

The UN's Position on the Role of Animal Agribusiness in Climate Change Stinks like Manure!

According to the UN's own Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a mass shift to a plant-based diet is, "**crucial** for mitigating climate change." Further, not only is animal agribusiness one of the biggest drivers of global warming, both through direct methane emissions and through the destruction of carbon-capturing, oxygen releasing trees in order to clear pasture land, it is also cited as being a leading cause of water depletion, water pollution, ocean dead zones, ocean depletion, air pollution, zoonotic diseases, topsoil erosion, and species extinction. It is, unquestionably, a total ecological catastrophe, and a threat to all of life on earth.

Yet, not only is the UN not taking action to facilitate the transition to a plant-based food system, but in fact the UN's own Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) continues to serve an advisory role in the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL), a multi-partner livestock industry stakeholder alliance comprised of multinational corporations, NGOs, governments, international research institutions, and civil society groups created to produce *greater quantities of meat, dairy and eggs through industrializing and vertically integrating animal agriculture globally, under the guise that this will be more "sustainable" to meet consumer demand as populations increase in the coming decades than more traditional forms of farming animals.*

In other words, the Agenda's goal is to create more factory farms, more slaughterhouses, and to consolidate that industry into being controlled by just a few multinational corporate meatpacking giants—JBS, Cargill, Tyson, Mafrig, Smithfield/WH Group, Hormel, National Beef Packing Co., Purdue, and Pilgrim's Pride among them. Through foreign investments, including the US taxpayer-funded construction of factory farms and slaughterhouses in places as far away as Ethiopia, the Agenda is coercing rural small farmers, peasants, and migrant workers (themselves often displaced indigenous victims of corporate land grabs) to become contractors and workers for these massive corporate conglomerates, thus further centralizing control of the global food supply, further entrenching the world in animal agribusiness and consumption, further directing grains that could be used to feed humans to feed farmed animals instead, further endangering human and ecological health, and causing the suffering and death of trillions upon trillions of animals. Worse still, this set-up has been criticized as a new form of global sharecropping, because small farmers worldwide are being forced into paying themselves for the equipment needed to supply these corporate monoliths as independent contractors, causing them to go into debt and be unable to escape the industry even if they want to due to what they have initially invested into it—the very same debt peonage system that has caused farmers here in the USA to fall into debt and even eviction.

At NO point is the possibility of simply helping farmers and populations transition to producing and consuming plants rather than animals even being considered.

*We call on the UN to follow the advice of their own IPCC and **STOP ACTIVELY FACILITATING THE GLOBAL INTENSIFICATION OF ANIMAL AGRIBUSINESS!** We call on the UN to **OPPOSE** the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock and all of its subsidiaries, to **OPPOSE** the idea that an increase in animal consumption is inevitable, and instead **use its power and its resources to support locally-controlled agroecology/ plant-based food sovereignty, and to support farmers and workers who want to get out of animal agribusiness to transition to producing crops for direct human consumption instead.** We also call on the UN to facilitate the **restoration of freed-up land to displaced communities and rewilding.** By transitioning to a global plant-based food system, we could free up a land mass the size of the entire continent of Africa.*

*Additionally, we the people can do much to facilitate this transition ourselves To see what you can do go to **PEPeace.org /go-to-a-plant-based-diet** or scan the QR code below. Then scroll down to the suggestions..*



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