Oiling Climate & Energy Crises

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Multiple Crises

+Finance
+Food
+Climate
+Energy
+Agrofuels & Land
Grabs

Plantations as Forests?
Climate Crisis in *Toxic Futures*

• Toxic economies suck the blood of the people – their labour, resources, their well being as well as their so-political spaces. We are united in the struggles against environmental pollution, of land grabs, sea grabs, soil grabs and sky grabs. There are no legislated boundaries to ecological problems. We are all on one planet.

• **Climate Change – both humankind’s shame and hangman!**
A TIMETABLE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS?!
..NOT UNTIL THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE!
Markets at Kyoto; Rapid Regress in Durban

- Justice and equity denied..CBDRs
- False solutions promoted
- Targets postponed
- Voluntary targets
- Cooking the poor and the planet

Commodification of common goods
Blocking effective solutions to global problems
Blind ambition in a time of crises

• Fossil fuels addiction
  • 60% known reserves already gone
• Endless consumption
• Endless growth
• Cheap energy!
• Speculations, Markets and Sustainable Development
Scraping the Barrels

- Gulf of Mexico
- Bight of Biafra spills and fires – Shell, Chevron and the rest
- Coasts of Brazil spills
- Tar sands
- Fracking
By its nature, the oil industry pollutes through toxic releases, spills and storage of waste materials. Industries bribe their way out of regulation in corrupt contexts, & amplify environmental degradation. Government complicity in spills result in weak clean-up measures. Oil spills cause biodiversity loss. Deforestation results from all stages of exploitation. Livelihoods are decimated.
Assault on Fragile Ecosystems
Rifts in the Rift Valley

- Oil in 2007 was discovered in Sibiloi National Park, the South Island, and the Central Island National Parks located in the Lake Turkana Basin, North Kenya—whose total surface area is 7 million ha. On the World Heritage List since 1997.

- Oil and gas on the continental shelf of Tanzania—Coastline rich in mangrove forests.

- Oil exploration in Virunga National Park (Uganda/DRC)—Another UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to endangered mountain gorillas.
A mature oil and gas field – UTAH USA
Oil, Gas/coal Fields of Africa

- Ghana
- S/Leone
- Togo
- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Namibia
- Cote D’Ivoire
- Senegal
- Uganda
- All along the Rift Valley, East Africa
- All over

Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2006
... I think the economic logic behind dumping a load of toxic waste in the lowest wage country is impeccable and we should face up to that... I've always thought that under-populated countries in Africa are vastly UNDER-polluted.

(full memo at www.whirledbank.org)
AMATEUR!

APARTHEID

GLOBAL APARTHEID

SUBSIDISED OVER-CONSUMPTION

IMF WTO WORLD BANK

TRICKLE DOWN

SUN TIMES 1-9-02 ZAPIRO
Energy Surfeit & Deficit

- 1.6 bn without electricity
- 1 bn hungry
- Cheapest energy to corporations
Resource Corruption: Consumption in the age of scarcity

- Pollution as a measure of growth
- War as a measure of power
- Consume tomorrow today!
- Negation of knowing I own something. Promotion of knowing only by certification or titling
• Kicking, Screaming, Ducking

• Kiobel versus Shell (USA)
  – Shell claims they are just a corporation and shouldn’t be held accountable for crimes abroad

• 3 Communities versus Shell (The Netherlands)
  – Same spin
  – Case begins 10.10
  – See WorseThanBad.org
Not for lack of resources - Gas

Flares, CDM and other crimes
Colonizing the sky

Unconstitutional Gas Flaring...
Economically wasteful
Criminal
Credited Crimes: CDM projects

- Pan Ocean Gas Utilization Project (Carbon Limits, Norway)
  http://www.carbonlimits.no/
  http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/DNV-CUK1218208551.22/view

- Kwale oil-gas processing plant, Nigeria
  NAOC (Nigeria Agip Oil Company)
  http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/DB/DNV-CUK1155130395.3
Viable Alternatives-
Cochabamba

- 35,352 participants
- 9,254 from outside Bolivia
- 142 countries
- 56 government delegations
- 17 working groups + 1
- 14 panels
- 170 independently organized events
The peoples Agreement

- **Temperature**: Calls for a target of 1 degree Centigrade above pre-industrial levels. Current voluntary levels point to 4 degrees Centigrade increase. Meaning incineration of Africa
- **Finance**: Calls for 6% of the GDP of developed countries for adaptation and mitigation.
  - $ 10bn proposed in the CA was 1% of military budget at that time
  - and the $100 bn to be mobilized thereafter is a mere 8% of the military budget.
- **Emissions**: Developed countries should cut 50% emissions at source based on the 1990 levels and within the 2nd commitment period of the KP (2013 to 2017)
- **Transfer of Technology**: Freely and not subject to IPRs
Climate Debt, Climate Criminals

- **Climate Debt**: Decolonize the atmosphere; redistribute available space; consider climate migrants; debt owed Mother Earth
- Reject **carbon market** including those in REDD
- **Promote food sovereignty** – the UNFCCC hardly discusses agriculture in the climate negotiations
- Universal Declaration of the **Rights of Mother Earth**
- **Climate and Environmental Justice Tribunal** – to try nations and entities that damage the environment/Mother Earth
- See details at **www.cmpcc.org**
Conclusion: unplug the ears!

- Fossil fuels drive multiple crises
- The hidden costs of fossil fuels
- Hostage to dirty energy complex
- Profit accumulated in blood
• **Reject the model of energy overconsumption,**
  – Consume
  – externalise costs – the environmental and social liabilities
  – accumulate new debts, build new forms of exploitation

• **Build the ecologic model**
  – ecology, sovereignty and good living define the relationships of production and consumption.
Sovereignty!

- **Ecology** – Heal ecosystems and Mother Earth

- **Health** – damaged biodiversity damages health

- **Resource ownership** – inclusive of youths, women

- **Redress** – Peoples/communities define narratives of life and living
Security in Sovereignty

- Resistance: oppression and development cannot co-exist
- Resistance is Advocacy
Hasta la victoria siempre

Ya Basta!

www.eration.org
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