

Techno-fix against the crisis?

Biological diversity and land-use in the sights of geoengineering and biotechnology

In the context of the global climate, energy and food crisis, land and biodiversity are in the focus of the global race for access to and control over natural resources. New large-scale technologies such as geoengineering and extreme forms of genetic engineering are also pushing on the political agenda. This threatens to intensify the existing competition between protection, use and marketing interests.

In the run-up to the two UN conferences on climate change (UNFCCC) and biodiversity (CBD) we want to address the impact of these new technologies on local land-use and biodiversity as well as on human rights and democracy and discuss which kind of regulation they require.

At the same time, we want to highlight land-use approaches that can reconcile the protection of climate and biodiversity with food sovereignty and land rights.

Overall, the symposium addresses the question of which path should be taken in international climate and biodiversity policy: Can we curb the global crises and the ongoing environmental destruction with even more profound interventions in the ecological and terrestrial systems? How long can the crisis symptoms be suppressed? And what are just solutions to the multiple crises around climate, energy, land-use and nutrition?

Venue and date

Wed, 24. 10. 2018
10:00 – 18:00 Uhr
Fachtagung

Brot für die Welt
Evangelisches Werk
für Diakonie und
Entwicklung
Caroline-Michaelis-
Straße 1
10115 Berlin

Room

Amalie Sieveking
o.K.01 (ground floor)

Corner
Invalidenstrasse,
S-Bahn 1, 2 or 25,
Nordbahnhof or U6,
Naturkundemuseum

We kindly ask for a
short registration by
e-mail by **10th**

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- 09.30 – 10.00 am** **Registration Participants**
- 10.00 – 10.15 am** **Welcome address**
Dr. Luise Steinwachs
Bread for the World
- 10.15 – 10.30 am** **Introduction: Technofixes as a solution to the multiple crisis?**
Thomas Fatheuer
freelance FDCL member in the field of Global climate, forest and biodiversity policy
- 10.30 – 11.15 am** **Land-based geoengineering technologies (BECCS): Part of the solution for the climate and energy crisis or socio-ecological tinderbox?**
Prof. Jan Minx
Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)
Teresa Anderson
ActionAid - Policy Officer, Climate & Resilience
- 11.15 – 12.15 pm** **New genetic engineering: Transmission belt to deal with the multiple crisis or opening Pandora's box?**
Dr. Ricardo Gent
Managing director of the German Association of Biotechnology Industries
Dr. Angelika Hilbeck
ETH Zurich - Institute of Integrative Biology, Head of the Biosafety & Agroecology Group
- 12.15 – 1.30 pm** Lunch break

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1.30 – 3.00 pm

Geoengineering and biotechnology: With ‚renewable monopolies‘ on the way to a climate-friendly bioeconomy?

Neth Daño

Co-executive director of the Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group) based in Davao City, southern Philippines

Nina Holland

Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO) – Researcher and campaigner

Darci Frigo

Lawyer and Coordinator of the Brazilian Human Rights Organization Terra de Direitos

3.00 – 3.30 pm

coffee break

3.30 – 4.30 pm

Precautionary principle on the Sidelines? Current approaches and prospects for international regulation using the example of new genetic engineering

Birgit Winkel

BMU – Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Christine von Weizsäcker

President ECOROPA/Chairwoman CBD Alliance

4.30 – 6.00 pm

Beyond regulation – alternatives in sight?

Concluding Panel with:

Barbara Unmüßig, Member of the Board Heinrich-Böll-Foundation

Teresa Anderson, ActionAid

Neth Daño, ETC-Group

Angelika Hilbeck, ETH Zürich

Darci Frigo, Terra de Direitos

6.00 pm

End of the conference