5 DEC

13:30-15:30
Co-organized with organizations of the Climate Space
La Parole Errante, Montreuil

Assembly on System change not climate change: uniting struggles for climate justice, rejecting false solutions, and changing the system

The Paris deal looks set to lock the world into inevitable climate chaos, with false solutions like carbon market regimes, REDD+, carbon pricing, climate smart agriculture, Carbon Capture and Storage, bioenergy, synthetic biology, geoengineering, and fracking arrogantly claiming to be able to cheat Mother Earth. In the face of all of this, communities are fighting for their lives to keep fossil fuels in the ground and are rejecting these false solutions. In the process, they are building genuine and just alternatives and solutions to the political and economic systems that are the root causes of the climate crisis.This event will look at the struggles for climate justice taking place today, and why false solutions, including a bad deal in Paris, must be rejected. Finally, it will explore the real, systemic solutions being built by social movements. System Change is not something that will happen in the future - it is something that we are building here and now.

6 DEC

10:00-12:00
Co-organized with Biofuelwatch
Lycée Jean Jaurès, Montreuil

Burning Issues: bioenergy and other false solutions to climate chaos

Across the globe, forests are falling to fuel so-called "green power stations". Turning biomass into electricity is big business because of the huge public subsidies being paid to dirty energy companies. Biomass and other forms of bioenergy are considered renewable, but in reality they can be just as polluting as their fossil fuel equivalents - they are a false solution to climate change. As a result of the bioenergy boom, forests and the people who depend on them are suffering, with industrial tree plantations replacing diverse habitats, and dangerous new technologies such as GE trees are being commercialised.

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9 DEC

13.45-16.45
Co-organized with Attac France, CEO, Sierra Club, IATP and AITEC
Climate Generations Area

Does free trade leave space to act for climate?

We want to discuss the possibility of conducting ambitious policies to fight against climate change in a context of continuing liberalization of trade and investment, which places very strong constraints on the actions of national governments, regional or local in the field of energy and climate. In this case many legal provisions within the commercial field are key to define and conduct credible mitigation strategies: supporting local industries in the renewable sector, foreign investment protection deal with binding sectoral objectives (housing, transport, for example), technology transfer, procurement ... But state and local governments must retain their policy space to define appropriate strategies and implement: the current model of the liberalization agreements allow it? Instead what were the consequences for the climate? This is what we will discuss in this context, building on experiences of the European, American and Asian.

9 DEC

14:50-16:20
Co-organized La Via Campesina, Brighter Green and Friends of Siberian Forests
Centquatre Paris Salle 200

Struggle against industrial livestock and feedstock production; Support for small farmer agroecology

The industrial livestock and feedstock industry has negative impacts on climate change, and a key agent of deforestation. It also displaces small farmers, grabbing their land, pesticide spraying caused numerous deaths in communities. Small farmers globally are struggling against the industrial food system and fighting for peasant agroeclogy and food sovereignty as proposed by La Via Campesina
Representatives from affected communities, small farmers, social movements, impacted and struggling against industrial livestock and feedstock production will present testimonies including with photographic evidence and also creative campaigns from consumer countries. This activity will contribute to visualize peasant agroecology and food sovereignt as true solutions to the climate crisis.

9 DEC

15:00-16:30
Organized by Brighter Green
Observer Room 04

Meat: The Big Omission from the Talks on Emissions: Public Understanding and Policy Options

Leading experts and government officials will discuss the climate impacts of meat and dairy consumption, public awareness, and potential policy and behaviour-change solutions. The focus will be on action post-Paris (incl. INDCs), as well as new research and work in Brazil, China, UK and the US.

Plus: 7-11 DEC
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10 DEC

10:00-11:30
Organised by Global Forest Coalition
Dutch Pavilion

The Global Livestock Sector: Environmental, Social, Cultural & Health Impacts

The presenters come from a diverse set of backgrounds but have all followed the issue of the global livestock sector and agribusiness from either an environmental, social, cultural or health point of view. The presenters hail from India, China, Paraguay, Russia, the United States and the Netherlands. The moderator is from the Philippines. The presentations therefore will begin with a global overview of the sector and its global reach and impacts. Then it will be followed by specific case studies from countries and sectors affected and working in the sector. Speakers will also present proposals from the campaigns working on this issue on alternatives and policies that can address the impacts and also propose alternative ways forward, keeping in mind the goal of the betterment of peoples livelihoods, health and the relating better with nature, keeping its biodiversity and cooling the planet.

11 DEC

15-16:50
Co-organized with Fundación Solón
Centquatre Paris Salle 200

Zero deforestation by 2020 as one of key solutions to climate crisis

We don't want a world without forests, nor one where plantations have replaced forests. Stopping deforestation is a crucial element in the struggle against climate change. The historical UN target of aiming for zero deforestation by 2020 needs to be implemented without market mechanisms and fake forests such as plantations. But the INDCs (intended nationally determined contributions) of several countries violate this zero deforestation goal. Representatives of social movements and activists struggling to halt deforestation will present their struggles and explain how their countries' INDCs will further exacerbate deforestation instead of working to halt it. They will also present proposals for actions and supporting community conservation of forests, also other proposals from local, national, international to stop deforestation and plantations and to hold governments to account to the zero deforestation target.

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