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FAO's Biotech Meeting Dubbed "Biased for Business" as Steering Committee Member Resigns in Protest

On the eve of a major intergovernmental conference on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries (ABDC) in Guadalajara, Mexico, a civil society member of the international steering committee has resigned, calling the preparations for the gathering of governments and scientists "hopelessly biased" and "foolishly sidestepping key socioeconomic and scientific issues."

Pat Mooney, Executive Director of ETC Group, a Canada-based international civil society organization with a long history of work with FAO and biotechnology issues, resigned from the steering committee on Tuesday, February 23. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization conference, hosted by Mexico, runs from March 1- 4 in Guadalajara.

"The overwhelming thrust of the guiding documents for the meeting are hopelessly... [Read more](#)

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Les partisans de la géoingénierie préconisent l'expérimentation de technologies à haut risque

Des normes volontaires pour prendre la planète en otage


Si la plupart des scientifiques ont quitté la Conférence de Copenhague sur le climat plutôt déprimés quant à la force de leur influence, un petit groupe de défenseurs de la géoingénierie en sont sortis enhardis par l'absence de résultats et l'incertitude qui en découle face à l'avenir. Ce groupe de scientifiques souhaite procéder à des recherches et à des expérimentations sur des technologies de géoingénierie controversées, et la « gestion du rayonnement solaire » (GRS) suscite chez eux un réel enthousiasme. La GRS est un type d'intervention permettant de « faire baisser le thermostat de la planète » en réfléchissant une portion des rayons solaires dans l'espace,... [Read more](#)

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Top-down Planet Hackers Call for Bottom-up Governance

Geoengineers Bid to Establish Voluntary Testing Regime Must be Opposed


While most scientists left the Copenhagen Climate Summit feeling gloomy about their influence, a small group of geoengineering advocates came away emboldened by the summit's weak outcome and uncertain road ahead. This group of scientists aims to get on with research and experimentation in controversial geoengineering technologies. Their real excitement is over "solar radiation management" (SRM). This is a way of "cooling down the planet's thermostat" by reflecting a portion of the sun's rays back to outer space, through a variety of techniques ranging from sunshades in space, to aerosol sulphates in the stratosphere, to whitening clouds. These high-risk, planet-altering schemes affect global warming without changing... [Read more](#)

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Swedish Society for Nature Conservation.

This critical overview of geoengineering technologies examines the history, politics and social and ecological implications of attempts to add large-scale, intentional manipulation of the planet to the menu of possible responses to climate change. The report contests the notion that more funding, research and experimentation is needed into geoengineering technologies, and provides a series of recommendations on how these controversial technologies should be regulated.



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To view the webcast of ETC Group's press conference in Copenhagen announcing the release of this paper, go to: <http://tiny.cc/5BnqI>

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Who Will Feed Us?

2009's most important intergovernmental meeting on the climate and food crises has already happened. In October, as climate negotiators were fighting in Bangkok and as the UN food agencies were jousting over a restructured response to the food crisis and plans for the World Food Summit, the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Commission on Genetic Resources met quietly in Rome to review the preparedness of the international community to adapt and develop crops, livestock, aquatic and microbial genetic resources used in food and agriculture to address climate change. The meeting also considered the political and corporate constraints that could prevent a major strategic shift to achieve our food security. The Rome Food Summit in November and the Copenhagen Climate Summit in December should pay attention. At stake is the answer to the most important question not being asked in... [Read more](#)

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Civil Society Alarmed at Climate Technology Quick Fixes in Copenhagen


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LES NÉGOCIATEURS sont invités à RÉFLÉCHIR AVANT D'AGIR !

La société civile alarmée face aux solutions technologiques miracles au changement climatique proposées à Copenhague


Copenhague, le 10 décembre 2009 – Plus de 160 groupes de la société civile, englobant des mouvements sociaux et des organisations non gouvernementales (ONG), ont rendu publique aujourd'hui une déclaration conjointe portant sur la technologie, intitulée « Réfléchissons avant d'agir ! ». La déclaration vise à alerter les gouvernements devant l'absence, dans le projet d'entente sur les technologies de Copenhague, de toute mention d'un mécanisme d'évaluation environnementale et sociale fondé sur le principe de précaution. On y affirme également que l'approche actuelle présente de graves menaces à la santé humaine, aux droits de la personne, au mode de... [Read more](#)

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Technology transfer is one of the four key topics being discussed under negotiations on Long-Term Cooperative Actions in Copenhagen (the others are mitigation, adaptation and financing). The inter-governmental negotiating text that is under discussion contemplates various measures for accelerating the diffusion of technologies. It will most likely create an 'Action Plan' as well as a 'Technology Body' and various technical panels or innovation centres that will prove influential in the coming years in deciding which technologies get financial and political backing. We need to make sure the right technologies get the support they need and the wrong ones are discarded. That won't happen without a comprehensive social and environmental assessment process. We, civil society groups and social movements from around the world, understand the urgent need for real and lasting solutions to climate change. We recognise the deadly consequences that we all face... [Read more](#)


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LA SOCIETÀ CIVILE CHIEDE VALUTAZIONE DEGLI IMPATTI DELLE TECNOLOGIENELL'AMBITO DI UN ACCORDO A COPENHAGENIl trasferimento di tecnologia è uno dei quattro temi principali cheverranno discussi nel corso dei negoziati sulle azioni di cooperazioneper il lungo termine a Copenaghen (gli altri sono mitigazione,adattamento e finanziamenti). Il testo negoziale preliminare contienediverse misure volte ad accelerare la diffusione di nuove tecnologie.Con ogni probabilità i negoziati si tradurranno in un "piano d'azione"e in un nuovo "organismo" di gestione delle tecnologie, che dovràcoordinare diversi pannelli tecnici e/o centri di innovazione, e cheavrà grande influenza negli anni a venire sul tipo di sostegnopolitico e finanziario che le nuove tecnologie riceveranno. In questoquadro, è di grande importanza riuscire a fare in modo che siano letecnologie appropriate e benefiche a ricevere il necessario sostegno,e non quelle pericolose o dannose. Questo non può... [Read more](#)

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LA SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE APPELLE À UNE
ÉVALUATION DES TECHNOLOGIES
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Le transfert de technologies constitue l'un des quatre principaux sujets qui seront discutés à Copenhague dans le cadre des négociations sur les actions de coopération à long terme (les trois autres étant l'atténuation, l'adaptation et le financement). Le texte de négociation intergouvernemental qui fait l'objet de discussions envisage diverses mesures visant à accélérer la diffusion des technologies. Il donnera vraisemblablement lieu à un « plan d'action », ainsi qu'à la mise sur pied d'un « organe voué aux technologies » et de divers groupes techniques spéciaux ou centres... [Read more](#)

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ON BEHALF OF AD HOC COALITION: LET'S LOOK BEFORE WE LEAP!

MEDIA ADVISORY

Alert to climate negotiators:

LETS LOOK BEFORE WE LEAP!

GAPING OVERSIGHT: NO ASSESSMENT IN TECHNOLOGY TEXT

An international group of more than 150 civil society groups from 36 countries will release a joint declaration calling upon governments in Copenhagen to revamp the draft text on technology transfer, to ensure that the precautionary principle is respected and that high-risk and unproven climate "techno-fixes" are not allowed to put the world at risk.

WHO: Third World Network and ETC Group with other signatories of declaration.

WHEN: Thursday, December 10 2009 at 9:00 AM

WHERE: BELLA CENTRE, Hall H, Asger Jorn Room, Copenhagen

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Geoengineering the Climate

Planetary technofixes: Illusions and reality

Speakers: Diana Bronson (Canada) - Silvia Ribeiro (Mexico)

Friday Dec 11

10am –12pm

Grey room - Klimaforum09Tietgensgade 65DGI-byen (50mt from Central Station)Copenhagen

As action on emissions reductions stalls, industrial think tanks and former climate skeptics are gaining support for using large scale technological 'fixes' for the climate crisis. It's called Geoengineering. There are proposals for risky interventions in planetary systems such as polluting the upper atmosphere with nanoparticles, rejigging the chemistry of the world's oceans and attempting to redirect hurricanes. Some governments are now also toying with geoengineering, and contemplating funding large-scale... [Read more](#)

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The declaration coming out of the World Food Summit for Food Security in Rome is even worse than the "shameful" document adopted by world leaders in 1996, so famously criticized by Cuba's Fidel Castro. Governments won't promise anything to anybody. The only issue really being debated in Rome is whether control of the UN's "Department of Agriculture" will be wrested from the UN's Rome-based agencies and surrendered to an amorphous, G8 conjured, public-private compact called the Global Partnership for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition. If the Partnership prevails, national sovereignty fails, and civil society's hopes for Food Sovereignty will suffer.

Issue: The World Summit on Food Security (Rome, Nov. 16-18) is agriculture's bid for the attention of climate change negotiators en route to Copenhagen. To carbon traders, agriculture is a money-maker.... [Read more](#)

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Time's Up

Climate Justice Now! Network Denounces False Climate Solutions in Barcelona

BARCELONA, November 6, 2009 – The international civil society network Climate Justice Now! deplores the downplaying of expectations for the Copenhagen Climate Summit in Barcelona by industrialized countries, UNFCCC officials and the host of the Copenhagen Summit. On the eve of Copenhagen, there is still no real progress on targets, a naïve and dangerous reliance on market mechanisms, no commitment to human rights, and a frightening context in which some countries are beginning to talk seriously about dangerous climate techno-fixes.

"Instead of discussing practical approaches to rapid emissions reductions -- like a massive investment in safe renewable energy and rapid technology transfer -- here in Barcelona, the developed countries are downplaying expectations, inching toward weak targets, minimal financing and no meaningful agreements... [Read more](#)


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At the beginning of October 2009, the Córdoba Group -- a small gathering of independent food and agro-cultural specialists (including the first and current UN Special Rapporteurs on the Right to Food) that have been meeting over the past two years -- published a brief (two-page) analysis of the state of global governance around food and agriculture and of the need to place the Right to Food and the interests of peasant producers at the center of the food and climate debate. The Group's report was widely distributed at the UN Committee on World Food Security that met in mid-October and is influencing deliberations around both the World Food Summit in November and the December Conference in Copenhagen on Climate Change. The Report, "Call from Córdoba", follows.

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The Cordoba Group is formed by senior experts on hunger, agriculture, agrobiodiversity and human rights, convened in his/her personal capacities by the Chair of Hunger and Poverty... [Read more](#)

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 189.7KB Au début d'octobre 2009, le Groupe de Cordoue – un petit regroupement d'experts indépendants en questions relatives à l'alimentation et à l'agriculture (dont font partie celui qui a été le premier rapporteur spécial des Nations Unies sur le droit à l'alimentation ainsi que le titulaire actuel du poste) qui se réunit depuis deux ans – a publié une brève analyse (deux pages) portant sur la situation de la gouvernance à l'échelle mondiale en matière d'alimentation et d'agriculture et sur la nécessité de placer le droit à l'alimentation et les intérêts des paysans producteurs au centre du débat sur l'alimentation et le climat. Le rapport du Groupe a été largement distribué aux membres du Comité de la sécurité alimentaire mondiale des Nations Unies, qui s'est réuni à la mi-octobre, et il exerce depuis une influence sur les délibérations entourant le Sommet mondial de l'alimentation de novembre et la Conférence de Copenhague sur... [Read more](#)

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The Committee on World Food Security Passes a Test, but...

Rome, October 14-17, 2009


The food and fuel crisis that only became apparent to OECD governments in early 2008 arrived as the Rome-based UN agencies (FAO, WFP, IFAD) were responding to external and internal evaluations that found all three organizations wanting. Most severely criticized was FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization). In April 2008, the UN Secretary-General took advantage of the crises and the institutional weaknesses of the Rome agencies to establish a High-Level Taskforce involving 22 UN and Bretton Woods institutions to develop a Comprehensive Framework for Action to address the crises. Almost simultaneously, President Sarkozy of France called for a Global Partnership of intergovernmental institutions, the private sector, mega-foundations, and civil society... [Read more](#)

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The Royal Society's Report on Geoengineering the Climate: Geoengineering or Geopiracy? With the Royal Society's President, Lord Martin Rees, presiding and James Lovelock, the father of the Gaia Hypothesis, commenting, the release of the Society's report[1] outlining the possibilities for geoengineering the world out of the climate crisis could seem the very embodiment of the precautionary principle. In his 2004 book, *Our Final Century*, it was Lord Rees after all who warned us that technological hubris could obliterate a million lives through "bio error or bioterror" before 2020. He is a cautious man


impending climate chaos – edging toward geoengineering, but equally perturbed by the “Kafkaesque”... [Read more](#)

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La Royal Society, la plus ancienne académie des sciences du monde, s’apprête à rendre public, le 1er septembre 2009 à Londres, un rapport longtemps attendu sur la géoingénierie. On s’attend à ce que le document préparé par des experts, pour la plupart, des partisans enthousiastes de la géoingénierie, contienne des recommandations pour que les pouvoirs publics soutiennent la poursuite des recherches voire des essais grandeur nature de nouvelles technologies controversées permettant la manipulation délibérée du climat... [Read more](#)

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