Labour’s climate alliances with communities and environmentalists

What will happen at the COP17?

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Durban shopstewards workshop, 22 August 2011

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last time SA hosted global environment conference: WSSD

World Summit on Sustainable Development
Johannesburg, 31 August 2002: 30,000 protested UN ‘type-two partnerships’, privatisation of water, emissions trading, neoliberalism
like Numsa, Climate Justice Now!SA opposes Medupi loan, Eskom pricing/privatisation, carbon trading: demands conservation/renewables and electricity-as-a-right

Always this danger:
Durban’s COP17
‘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

UN & Durban officials want ‘civilised society’ in tents, out of sight and mind

Civil society unity for Durban Univ of Technology alternative ‘C17’ summit
join us: C17
‘Amandla oMa’ alternative civil society summit at the Durban University of Technology
why are we so ignorant about climate?
just not in elite interests to tackle climate

A TIMETABLE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS?! ..NOT UNTIL THERE'S MORE EVIDENCE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE!
vital need for SA’s ‘Million Climate Jobs’ campaign, so that NUMSA workers have a Just Transition: guaranteed, well-paid jobs that help society and save the planet!

http://www.climatejobs.org.za
search for a 'Just Transition'

One million climate jobs
Solving the economic and environmental crises

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Making renewable electricity 425,000 jobs
Renovating buildings 175,000 jobs
Changing transport 300,000 jobs
Industry and landfill 50,000 jobs
Education 50,000 jobs
Total 1,000,000 jobs

- £27 billion in wages for one million jobs over one year
- £5 billion in employers' national insurance and pension contributions
- £20 billion in costs like materials, fuel, supplies, rent and interest
Total cost £52 billion
what is ‘climate justice’?
core principles from Rights of Mother Earth conference, Cochabamba, Bolivia (April 2010)
• 50 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2017
• stabilising temperature rises to 1°C and 300 Parts Per Million
• acknowledging the climate debt owed by developed countries
  • full respect for Human Rights and the inherent rights of indigenous people
  • universal declaration of Mother Earth rights to ensure harmony with nature
  • establishment of an International Court of Climate Justice
• rejection of carbon markets, and REDD’s commodified nature and forests
  • promotion of change in consumption patterns of developed countries
  • end of intellectual property rights for climate technologies
  • payment of 6 percent of developed countries’ GDP for climate change
Durban, South Africa: Bisasar Road
$15 million CDM pilot
to convert methane-to-electricity at environmentally-racist toxic dump

Africa’s largest landfill placed in black residential suburb (Clare Estate) by apartheid; municipality refused to close it thanks to World Bank 2002 investment hype: Prototype Carbon Fund credits

Sajida Khan’s family home
‘going away party - for the beach’!

7 July 2010

World Cup ‘fanfest’ party

December 3 march route: Curries Fountain to beach