

SEMINAR AGENDA
Informal Economies, fragility and violent conflict
21-22 January 2015, The Hague

Day 1		
09.45 - 10.15	Registration, tea and coffee	
10.15 - 10.45	Introduction of seminar and participants	<i>Welcome and introductions</i> - Mariska van Beijnum, Clingendael <i>Themes, questions and ideas</i> - Steven Schoofs, Clingendael
10.45 - 12.15	Setting the stage: The informal economy in perspective	Kate Meagher, London School of Economics and Political Science
12.15 -13.15	Lunch	
13.15 - 15.15	Theme I: State (de)formation and informal economies	<i>Fragility and economic informality</i> , Gabi Hesselbein <i>Informal resource collection in the Congolese police sector</i> - Kristof Titeca, Antwerp University <i>Artisanal mining and the brokered state</i> - Boris Verbruggen, Ghent University <i>Discussant</i> : Ivan Briscoe, Clingendael
15.15 - 15.45	Break	
15.45 - 17.45	Theme II: Inclusive development and informal economic actors	<i>Informal sector, business environment and economic growth</i> - Aly Mbaye, Dakar University <i>Local business networks and global value chains</i> - Ebbe Prag, Roskilde University <i>Local entrepreneurship and private sector development in South Sudan</i> - Rens Twijnstra, African Diaspora Policy Centre <i>Discussant</i> : Mayke Kaag, African Studies Centre
18.30	Dinner	
Day 2		
09.15 - 11.00	Theme III: Economic informality and violent conflict & crime	<i>Shadow economies and conflict dynamics in Mindanao</i> - Francisco Lara Jr, International Alert <i>Illicit rents and violence in West Africa</i> - William Reno, Northwestern University <i>The conflict potential of artisanal mining in Ituri</i> - Joost van Puijenbroek, Pax <i>Discussant</i> : Gary Milante, SIPRI
11.00 -11.15	Break	
11.15 - 12.30	Responding to informality: Beyond formalisation and criminalisation	<i>Applying a value chain approach</i> - Jose Ruijter, Cordaid <i>Legal empowerment</i> - UNDP
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 -14.30	Brainstorming priorities for research and policy	
14.30 - 15.00	Final Reflections	