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SUMMARY

Ecology/Climate/Copenhagen negotiations

Press release of the african Attac network on Copenhagen Council

» **Emergency. Let us save the planet, let us save Africa**

No to the commodification of the climate Another world, social, united and ecological, is possible Africans still bear in mind the recent floods that have led to the death and displacement of hundreds of thousands of people in several countries of the continent this year. This kind of natural disaster is becoming more and more frequent in Africa which was not the case in the past. Forecasts are not reassuring: climatologists predict virtual climatic catastrophes due to global warming. It (...)

» **We demand effective commitments for fighting climate change**

by Alianza Social Continental

Between the 7th and 18th of December, 2009 during the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP15) in Copenhagen, world governments will attempt to make commitments for reducing carbon emissions and lay out policies for mitigating climate change. In the face of the urgency and the growing recognition of the dangerous consequences of this phenomenon, the whole world is awaiting the decisions that will be made. Nonetheless, the transformation of the climate is advancing faster than the (...)

» **Climate change and our tasks**

by Daniel Tanuro

The climate change that is underway is not the product of human activity in general but is mainly due to the fact that the capitalist system, guided by considerations of short-term profit and superprofit, has based and continues to base its development not only on the exploitation of labour power but also on the plundering of natural resources, in particular finite and non-renewable reserves of cheap fossil fuels. In the last decades of the 19th century and at the beginning of the 20th (...)

» **Socialists, the environment and ecosocialism: a view from South Africa**

by Trevor Ngwane

There is an ecological crisis in the world and this crisis can be traced to capitalism. There is deforestation due to the trade in timber. There is climate change due to unsafe production methods. The working class is the class that suffers the most from the ecological crisis. Working-class people are in the majority and their life conditions make them more vulnerable. Workers live in flimsy houses and shacks that are easily washed or swept away by strong rains and winds. When workers are (...)

» **Divisions remain deep on eve of Copenhagen Climate Conference**

by Martin Khor

In late November the news on climate change has been on the downgrading of expectations for the Copenhagen conference in December. This is a surprise to those who have been involved in or following the UNFCCC climate talks. The last two sessions of the climate talks - Bangkok in October, Barcelona in November — to saw the deepening of disagreements, instead of bridging of the gaps. There was little progress on the key issues, and a few dramatic events that showed the depth of the impasse. (...)

» **Developed Countries Must Pay for Historical and Ecological Debt**

Call to Government of India by Concerned Citizens and Organisations

As we write this to the Government of India, different country governments are busy with intense climate negotiations at the ongoing UNFCCC sessions in Bangkok. As people all over the world have realised, the face of climate negotiations has been dramatically altered with the call given by a large number of developing country governments in their official submissions to the UNFCCC, demanding that the climate debt of the developed countries must be repaid, and this payment must begin with (...)

» **Water resources and climate change in MENA region**

by Jawad Moustakbal

WATER is a typical example of common good. There is no need to illustrate the importance of water: Water is life. All civilisations agreed about sacristy of water but with the current liberal globalization which aim and operate to transform everything to a commodity, water is no longer considered as a public common good but like any other commodity, speculated by few multinationals such as Veolia and Suez. The MENA region is a large zone extending from Morocco in northwest Africa to Iran (...)

Latin America» **Chavez's historic call for a Fifth Socialist International**

by Federico Fuentes

Addressing delegates at the International Encounter of Left Parties held in Caracas, November 19-21, Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez stated "the time has come for us to convoke the Fifth International." Face with the capitalist crisis and the threat of war that is putting at risk the future of humanity, "the people are clamoring for" greater unity of left and revolutionary parties willing to fight for socialism, he said. Like his call in 2005 to build "21st Century Socialism" and his call in (...)

» **Honduras. National Resistance Front: Elections were a farce, new regime will not be recognized, struggle for constitutional assembly continues**

Communiqué Number 41 of the National Front of Resistance against the Coup d'état The National Front of Resistance against the Coup d'état, to the Honduran people and the international community communicates: 1. The complete failure of the electoral farce set up by the oligarchy the 29th of November in dictatorial conditions confirms our proposal of declaring the elections and their results illegal and illegitimate, in addition to re-enforcing our position of not recognizing the regime to be (...)

» **Media Coup in Honduras**

by Jerome Duval

The media claim the defence of democracy as their battle cry. But it is clear that for some, there are two types of democracy. In this case democracy means the representation of capitalists. The media prefer to discredit a definition of democracy [1] as power to the people: the only valid definition is neoliberal democracy, i.e., freedom of action for the happy few and a majority that is prevented from deciding on the country's future. What Manuel Zelaya, President of Honduras, had proposed (...)

Agriculture and Food Sovereignty» **GRAIN statement at the joint GRAIN-La Via Campesina media briefing**

by GRAIN

For over a year a half now, we have been watching carefully how investors are trying to take control of farmland in Asia, Africa and Latin America as a response to the food and financial crises. In the beginning, during the early months of 2008, they talked about getting these lands for "food security", their food security. Gulf State officials began flying around the globe looking for large areas of cultivable land that they could acquire to grow rice to feed their burgeoning populations (...)

» **No new alternative for facing hunger**

by FIAN

Heidelberg, 17.11.09 - The human rights organization FIAN criticized the final declaration of the World Summit on Food Security as a document that presents no new alternative for facing hunger and promoting the right to food. "Neither the recognition of the right to food nor the finding that agriculture in countries of the Global South must be promoted are new," explains Flavio Valente, Secretary General of FIAN International. "We miss any new and obligatory commitment of funds to be invested (...)

» **World Food Summit must deal with international causes of hunger**

by FIAN

Heidelberg, 16.11.2009 - The human rights organization FIAN International is expecting a self-critical analysis and a change of course in global food politics from the World Summit on Food Security starting in Rome today. In 1996, governments had promised to halve hunger by 2015. "The rise to over one billion in numbers of malnourished and starving people is an unparalleled scandal of global politics," criticizes Flavio Valente, Secretary-General of FIAN International. "The community (...)

» **Open Letter: Policies and actions to eradicate hunger and malnutrition**

We, small-scale farmers and fisher peoples, pastoralists, women, youth, indigenous peoples, other social movements and civil society organisations, have taken the challenge together to propose policies and actions that would lead to the eradication of hunger and malnutrition in our world. We strongly believe that the actions to eradicate hunger and malnutrition must be based on a vision of a world where: • food sovereignty is recognised and implemented by communities, peoples, states and (...)

United-States

» **Heads, they win and the people lose. Tails... they continue winning and the people paying**

by Daniel Munevar

Over the last decade, much of the academic discussion in the economic arena remained concentrated on the topic of the growing current account deficit of the U.S. and its implications for the global configuration of trade surpluses and economic growth patterns. The international context during this period was characterized by 3 interconnected trends. The first trend was the consistent expansion of the current account deficit of the U.S. throughout the last decade, reaching a historical (...)

Women

» **Pakistani women are worst hit by climate change**

by Bushra Khaliq

Pakistan is among the countries which will be hit hardest in near future by effects of climate change even though it contributes only a fraction to global warming. The country is witnessing severe pressures on natural resources and environment. This warning has recently come from the mouth of Pakistan's prime minister in a recent statement. The PM [1.] has alarmed the countrymen by disclosing that Pakistan is the 12th most vulnerable country in the world, to environmental degradation, would (...)

» **Violence against women**

by World March of Women

Violence against women is structural – it is an inherent feature of the patriarchal and capitalist systems – and is used as a tool of control of the lives, bodies and sexuality of women by individual men, groups of men, patriarchal institutions and States. Although it affects all women as a social group, each violent act has a specific context, and we have to understand how, when, and why violence against women occurs. The general belief about violence against women is that it is an extreme (...)

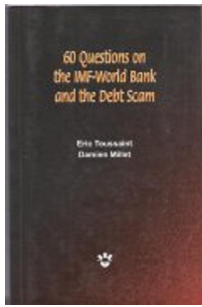
Film The End of Poverty

» **UK Film Screening Features Panel with Leading Voices on World Poverty**

by Share The World's Resources

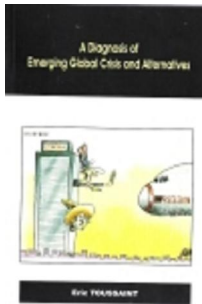
Press release: The British Film Institute and Share The World's Resources will be screening the award winning documentary 'The End of Poverty?' at the BFI Southbank on 12th December 2009 at 2pm. More information about the event, i... UK Film Screening Features Panel with Leading Voices on World Poverty 26th November 2009 - Published by Share The World's Resources The screening will be followed by a lively panel discussion and Q&A session led by Colin Prescod, chair of the Institute of (...)

BOOKS



» 60 Questions on the IMF-World Bank and the Debt Scam

This book by Eric Toussaint and Damien Millet discusses the question of international debt thoroughly. The authors argue that debt-cancellation is necessary but not sufficient, and must be accompanied by other measures such as the recovery of "ill-gotten gains" and their restitution to the dispossessed people. The debt is also a subtle mechanism of domination and a new method of colonization, hindering any sustainable human development in the South. The policies adopted by the indebted governments are more often decided by the creditors than by the people of the countries concerned and ask who owes what to whom. They also suggest alternative sources of finance, both local and international.(...)



» A Diagnosis of emerging global crisis and alternatives, by Eric Toussaint

This book is a collection of articles of Eric Toussaint about the global crisis and the need for a new global financial architecture. Preface to Eric Toussaint's book by Ajit Muricken - Director VAK Global Economic Crisis and its Implications The world today is at a turning point and faces multiple systemic crises and India is not excluded from it. The global financial crisis that is threatening to spill into a great depression poses a major awkward question on neo-liberalism and casino-finance capital. The cozy collaboration between the ruling elite and business that fostered private gain and loot at the expense of the poor and the marginalized people of the South calls for a rethink of the speculative financial market.(...)

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- » 18-12 => 21-12 | Dhaka, Bangladesh : South Asian Workshop of the CADTM network

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