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CONFLICT-FREE MINERALS AND THE ROAD TO PEACE IN CENTRAL AFRICA

Since the US law against the import of ‘conflict minerals’ from Central Africa, industry has increased efforts to polish its image and create transparency in global commodity networks. However, critiques are rising that such initiatives hurt business and livelihoods in the region.

A critical debate is needed to assess the prospects and pitfalls of clean minerals campaigns.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo - a country enmeshed in conflict since the 1990s - currently stands in the spotlight. The role of global commodity players like Switzerland has been less scrutinised.

This roundtable addresses the state of affairs and possible ways forward.

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Roundtable & Discussion followed by an apéro

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