

# The World Economic Forum (WEF) -United Nations Partnership Constitutes “A Global Corporate Takeover”

Controlled opposition that speaks up against the rise of global corporatocracy but doesn't really challenge their power.

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*A reader of my latest Substack article, [G20, BRICS, WEF and the “building of a just world and a sustainable planet”](#), notified me of an [open letter](#), from September 2019, where over 400 civil society organisations and 40 international networks condemned the 2019 groundbreaking partnership between **World Economic Forum** and **United Nations** (which I became aware of in 2020 and have been trying to alert the world to in my books, articles, interviews, and lectures).*

[The letter described this as a global corporate takeover](#). In the words of one of the key organisers **Gonzalo Berrón** from the **Transnational Institute**:

This agreement between the UN and WEF formalises a disturbing corporate capture of the UN. It moves the world dangerously towards a privatised and undemocratic global governance.

Only six months later this partnership would rear its ugly head. Transnational Institute wrote in their [strategic plan for 2021-25](#) that:

The Covid-19 global pandemic has been used as a pretext for the implementation and normalisation of digital identification systems and tracker applications and to further entrench the notion that we pose a threat to each other.

It was very sound criticism that can only be applauded. But TI hasn't understood the whole picture. The Institute's mission is to "strengthen international social movements with rigorous research, reliable information, sound analysis and constructive proposals that advance progressive, democratic policy change and common solutions to global problems." [1]

## **Corporate capture of global governance: The World Economic Forum (WEF)-UN partnership agreement is a dangerous threat to UN System**

Open letter to Mr António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations

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We the undersigned call on you to terminate the recently signed United Nations-World Economic Forum strategic partnership agreement.

We are very concerned that this WEF-UN partnership agreement will de-legitimize the United Nations and provide transnational corporations preferential and deferential access to the UN System. The UN system is already under a big threat from the US Government and those who question a democratic multilateral world. However, this corporatization of the UN poses a much deeper long-term threat, as it will reduce public support for the UN system in the South and the North.

It is our strong belief that this agreement is fundamentally at odds with the UN Charter and with intergovernmental decisions on sustainable development, the climate emergency, and the eradication of poverty and hunger. This public-private partnership will permanently associate the UN with transnational corporations, some of whose core essential activities have caused or worsened the social and environmental crises that the planet faces. This is a form of corporate capture. We know that agribusiness destroys biodiversity and sustainable and just food systems, oil and gas corporations endanger the world's climate, Big Pharma weakens access to essential medications, extractive corporations leave lasting damage to countries' ecologies and peoples, and arms manufacturers profit from local and regional wars as well as repression of social movements. All these sectors are significant actors within the World Economic Forum.

This means, among other things, that they are totally committed to the catastrophic climate change narrative.

Decades of greenhouse gas emissions and destructive environmental practices have driven ecosystems to a breaking point, and threaten to trigger catastrophic global heating. The pace of this is alarming, making climate the top threat for young people everywhere. [2]

I would also add that "common solutions to global problems" is often problematic since we live in a very diverse world. It is not easy to apply the same one-size-fits-all solutions on all nations.

As I uncovered in book [Rockefeller: Controlling the game](#); Climate Change is a problem that has been defined and promoted since the fifties by the same forces that gave us the digital identification systems, as well as WEF. These players are also firm believers in global solutions to global problems, and they know how to rig the game.

As exemplified by **Rockefeller Brothers Funds** [Sustainable Development Review 2005-2010](#):

The RBF has supported "allied voices for climate action" that include businesses, investors, evangelicals, farmers, sportsmen, labor, military leaders, national security

hawks, veterans, youth, and governors and mayors. Each of these constituencies has an important role to play.[3]

And how independent is the Transnational Institute? In their [Annual Report for 2020](#) it is stated that they receive 50% of their income from the Dutch Government, 19% from other governments, and 14% from the European Union. They also receive funding from philanthropic foundations like **Asia Foundation**, **European Cultural Foundation**, the George Soros founded **Foundation for the Promotion of Open Societies** and drumroll, **The Rockefeller Foundation** and [Rockefeller Brothers Fund](#).

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This gives the impression of a controlled opposition that speaks up against the rise of a global corporatocracy but doesn't really challenge their power. You can't win if you believe the fairy tales your enemy has created, while receiving money out of their pockets.

WEF will, in the meantime, do everything to further a transition of the UN-system that suits their purpose. As WEFs President **Børge Brende** said to UN Secretary General **António Guterres** in Davos this week:

We are also very much looking forward to your **Summit of the Future** in September and you can count on us, also for our full support.

They don't care about open letters that questions their authority.

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### Notes

[1] [www.tni.org/en/mission](http://www.tni.org/en/mission)

[2] [www.tni.org/files/2024-01/TNI%20strategic%20plan-2021-2025.pdf](http://www.tni.org/files/2024-01/TNI%20strategic%20plan-2021-2025.pdf)

[3] [www.rbf.org/sites/default/files/sustainabledevelopmentprogramreview.pdf](http://www.rbf.org/sites/default/files/sustainabledevelopmentprogramreview.pdf)

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