



Rent seeking and financial flows in the mining and oil sector - Latin America 2000-2015: Challenges for International Cooperation, Challenges for Switzerland

Presentation and discussion (Brown Bag Lunch format) with

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Context: This event is part of a broader reflection of SDC in the context of an ongoing national and international debate on commodity trading and illicit financial flows.¹ Together with the Swiss National Foundation, SDC has launched a research program *Natural Resource Governance for Sustainable Development*. Moreover, in response to several interventions by individual parliamentarians, the Federal Council in the course of 2016 will submit a *Report on Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries*.

Mr. Acquatella will present a recent CEPAL study of mining and hydrocarbon industry during the latest price cycle 2000-2015, regarding private/public sector participation in resource rent appropriation, as well as evidence regarding resource rent use by governments. The analysis will cover the major mining countries in the region (Chile, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico) and several others smaller economies.

This research is also relevant to policy debates in home countries of multinational companies, by identifying the specific roles companies, central governments, and sub-national governments currently play in the extractive rent appropriation, its investment in the natural resource value chain, and how each of these actors' behavior impact in the sustainable development outcomes in extractive regions of the host countries. A clear picture of each of these actors incentives on the ground is necessary in order to develop international-level regulation (i.e. commodity trading regulation, regulation in mining companies home countries, industry-wide standards and codes of practice, increased transparency regulations and accountability rules etc. etc) that could be most effective in curbing undesirable practices and behaviors.

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The event is organized by SDC's Analysis and Policy Division. For more **information and registration** please contact analyse.politik@eda.admin.ch until July 1, 2016 (number of seats is limited).

¹ For first results see the working paper [Globale Finanzflüsse und nachhaltige Entwicklung Handlungsmöglichkeiten der Schweiz aus Sicht der Entwicklungspolitik](#) written by Katrin Betz and Mark Pieth from Basel Institute on Governance. With a preface from Pio Wennubst, Assistant Director General of SDC. January 2016