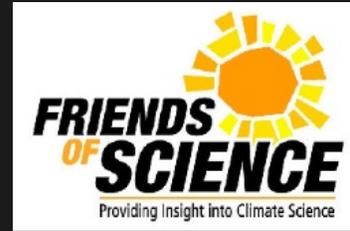


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CLINTEL calls on Guterres to Halt Green Energy Push and Open Climate Debate

(Calgary, Alberta) Friends of Science Society reports that CLINTEL, the international climate intelligence organization of over 800 scientists, scholars and professionals, has sent [a registered letter to UN Sec. Gen. Antonio Guterres](#) advising him to halt the push for green energy and open up the climate debate.

The letter is in response to Guterres' presentation in the [Petersburg Virtual Dialogue](#).

Guterres laid out six points in his presentation that Friends of Science Society says are completely contradictory. Though Guterres called for investment in green jobs as a means of economic recovery, studies show that 2.2 conventional jobs are lost for every green job. Likewise, he calls for governments not to bail out polluting industries. Most 'green' energy devices are highly polluting. Much of so-called 'clean-tech' requires rare earth minerals, leaving behind a toxic environment in developing nations. Wind turbine blades are being buried in landfills as they cannot be recycled. Solar panels are filled with toxic materials and can only be recycled with great difficulty and much energy demand. As reported by energy expert and author, Prof. Emeritus Vaclav Smil, ["To Get Wind, You Need Oil"](#).

Guterres advises an end to fossil-fuel subsidies, but as Robert Lyman's recent report shows, ["Broken Promises: Why Renewables Offer No Resilient Recovery"](#), the world runs on fossil fuels. Canada has no fossil fuel subsidies, as stated by Chris Ragan of Ecofiscal Commission in an interview on TVO with Steve Paikin on Jan. 15, 2019.

In another report ["Empty Wallets"](#), Lyman shows how renewables are the heavily subsidized industries, impoverishing people the world over for little energy return. Lyman was a federal public servant for 27 years and a diplomat for 10 years, primarily engaged on greenhouses gas related policy issues.

Like Mark Carney, Guterres also advised nations to take 'climate risks' into account on financial and policy decisions. As Roger Pielke, Jr. has shown in Forbes of Jan 2, 2020, the "Risky Business" scenario is one that has been [promoted by two 'green' billionaires](#), skewing climate research, public policy and investment decisions worldwide. This revelation shows that society does have time to address human impacts on climate and that the claims of a climate emergency are wildly exaggerated.

Friends of Science Society joins with CLINTEL in calling for open, civil debate on climate and energy policies and

an end to green energy subsidies.

Guterres claimed that countries will soon submit updated plans for reaching NetZero2050, an objective that CLINTEL says must be abandoned. Robert Lyman's report "[Promises vs Performance: The World's Largest Emitters since COP21](#)" shows that most of the countries of the world are far from meeting any of the Paris Agreement targets. In fact, the country that is one of the most successful in reducing emissions is the United States, which pulled out of the Paris Agreement. Japan and the European Union have also reduced emissions but overall, the world is nowhere near reaching the reductions demanded. Notably, even as we face a COVID-19 economic recession or depression, the "Promises vs Performance" report, issued in August 2019, states: *"Despite the fact that the last decade has witnessed the most serious economic recession since the Great Depression, global carbon dioxide emissions grew by 12 %."*

Consequently, the push for NetZero2050 is an unrealistic target. Friends of Science Society recommends the CLINTEL approach which emphasizes adaptation to changing climate, as opposed to contrived efforts to mitigate climate change through carbon dioxide reductions. Since the 2013 IPCC AR5 climate report, it has been clear that carbon dioxide from human industry is not the main driver of climate change; natural forces are more powerful.

Video: [A Letter from Dr. Guus Berkhout to World Leaders](#)

About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 18th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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