COP 17 update

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why the
Conference of Polluters
should be delegitimised

OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO ADVANCE SOCIO-
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
BY DEVELOPING CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT, FOR AND IN DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL
SOCIETY THROUGH TEACHING, RESEARCH
AND PUBLISHING.

cartoons by Zapiro & others
World Summit on Sustainable Development
Johannesburg, 31 August 2002: 30,000 protested
UN ‘type-two partnerships’, privatisation of
water, emissions trading, neoliberalism
A GIFT FROM THE CORPORATE WORLD!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Johannesburg World Summit 2002
A TIMETABLE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS?!
...NOT UNTIL THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE!
Durban’s COP 17
‘Conference of Polluters’
28 Nov-9 Dec 2011
International Convention Centre
Durban’s Conference of Polluters (COP17): what will happen from 28 Nov until 9 Dec?

UNFCCC negotiations
potential Green Pavilion with Africa Pavilion and 'civilised society' space
C17 civil society unity for Durban Univ of Technology 'People's Space'
world’s biggest polluter
Copenhagen Accord, COP 15, December 2009

- Jacob Zuma (SA)
- Lula da Silva (Brazil)
- Barack Obama (USA)
- Wen Jiabao (China)
- Manmohan Singh (India)

"they broke the UN!" (Bill McKibbon, 350.org)

non-binding! 4 degree increase!
Looks like the debate is really heated in there....!
we remember
Durban,
September 2011

HERE THEN IS THE REVISED AGENDA FOR THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON RACISM...
lead US climate negotiator Todd Stern, on demand for recognising climate debt

The sense of guilt or culpability or reparations – I just categorically reject that
is Stern welcome in Durban? WikiLeaks revealed (Feb ‘10)
Stern/Pershing bribery and bullying: Ethiopia, Maldives

Ethiopian AU leader Meles Zenawi
UN Advisory Group on Finance cochair halved AU’s 2009 demands for climate debt

Maldives cabinet gets $50m in US aid = U-turn, to support Copenhagen
world’s biggest polluter: US Consulate next to City Hall is site of regular protests by CJ Durban activists
we reject Washington’s filthy climate & oil politics

at the USA’s Durban Consulate – 303 Pixley Kaseme St (West St) –
join a peaceful sidewalk picket: Friday, 9 September, 4-5pm

- The Obama Administration is waging oil/gas wars in the Middle East, Central Asia and North Africa;
- Washington promotes deep-sea oil drilling in spite of BP’s Gulf spill, dangerous gas fracking and nuclear energy;
- Washington refuses to make serious emissions cuts – offering just 3% below 1990 levels – leaving Africa to fry;
- in multilateral climate talks, at the Copenhagen 2009 COP15 Washington “blew up the UN” (says Bill McKibben, 350.org), and at Cancun’s COP16 promoted carbon trading and pushed the World Bank to run climate finance;
- WikiLeaks disclosures of cables prove the US State Department resorts to bribery and bullying to get its way;
- for Durban’s December 2011 COP17, lead State Dep’t negotiator Todd Stern refuses to endorse Kyoto Protocol binding emissions cuts and allow a new post-2012 commitment round;
- Durban will be known as the place Kyoto -- and prospects for a stable climate – died, thanks to these yanks;
- Stern has already sworn there will be no overall climate deal in Durban, he also reneged on Hillary Clinton’s
  Copenhagen promise of a $100-billion Green Climate Fund, he rejects the very idea of paying the US climate debt
  to Africa, and so he is passing the buck to for-profit financial markets; and
- 1250 US citizens and Canadians were arrested at the White House in August opposing import of Tar Sands oil.

This launches a new stage of our struggle: Satyagraha civil disobedience... Join us!

issued by Climate Justice activists at SDCEA, CCS and groundWork, and individuals/groups associated with
Climate Justice Now!-KZN (082 982 6939, 083 425 1401)
Africa’s biggest polluter: can SA be trusted to chair the COP?

- September 2011 - refuses to put handbag through Oslo airport x-ray, and instead flies to Bulgaria on $30,000 private executive jet
- October 2011 - denies visa to Dalai Lama for Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s 80th birthday
SA ‘mitigation’? No, carbon-intensive ‘development’

- Medupi and Kusile R240bn coal-fired power plants
- Coega’s PetroSA R80bn refinery and new smelter

SA Climate Green Paper passes the buck:

“Most of our climate adaptation and much of the mitigation efforts will take place at provincial and municipal levels.”

CASE OF DURBAN:

Are we on track for a ‘Low Carbon City’? 

... or is this just a case of extreme greenwashing?
CASE OF DURBAN:

- port widening and **new dug-out harbour** at old airport site;
- competing Dube trade port next to new **King Shaka Airport**;
- new long-distance air routes and reliance on **sports tourism**;
- hope to host **2024 Olympics** in **White Elephant stadium**;
- expansion of South Durban’s hated **petrochemical** complex;
- massive expansion of Joburg **oil pipeline**, with doubling of refinery capacity - and of risk of explosions - as cost of pipeline soared from R8 to R21b
AMATEUR!

APARTHEID

CLIMATE
APARTHEID

IMF WTO WORLD BANK

SUBSIDISED OVER-CONSUMPTION

TRICKLE DOWN
Green Climate Fund – $100bn/year by 2020 (promised), co-chaired by SA’s Trevor Manuel

- $100 billion *isn’t enough*!
- *direct access?* ‘Basic Income Grants’ preferable to corrupt ‘aid’ (Manuel opposed)
- **False Solutions** to be funded
- Manuel wants *carbon trade* to provide 50% of GCF revenue
- **World Bank is interim GCF trustee** despite terrible record of managing climate and development funding
Should the World Bank be lead climate financier?

- fossil fuel loans: $6.3 billion in 2009-10 year, up from $1.6 bn in 2006-07;
- commodity export dogma;
- resource curse financing;
- carbon trading promotion;
- Robert Zoellick qualifications:
  - WB prez after Wolfowitz was fired
  - Goldman Sachs int’l banker, 2006-7
  - US State Dep’t #2, 2005-6
  - US Trade Rep to WTO, 2001-5
  - Bush Jr’s Florida vote-counter, 2000
  - Enron ‘senior political advisor’, 1999
  - neocon Project for a New American Century founder, 1998 (‘invade Iraq’)
  - Fannie Mae #2, 1993-98
  - Presidential deputy chief of staff to George Bush Sr, 1992
  - US Treasury: Deputy Assistant Secretary during S&L crash, 1980s
What we fear from World Bank-run Green Climate Fund

• Revenue from carbon markets
• False solution financing

What we need!

• Transformative spending
• Basic Income Grant
HOW THE DISCUSSES EMISSIONS
(REMEMBER THE FAMOUS BEANS SCENE IN 'BLAZING SADDLES'?)

PARDON!

PARP!
DON'T MENTION IT.

OOPS! BIG ONE!
...BUT THEN I'M A BIG BOY!

BRRAP!

EXCUSE ME!
YOU'RE EXCUSED.

POOT!

SORRY!
DON'T WORRY!

BLORRT!

SAME HERE...
PAR DON...

FRRAP!!