

AEPF Study and Strategy Meeting on Climate and Energy

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Title of the event	AEPF Study and Strategy Meeting on Climate and Energy
Thematic Cluster(s)	Climate Justice and Just Transitions - AEPF
Brief summary & narrative report of the Activity	<p>The meeting on Climate and Energy built on the outcomes of the Cluster's previous activities, the Seminar in Bangkok last September during the COP Intersessional, focusing on Financing of Fossil Fuels, and the Cluster's sessions during the AEPF12 Conference in Gent at the end of September, which discussed various experiences from campaigns against Fossil Fuels.</p> <p>During the workshop, unities were built along these campaigns on Climate and Energy. Various strategies were developed to strengthen our fight against public subsidies of fossil fuel project, such as targeting the G20 countries and using the G20 summit in 2019 as a key political moment. It was an opportunity to learn from specific oil and gas campaigns. The latter is quite new for Asian CSOs, we welcomed the presence of Gastivists to share their campaign ideas. We also got more information from geoengineering and recent developments in the climate and energy topics.</p>
Date(s) of the event	30 November to December 2, 2018
Venue	City: Katowice Country: Poland
(Co-) organizers	APMDD, 11.11.11, Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice
Participating organisations	Climate Watch Thailand – Oil Change International – LDC Watch (CCJN) – Ekologistale Marxtan – Global Justice Now – Food & Water Europe – Gastivists – WALHI – NHF India – INSAF – CEJ SL – FoE Japan – Environics Trust – PMCJ – ODI UK – DCJC – APMDD
Number or participants	<p>N° of European Participants: 10 N° of Asian Participants: 15 N° of men: 12 N° of Women: 13</p>

<p>Main Outputs</p>	<p>Main conclusions per sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Socialisation of the Oil Change International reports, in particular the report on Multilateral Development Bank Finance for fossil fuels, the report on the G20 Clean Gas Myth -Internationally, coal is on its return, even financial support to oil finance is at a tipping point in some countries, however the ‘new’ challenge is gas. -Campaigns against oil have gained ground but there’s a very strong lobby, such as the petrochemical industry, which dominates the narrative. Gas has somehow benefited from the strong anti-coal narrative. Their weak spot is the controversy on fracking. -Although we support the call for a massive transition to RE, we have to remain critical in terms of materials (mining), finance and impact on agricultural lands -Besides de MDBs, some national development banks are still big in fossil fuels, such as Japan, China, Korea, US, Germany and Canada. -Both G7 and G20 have interesting dynamics, G7 has a deadline to phase out ‘inefficient’ fossil fuel subsidies, while the G20 is more ‘messy’. A voluntary peer-review is ongoing, with mixed results. However, the future presidents (Japan and Saudi Arabia) don’t generate much hope for stronger commitments. <p>Joint actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinated media strategy during COP - Coordinated actions on FF Financing, esp. in run up to G20 (specific target is Japan) -Engage with Chinese Embassies on BRI, and if possible, AIIB -Engage on the Energy policy review of the EIB -Link up with popular national or local campaigns (f.i. against plastic)
<p>People’s Voices (= tools for media work: videos, photo’s,...)</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/apmdd/ social media campaign APMD before and during the G20 in Japan (June 10-28)</p> <p>https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1060478/end-coal-fossil-fuel-use-peoples-groups-demand?fbclid=IwAR31JPOFvgJOckYmJnHeg8Lq2Jx5wZruuK_E-MsyjpzkgMoIDFsmXGyqHY</p> <p>https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1060478/end-coal-fossil-fuel-use-peoples-groups-demand?fbclid=IwAR31JPOFvgJOckYmJnHeg8Lq2Jx5wZruuK_E-MsyjpzkgMoIDFsmXGyqHY</p> <p>https://news.mb.com.ph/2018/12/05/campaigners-target-coal-at-un-climate-summit/?fbclid=IwAR0vc-DrHwu2IAFckMN-UEbpNUAAiuN9tvVxURVVmkJiUlpU8Qh7RwQQFc</p> <p>https://worldat1c.org/sufferings-of-the-many-pay-for-the-luxuries-of-the-few-as-cop24-adopts-guidelines-for-the-6e5c7c88f369</p>

	<p>https://ensia.com/features/clean-energy-funding-united-nations-green-climate-fund/?fbclid=IwAR38OAblo5PLWUPMR34KD0dnhGvFqIDz8rrzLMqXsBi3ok1JJgeeAVFK1yQ</p> <p>https://www.yahoo.com/news/campaigners-target-coal-un-climate-summit-165821721.html?fbclid=IwAR1n_29hFVBx1YJBZBXFugH_FDe3YGAqzwLJqjKsK7HxCPfaOm_t9IxaE-Q&guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAMgXiL7WmK34vcZ7NNdkvWXZYNXITviCFPsXI2ENLvkfPRya8HifmLVmwh8Hzfnkuz3qdgA5OEbmx7_s8x5CXnLhRoAT-0Xp-VGcaCZWPpWC_EhFvjTrg_9M1WUKVPxjqQp_chtehIP3IwfKks-wiT5MVHI5Lsdnvg6JhXqK75mt</p>
<p>Contribution to Alternative Agenda for ASEM Parliamentarians (= main recommendations for parliamentarians)</p>	<p><u>G20 Summit in Osaka, Japan (June 28-29, 2019)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G20 governments (involving key ASEM countries) carry a huge part of the responsibility stop the global expansion of coal and fossil fuel industries and push for the swift and just transition to 100% renewable and democratic energy systems. - AEPF carries the following demands and calls addressed to the G20 governments and Japan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End ALL public subsidies for coal and fossil fuels immediately. • Stop the expansion of coal and fossil fuels • Rapidly phase out existing coal and fossil fuels energy • Swift and just transition to 100% Renewable and Democratic Energy <p><u>Engaging China on its Belt and Road Initiative – BRI (April 26-29, 2019)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BRI covers a variety of issues and is a major economic and geopolitical development that has impacts in Asia, Europe and globally; BRI also forms a critical part in the campaign on China’s financing of coal and fossil fuels in Asia. - Dialogues/Forums with Chinese Embassies in Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan, and India – to lay the grounds in preparing for the agenda for direct engagement and conversation on BRI with Chinese government officials and Chinese financial institutions.
<p>Follow-up, reflection and evaluation (including feedback from participants)</p>	<p>-Follow-up conversations were held among AEPF Study and Strategy Seminar participants via emails and conference/skype calls to prepare for the G20 Summit (inside and outside actions, share information, etc); and to coordinate the mounting of simultaneous dialogues/forums with Chinese Embassies on the BRI.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extensive media coverage of G20 actions highlighting AEPF demands and calls to G20 governments putting a spotlight on Japan.- BRI Dialogue /Forum was conducted with the Chinese Embassy officials in Manila, paving the way for another round of dialogues and engagement in the immediate future.
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