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The Dirty Energy Week

Challenging Climate Gangsters

WHAT: Building Solidarity to Expose and Challenge False Energy Solutions at the UNFCCC and Beyond – Energy Ubuntu!
Energy sharing & equity for all!

WHEN: 22nd November (Tuesday) to 25th November (Friday), 2011

WHERE: Blue Waters Hotel, Durban, South Africa

WHO: Gathering of 100+ global community people, union members and NGO reps to strengthen people's struggles against dirty energy & show the bottom-up demand for cleaner energy and climate-proofing of economies.

HOW?!!: Creating a space for dialogue, building unity, resistance & transformation!

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Tuesday, 22nd November

8-9 am: Registration

9-9:30 am:

Welcome and introductions
Ways of working!

9:30-10 am:

Key note address

Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action
To Cook a Continent: Destructive Extraction and the Climate Crisis in South Africa

10-10:15 am:

Moral Ground: Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Foreword on Moral Ground



DAY 1 (continued)

10:15-10:45 am: Tea

10:45 am-12:30 pm: *Climate change and Energy: Climate Change and its connections with broader social justice struggles, understanding the common forces that drive social injustice*

Experiences from the ground – hearing and reflecting on community struggles to understand the common forces that drive social injustice.

12:30-2 pm: Lunch

2-3:30 pm: *Climate Change and working at an international level: What is role of multilateralism and what are its limits?*

Interrogating the UNFCCC: Has it delivered? Can it deliver?

An historical review and analysis of the politics of UNFCCC
Asad Rehman, Friends of the Earth, England Wales and Northern Ireland

Why community people and NGOs have to contest the space at the UNFCCC
Meena Raman, Third World Network (Via Skype)

Which multi-lateral processes undermine society's attempts to combat climate change
Patrick Bond, Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu Natal

The Cochabamba Process: Challenging the UNFCCC!
Michael Dorsey, Dartmouth College

3:30-4 pm: Tea

4-5:30 pm: *Smoke and mirrors: The pushing of false solutions!*
What are the false solutions and why have they been pushed?

Carbon Trading: Marketing the commons!
Sarah-Jayne Clifton, Friends of the Earth International

Clean Development Mechanisms
Payal Parekh, Climate and Energy Research and Campaigner

Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD)
Daniel Ribeiro, Justica Ambiental

Agrofuels: Tanking our food!
Wally Menne, Timberwatch

Waste to energy: Incinerating livelihoods
Mariel Vilella, Global Anti Incineration Alliance

Nuclear: Whose solution?
Tristen Taylor, Earthlife Africa

Carbon Neutrality: Whose fooling who?
(tbc Blessing Karumbidza)

5:30-6 pm: Reflecting on the Day

What are the key drivers that push climate change, energy inequality and social injustice?

DAY TWO: Wednesday, 23rd November

8:30-10:30 am: Dirty Energy Struggles from the fenceline! People resisting on the ground – upstream and downstream! [parallel sessions]

Session one

Energy for whom?

Electricity struggles in SA (Soweto Concerned Residents)
Oil Refinery Struggles (South Durban Community Environmental Alliance)
Oil wells and misery in the Niger Delta (Ogoni)
Drilling crude oil at the source of the river Nile (Oilwatch – Uganda)
Coal to Liquid in South Africa – the Story of Sasolburg (Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance)
Devastating impacts (legacy) of gold and uranium mining and the foreseeable impacts of coal mining (Federation for a Sustainable Environment)

Session two

Moving beyond conventional fossils!

Tar Sands in Canada (OilSands Truth)
Total and Tar sand in Madagascar (Jean Pierre Ratsimbazafy)
Shell and Fracking in the Karoo, South Africa (Southern Cape Land Committee)
Incineration struggles: Health risk to livelihood struggles (Global Anti Incineration Alliance)
Dam(n)ing the Future – Narmada and Mphanda Nkuwa (Justice Ambiental)
Medupi and Kusile (Elena Greyling and Susan Goosen)

10:30-11:00 pm: Tea

11am-12:30 pm: The main global role players in the financing of dirty energy and climate change

Coal and Banks: A reflection global banks and coal investment
Heffa Schücking, Urgewald (SKYPE)

World Bank: Kosovo to South Africa!
Nezir Sinani, Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development
Sunita Dubey, groundWork US

Export-Import Banks: Government facilitating destruction
Doug Norlen, Pacific Environment (SKYPE)

Questioning tax money to World Bank for Coal: Few reflections from the UK
Pascoe Sabido, Friends of the Earth, England, Wales and Northern Ireland

True Cost of Coal? Focus on South Africa
Melita Steele, Greenpeace

12:30-2 pm: Lunch

2-3 pm: *Southern governments and the elites' agenda!*

A reflection on the BASIC countries and their place within the international climate dialogue
Sunita Dubey, groundWork US

African States and Elites in the Energy Crisis
Nnimmo Bassey, Environmental Rights Action and Oilwatch

China in Africa
Daniel Ribeiro, Friends of the Earth, Mozambique

3-3:30 pm: Tea

3:30-4:30 pm: *Corporate Capture of institutions and processes*

Perverse Subsidies: Oil subsidies in the US
Traci Romine, Oilchange International

The Green Economy: Capital capture of the environment and its services
Lucia Ortiz, FoE Brazil

4:30-5 pm: *Reflecting on the Day*

DAY THREE: Thursday, 24th November

8:30-10 am: *Working beyond the UNFCCC: Creating options for peoples' lead action on climate change*

Is there a possibility for an effective multi-lateral approach?
(tbc)

Is Cochabamba the Holy Grail?
Nnimmo Bassey, Environmental Rights Action and Friends of the Earth International

Leaving the 'oil in the soil': Making the case for development model without fossil fuels
Ivonne Yanez (Oilwatch South America) and Godwin Ojo, (Friends of the Earth, Nigeria)

A gender perspective on oil in the Delta. Understanding women's struggles
(tbc)

Legal Strategies Challenging Coal Fired Power Stations
Sierra Club and Centre for Environmental Rights

10-10:30 am: Tea

10:30-12:30 pm: Energy Sovereignty: Responding meaningfully to energy poverty!

Electricity for the people: A South African possibility
Tristen Taylor, Earthlife Africa JhB

Energy Sovereignty: Wild imaginations
Siziwe Khanyile, groundWork
Global Access to Energy for the Poor; Global feed in tariff?
Asad Rehman, FoE EWNI

12:30-2pm: Lunch

2-3 pm (parallel sessions)

Session one

The Green Economy and climate finance: Undermining a peoples climate change Agenda

Moving beyond incineration to peoples real economies!
GAIA/South African Waste Pickers Association

Million Climate Jobs: Possibilities for green labour!
AIDC, Thembeka Majali

Session two

Climate Finance: Mechanisms of addressing ecological climate debt

Innovative sources of finance
Trusha Reddy: Institute for Security Studies

Green Climate Fund: Some ideas on how could a functional fund operate
Tristen Taylor: Earthlife Africa Johannesburg

3-3:30 pm: Tea

3:30-4:30 pm: Working with what we have? Working with peoples' power
Communications, media and peoples' power
Samantha Bailey, 350.0rg

Building community ownership of struggle on the ground
(tbc Bandile Mdlalose, Abahlali baseMjondolo)

Communicating with media – making things work for journalist
Rehana Dada

4:30-5pm: Reflecting on the Day

DAY FOUR: Friday, 25th November

8:30am-1pm: To be planned as an outcome of the three days!!