition of Congolese CSOs, have been actively advocating for a new mining code that respects the rights of local populations, that increases accountability of private companies and state actors within the mining sector in the DRC and that ensures a fairer distribution of revenues from the sector.

This expert meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the **participation of CSOs in the reform of the mining code** and the implication this has for the global 3T production chain as well as new **European regulation on due diligence for European importers of 3T and gold**.

### **Speakers**

**Fidel Bafilemba Biefa** is a Congolese activist, working for a transparent and fairer mining sector in the DRC. He has worked for the US-based Enough Project, and he is currently the coordinator of the Goma-based *Réseau d'Appui à la Transparence et la Traçabilité dans les Ressources Naturelles* (GATT-RN).

**Gilbert Dhego** is a Congolese activist and mining expert, with a longstanding engagement in advocating for the rights of artisanal miners and local mining communities in the DRC. He works for Caritas and *Commission Justice & Paix Goma* (DRC) and has experience in mediating conflicts between mining communities and mining corporations.

- ▲ For this event, registration is required. To register, please send an email to [giuseppe.cioffo@eurac-network.org](mailto:giuseppe.cioffo@eurac-network.org) by October 18<sup>th</sup>