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Rich polluters try to bury new data in Bonn, blame poor for slow progress

Wealthy countries most responsible for causing climate change are trying to suppress even mere mentions of damaging scientific data and dismal financial figures in the formal texts being debated at the UNFCCC Bonn Climate Conference. Data compiled by the UNFCCC Secretariat shows that developed countries have fallen far short of their formal pledges to reduce deadly greenhouse gas emissions, fulfilling only about one-quarter of the cuts urged by scientists.

Amid attempts to conceal any coverage of the findings, rich countries are acting against setting any new goal for financing poor countries while insisting they deepen emission cuts. Finance provided by developed countries to developing countries was only about half of what was pledged.

Making matters worse, developed countries' emissions are on track, even with the corrective policies, to actually increase during the 2020s, what they call "this critical decade" when their "north star" for policymaking is purportedly to limit warming to the Paris Agreement's temperature goal of 1.5C. The <u>Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice</u> will expose the attempts of rich nations to eliminate any mention of the negative data, especially as elections loom, and explain what's at stake for an equitable transition from fossil fuels.

When: Monday, 10 June | 12.30-13.00 (Bonn, UTC+2)

Where: Nairobi 4, webcast here

Panelists:

- Meena Raman, Third World Network
- Sara Shaw, Friends of the Earth International
- Victor Menotti, Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice

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