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NEW PUBLICATIONS/NUEVAS PUBLICACIONES:

Carbon Trading: how it works and why it fails â€“ Now available in Spanish & German

by: Tamra Gilbertson & Oscar Reyes

(Original version published by Dag HammarskjÃ¶ld Foundation, Critical Currents Series Number 7, in cooperation with The Cornerhouse)

This book is for anyone who still believes the carbon market can address the climate crisis and for those seeking arguments against the market. It demonstrates why carbon trading - an approach to tackling climate change that redefines the problem to fit the assumptions of neoliberal economics - must fail. Tackling both the EU Emissions Trading Scheme and the Kyoto Protocol, the book also presents detailed case studies from Brazil, Indonesia, India and Thailand. Arguing that carbon trading must be abandoned, it presents a plethora of alternatives while emphasizing that there are no short cuts around situated local knowledge and political organising if climate change is to be addressed in a just and fair manner.

This streamlined sequel to the 2006 book Carbon Trading edited by Larry Lohmann brings climate activists up to date with the disastrous record of carbon trading -- which in the wake of the debacle at the Copenhagen climate negotiations continues to be world elites' main response to climate change.

"Anyone who still thinks that creating a carbon casino can solve our climate crisis owes it to themselves to read this book," says Naomi Klein, author of The Shock Doctrine. "The most convincing and concise challenge to the green profiteers yet."

Available in English, Spanish and German

Read the post-script here

www.dhf.uu.se

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www.wrm.org.uy

Por: Tamra Gilbertson & Oscar Reyes

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Este libro es para todos/as los/as que todavÃ-a creen que el mercado de carbono puede enfrentar la crisis climÃ;tica y demuestra por quÃ© el mercado de carbono -- un enfoque que pretende luchar contra el cambio climÃ;tico redefiniendo el problema para que se ajuste a los supuestos de la economÃ;a liberal â€“ debe fracasar. Abordando tanto el RÃ©gimen Comunitario de Comercio de Derechos de EmisiÃ³n de la UniÃ³n Europea (RCCDE) como el Protocolo de Kyoto, este libro tambiÃ©n presenta casos de estudio de Brasil, Indonesia, India y Tailandia. Argumentando que el mercado de carbono debe ser abandonado, el libro presenta una plÃ¢tora de alternativas mientras que enfatiza que no existen formulas mÃ¡gicas que no pasen por la integraciÃ³n de los saberes locales y la organizaciÃ³n polÃ;tica si se quiere enfrentar el cambio climÃ;tico de una forma justa y equitativa.

Esta secuela actualizada del libro de 2006 Carbon Trading trae a los activistas climÃ;ticos a estar al dÃ-a con el desastroso record del mercado de carbono â€“ el cual con el debacle de las negociaciones climÃ;ticas en Copenhague continÃ³a siendo la principal respuesta de las Ã©lites mundiales al cambio climÃ;tico.

â€œCualquiera que siga pensando que apostar en el casino del mercado de emisiones puede solucionar la crisis climÃ;tica deberÃ-a leer este libro,â€ dice Naomi Klein, autora de The Shock Doctrine. â€œLos argumentos mÃ¡s concisos y convincentes para desmontar a los especuladores â€˜verdesâ€™.â€

Disponible en InglÃ@s, Castellano y AlemÃ¡n

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Hoodwinked in the Hothouse

False Solutions to Climate Change

The updated 2nd edition of this useful booklet outlines the false solutions to climate change from the ridiculous to the very worrying. Hoodwinked is a useful, short and accessible, yet close-to-comprehensive guide to bogus climate solutions like clean coal, geo-engineering and REDD while making a strong call for climate justice.

Available in Spanish and English

www.risingtidenorthamerica.org

EngaÑados en el Invernadero

Soluciones falsas al cambio climÃjtico

La 2da versiÃ³n actualizada de este Ãºtil cuaderno perfila las soluciones falsas al cambio climÃjtico desde las ridÃ-culas hasta las muy preocupantes. Hoodwinked es muy Ãºtil, corto y accesible, sin embargo estÃ¡ cerca de ser una exhaustiva guÃ-a de las falsas soluciones climÃjticas como carbÃ³n limpio, geo-ingenierÃ-a y REDD mientras hace un fuerte llamado a la justicia climÃjtica.

Disponible en Castellano e InglÃ©s

www.risingtidenorthamerica.org

FACTSHEETS ON CARBON TRADING

New short and concise factsheets explaining "Cap and Trade"™ and "Offsets"™ are available for free download. Print and distro!

<http://www.carbontradewatch.org/factsheets/fact-sheet-1-cap-and-trade.html>

<http://www.carbontradewatch.org/factsheets/fact-sheet-2-carbon-offsets.html>

HOJAS INFORMATIVAS

Nuevas hojas informativas cortas y concisas explicando el sistema de "Tope y Trueque"™ y "Compensaciones de carbono" disponibles gratis para descargar en la página web. Imprámelas, tradúcelas y distribúyelas!

<http://www.carbontradewatch.org/factsheets/fact-sheet-1-cap-and-trade.html>

<http://www.carbontradewatch.org/factsheets/fact-sheet-2-carbon-offsets.html>

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Kenen Ilmasto? (Whose climate?)

(Outi Hakkarainen & Mira Käkkänen, eds.)

What was agreed in the climate negotiations in December 2009? Which questions remain unanswered? What are the responsibilities of the Global North and South in the climate change mitigation? How to tackle climate crisis better and in a more just way?

This short book breaks down the dividing line between the possible and impossible, and maps new kinds of solutions. Instead of presenting already known compromises the book brings up new visions and suggestions.

Available in Finnish (http://www.intokustannus.fi/kirja/kenen_ilmasto/)

www.kepa.fi

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Kenen Ilmasto?

Este nuevo libro en finlandÃ©s explora las finanzas climÃ¡ticas, REDD y distintas formas de avanzar. Traducciones en finlandÃ©s del capitulo 5 del libro Mercado de Carbono: cÃ³mo funciona y por quÃ© fracasa se han incluido.

www.kepa.fi

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ARTICLES

Megaprojects in the Amazon region: development, exclusion, capitalism and militarization

by: Joanna Cabello, April 2010

The construction of large-scale hydropower in the Amazon, along with a project that seeks to amend the Law on Internal Displacement in Peru, threaten communities including farmers and indigenous territories. The economic interests of domination models, once again, are imposed in front of people and social justice.

Read more here in Spanish

ARTICULOS

Megaproyectos en la AmazonÃ-a: desarrollo, exclusiÃ³n, capitalismo y militarizaciÃ³n

Joanna Cabello, Abril 2010

La construcciÃ³n de hidroelÃ©ctricas a gran escala en la amazonÃ-a, junto con un proyecto que intenta modificar la Ley sobre Desplazamientos Internos en el PerÃº, amenaza a comunidades y territorios campesinos e indÃ-genas asÃ- como la biodiversidad de la zona. Los intereses econÃ³micos con modelos de dominaciÃ³n, una vez mÃ¡s, son impuestos delante de los pueblos y la justicia social.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARBON MARKET

Carbon market â€œgrowthâ€• is mainly fraudulent, World Bank report shows

The global carbon market grew in 2009. Far from signalling a success, this reflects a massive increase in fraud, the dumping of surplus emissions permits by industry, and a rise in financial speculation.

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Creating new from the old: how the REDD+ Partnership plans to create a REDD market, plus!

The REDD+ Partnership intends to facilitate controversial forest payment schemes in advance of any UN climate

agreement on an international framework to tackling deforestation.

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Industrial gases in CDM: fixing a hole?

The majority of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) offset credits issued to date are bogus, according to new research on industrial gas destruction projects.

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The UN Boys Club tasked with redefining climate finance

Climate finance is a central element to any future international framework for tackling climate change, but a closed-door UN panel could redefine the terms of the debate away from the responsibilities of industrialised countries and encourage the further expansion of carbon markets.

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More on Plantar as the struggle continues

The Plantar project was one of the first to be supported by the World Bank Prototype Carbon Fund (PCF). Some aspects of the project have since entered the Clean Development Mechanism, but the battle continues to keep more of this plantation scheme out of the CDM.

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New Zealand's new carbon market: a taxpayer subsidy for plantations and energy companies

New Zealand has a new carbon market, the first national scheme to be launched outside Europe. It looks set to award profits to forest plantation owners, help power companies avoid emissions reductions, and pass the costs of tackling climate change from big business to individual consumers.

Read more...

TAKE ACTION

SIGN ON to the No REDD Statement!

Affiliates from the Durban Group for Climate Justice request urgent solidarity in a statement rejecting schemes for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD). The REDD Statement recognizes the need to support the growing voices opposing REDD and REDD-like projects and draws attention to the dangers of REDD including land grabs and the inclusion of REDD in the carbon market.

No REDD! No REDD Plus!

Global Sign-On Campaign against Schemes for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

As part of a mounting global civil society criticism of the ineffective and unjust solutions to climate change â€“ including carbon trading and geoengineering â€“ representatives of peoplesâ€™ movements and independent organizations oppose the schemes for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) currently being formulated under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change â€“ and already piloted in schemes such as the World Bankâ€™s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility and the United Nations REDD Programme.

Read Statement in Spanish, Portuguese & English

Sign on here: <http://www.durbanclimatejustice.org/press-releases/durban-statement-on-redd.html>

UNE TU FIRMA a la DeclaraciÃ³n No REDD!

Miembros del Grupo Durban por la Justicia ClimÃ¡tica solicitan solidaridad urgente en la declaraciÃ³n que rechaza los mecanismos de ReducciÃ³n de Emisiones derivadas de la DeforestaciÃ³n y la DegradiaciÃ³n de los Bosques (REDD). La declaraciÃ³n se pronuncia sobre la necesidad de apoyar el creciente nÃºmero de voces que se oponen a REDD y a proyectos similares, y advierte sobre los peligros que encierra REDD, incluyendo el despojo de tierras y la inclusiÃ³n de este mecanismo en el mercado de carbono.

No REDD! No REDD Plus!

CampaÃ±a Global de firmantes en rechazo a los esquemas de ReducciÃ³n de las Emisiones de la DeforestaciÃ³n y DegradiaciÃ³n

Como parte de la constante crÃtica de la sociedad civil global hacia las soluciones ineffectivas e injustas al cambio climÃ¡tico â€œincluyendo el comercio de carbono y la geoinginerÃ-a- representantes de movimientos populares y organizaciones independientes se oponen a los esquemas para la ReducciÃ³n de las Emisiones de la DeforestaciÃ³n y DegradiaciÃ³n (REDD), los que estÃ;n actualmente siendo formulados bajo la ConvenciÃ³n Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio ClimÃ¡tico â€œy que ya estÃ;n siendo probados en esquemas tales como el Fondo del Banco Mundial para reducir las emisiones de carbono mediante la protecciÃ³n de los bosques, denominado Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF, por sus siglas en inglÃ©s) y el Programa REDD de las Naciones Unidas.

Leer la DeclaraciÃ³n en Castellano, PortuguÃ©s e InglÃ©s

Firmar aquÃ:-

<http://www.durbanclimatejustice.org/press-releases/durban-statement-on-redd.html>

MULTIMEDIA

[Carbon Market Crimes - New Photo Essay](#)

To date, the UNâ€™s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has actually resulted in an increase of CO2 emissions worldwide â€“ displacing emissions cuts in the North in favour of offset projects that have already awarded billions in free subsidies to some of the worldâ€™s most polluting industries. As the CDM grows, it is increasingly funding new fossil fuel power generation projects, as well as a plethora of renewable energy schemes. Yet, as this photo essay will show, even renewable energy projects cannot automatically be assumed to be clean or sustainable. The case studies serve as an advanced warning of how not to proceed with renewable energy. There are many ways to build truly sustainable, small-scale, renewable energy projects but this is reliant on whether or not the projects are community-led and locally beneficial. When renewable energy projects are embedded within the CDM, they are then set inside an institutionalised development framework and tend to inhibit rather than advance â€˜sustainableâ€™ renewable energy.

The following four photo essays are modelled after the four case studies in the recently published book, â€œCarbon Trading: how it works and why it fails,â€• by Tamra Gilbertson and Oscar Reyes and published by the Dag Hammerskjold Foundation as a part of their critical currents series.

www.carbontradewatch.org/photo-essays/carbon-market-crimes/introduction.html

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CrÃ-menes del Mercado de Carbono â€“ Nuevo Ensayo FotogrÃ;fico

Actualmente, el Mecanismo de Desarrollo Limpio (MDL) de la ONU ha resultado en un incremento de las emisiones de CO2 â€“ desplazando los cortes de emisiones en el Norte a favor de proyectos de compensaciÃ;n que ya han concedido billones en subsidios gratis a algunas de las industrias mÃ;s contaminantes del mundo. Mientras que el MDL crece, este estÃ; financiando cada vez mÃ;s nuevos proyectos generadores de energÃ;a en base de combustibles fÃ;siles, asÃ; como una plÃ;taforma de esquemas de energÃ;a renovable. Sin embargo, como este ensayo fotogrÃ;fico muestra, inclusive los proyectos de energÃ;as renovables no pueden ser automÃ;ticamente asumidos como limpios o sostenibles. Los casos de estudio sirven como una advertencia adelantada sobre como no proceder con la energÃ;a renovable. Hay muchas formas de construir proyectos verdaderamente sostenibles, a pequeÃ±a escala, de energÃ;a renovable, pero esto depende de si es que los proyectos son llevados por comunidades y para beneficio local. Cuando los proyectos de energÃ;a renovable estÃ;jn dentro de los MDL, estÃ;jn siendo implementados dentro de un marco institucional de desarrollo y tienden a inhibir en lugar de promover energÃ;a renovable â€˜sostenibleâ€™.

Los cuatro ensayos fotogrÃ;ficos se realizaron en base a los cuatro casos de estudio publicados recientemente en el libro: â€œMercado de Carbono: cÃ³mo funciona y por quÃ© fracasa,â€• por Tamra Gilbertson y Oscar Reyes.

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PRESENTACIÃ“N â€“ Justicia climÃ;tica y el problema del mercado

Descargar en Castellano solo [powerpoint 4,7mb]

Support CTW

As of the beginning of 2010, Carbon Trade Watch is now an autonomous project with its office based in Barcelona. We created an official association or registered non-profit organisation, The Environmental Justice Research Collective, to carry on the work developed over the years.

Our goals are the same: to provide quality research which ensures that a holistic and justice-based analysis of climate change and environmental policies is not forgotten or compromised; to accompany and support movements and communities in their local initiatives and struggles for environmental and social justice and; to promote popular education, including multimedia and easily accessible reading materials, by and for people young and old.

Thank you to all of the researchers, partners and friends involved in the project over the last nine years and who have kept this project alive. We hope the next ten years will be an opportunity for further growth.

If you are around Barcelona and would like to stop in to the office please give a call to make sure we are around and stop over. If you have ideas of how to support the project through solidarity, sharing, translation or financial support, please let us know.

Apoya a CTW

Desde comienzos de 2010, Carbon Trade Watch es un proyecto independiente con sede en Barcelona. Hemos creado una asociación u organización sin ánimo de lucro 'oficial', el Colectivo de Investigación para la Justicia Medioambiental, para seguir adelante con el trabajo desarrollado durante los últimos años.

Nuestros objetivos son los mismos: proporcionar investigación de calidad que asegure un análisis del cambio climático y las políticas ambientales holístico y basado en la justicia; acompañar y apoyar a movimientos y comunidades en sus iniciativas y luchas locales por la justicia ambiental y social; y promover la educación popular, con multimedia y materiales de lectura accesibles, por y para jóvenes y mayores.

Gracias a todos los investigadores, socios y amigos que han participado en el proyecto durante los últimos nueve años y que lo han mantenido vivo. Esperamos que los próximos diez años sean una oportunidad para seguir creciendo.

Si estás cerca de Barcelona y te gustaría visitarnos en la oficina, llámanos antes para asegurarte de que andamos por ahí. Si tienes ideas de cómo dar respaldo al proyecto mediante iniciativas de solidaridad e intercambio o ayudando con

traducciones, quieres dar apoyo econÃ³mico al proyecto ponte en contacto con nosotros.

DÃ³na suport a CTW

Des de comenÃ§aments de 2010, Carbon Trade Watch Ã©s un projecte independent amb seu a Barcelona. Hem creat una associaciÃ³ o organitzaciÃ³ sense Ã nim de lucre 'oficial', el ColÃ·lectiu d'InvestigaciÃ³ per a la JustÃ-cia Mediambiental, per a seguir endavant amb el treball desenvolupat durant els Ãºltims anys.

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GrÃ¢cies a tots els investigadors, socis i amics que han participat en el projecte durant els Ãºltims nou anys i que l'han mantingut viu. Esperem que els prÃ²xims deu anys siguin una oportunitat per a seguir creixent.

Si estÃ s prop de Barcelona i t'agradaria visitar-nos a l'oficina, truca'nns abans per a assegurar-te que estem per aquÃ-. Si tens idees de com donar suport al projecte mitjanÃ§ant iniciatives de solidaritat i intercanvi o ajudant amb traduccions, o vols donar suport econÃ²mic al projecte posa't en contacte amb nosaltres.

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