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## November 2022, cynicism peaks



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*This month marks the Climate Summit in Egypt, which has Coca-Cola, the largest producer of plastic in the world, as a major sponsor, and the world of Qatar, synonymous with waste of resources*

One more year, the parties go to their appointment with the backpack full of good intentions, grandiloquent promises and salvific projects. This will be a historic meeting, no doubt – at least as much as the 26 Previous. COP27: Working for the benefit of people and planet: a Unbeatable slogan. Still waiting for a climate ambition as lukewarm as in Past editions, it should be noted, of this conference, a couple of Unique characteristics.

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First of all, its location. Sharm el-Sheikh, on the coast of the Red Sea, is an Egyptian spa town that, without Duda, will offer international delegates abundant spaces of rest between its protected sandy beaches and lively coastal walks. Yes We broaden the focus, Egypt stands out, according to [Amnesty International](#), for its "terrible record of Repression of civil society organizations and punishment of activism of human rights and independent journalism". Your Minister of Affairs Foreign Affairs, Sameh Shoukry, [recently announced](#) that "a facilities adjacent to the conference center" for activists Express your opinions and voice your protests. It doesn't take much Insight to see in these statements a crude attempt to wash the image of authoritarianism and censorship that is the norm in this Mediterranean country. Activists, protests, free opinion and civil society? Of course, we are in the twenty-first century. But well bounded and within the fold. And beware of saying some truth that makes the regime uncomfortable. What would be the result? Alaa's case Abd El-Fattah is illustrative: on September 12, [The Guardian](#) reported his words of warning to his family; After six months of hunger strike, he could die in prison. Political activist and leading figure in the Spring demonstrations Arab, has served a five-year sentence for participating in a protest peaceful in 2013 and is again locked up on charges of spreading fake news. Alaa Abd El-Fattah is part of the very long list of Protesters, political figures, journalists and rights lawyers Human beings arrested and subjected to brutal treatment by the Egyptian authorities under the mandate of Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. The international community does not seem to interested in the numerous human rights violations of this regime, or even when the victim is "ours": [in 2016](#) the body of Italian academic Giulio Regeni he appeared mutilated on the outskirts of Cairo. As a stable partner for the elite In Egypt, human rights surveillance moves to a background.

The other singular feature has to Watch with sponsorship: Coca-Cola stands out as the great corporate giant behind this event. The United Nations climate change summit is sponsored by – according to the [Break Free From Plastic](#) report – the largest producer of plastic (along with PepsiCo) of the world – [Tearfund](#) estimates that the company produces 108,000 million of plastic bottles every year – and one of the largest emitters of plastic bottles every year – and one of the largest emitters of Greenhouse effect – the production of plastic itself has a very important carbon footprint, to which is added the rest of its industrial activity and logistics–. The presence of big business at climate summits has It has been a constant, with the *lobby* of the gas and oil playing a leading role – at the last meeting in Glasgow, This sector would have been the [largest delegation](#) if it were a country. However, the Coca-Cola's presence as a major player at COP27 is a sound Slap in the

conscience of anyone who feels a minimum of attachment to the health of their environment – and for their own integrity.

So, this November that we receive [with more than 1.1 °C](#) global average temperature increase with regard to pre-industrial levels – and situations such as water stress, anomalous temperatures, permanent ice melt, poor harvests and scarce, and all kinds of extreme weather events – and with that [goal](#) of 1.5 °C that no one considers achievable anymore, we will give away a summit full of *greenmarketing* and toast to the sun, in a major exercise of imprudence, pride and indifference to the reality of the climate, environmental and (emergency even [formulated](#), in a show of unbearable cynicism, by the same elites who claim to represent us).

This month will also host the most embarrassing sporting events that are remembered. Interrupting the National competitions (something that had only happened during the wars) World Cups and the COVID pandemic), the men's World Cup in Qatar It will begin its journey with the approval of international organizations, Governments and the media, regardless of labor abuses migrant workers, restrictions on freedom of expression and discrimination suffered by [women](#) and members of [LGTBI](#) groups. From Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (among others) workers have arrived in Qatar to build the stadiums that will look radiant on screens around the world. This Ambitious construction program – in a process marked from its inception in 2011 on [the accusation](#) of bribing FIFA officials to obtain The rights to host the World Cup – has meant the hiring of Al minus [30,000](#) foreign workers. *Qatar, the World Cup of shame*: this is how it headlines Amnesty International's research documenting forced labour, the confiscated passports and the precarious conditions of workers who They charge, on average, \$220 a month. Last year *The Guardian* confirmed, from contacts with different embassies, the death of [6,750 migrant workers](#) in Qatar since 2010 The real figure is probably much higher. Shame about The violation of human rights has its correlate in the waste of human rights. energy and natural resources. The first World Cup – self-styled – "neutral in Carbon" has needed to build seven new stadiums. Carbon Market Watch concludes, in its [report](#), that the event will have a large carbon footprint, and that carbon neutrality is not credible. It also acknowledges the controversial nature of the concept "carbon neutrality", the vagueness of the alleged "trade-offs" and uncertainty as to the possibility and manner in which All of this could apply to specific events like this. As far as the Use of water, at least [10,000 liters](#) per day will be used for each of its stadiums –

water desalinated through processes with a very high energy cost, whose Waste with high levels of salts and toxins is a lethal aggression for the marine ecosystem–.

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Meanwhile, our government entertains us with the fantasy of [green hydrogen](#), a technology yet to be developed and with multiple obstacles to its implementation (nor is hydrogen a source of energy, but only a vector that needs a previous energy process, nor It is "[green](#)", since the vast majority of current hydrogen is generated from gas or petroleum products).

Blah blah blah... Forward flights, with a blind and unshakable trust in technology and "innovation", which They intend to continue to guarantee lavish shows, accelerated mobility and a endless offers, products and services. But it's time to wake up and quit The placid dream of "I want it all and I want it now". Production peaks of energy resources (the fall of at least [15%](#) in diesel production is the most important example). blunt) and minerals are already here. Some have already begun to wake up, Although many others have never even had the opportunity to taste that Ephemeral sleep: more than [700 million](#) people suffer from hunger, and 55% of the world population, according to Credit Suisse's global wealth [report](#), barely It accumulates 1.3% of the wealth (with less than 10,000 dollars per capita).

Declining mineral availability and Energy would have to place us immediately before the enormous challenge of Manage with fair judgment what is increasingly meagre. In any case, the Avalanche of disasters lurking behind climate disorder – the Alterations in [ocean currents](#) and *the jet stream* potentially destabilizing the global climate – and the reduced resilience of the biosphere – huge and growing losses of [biodiversity](#)– They should be more than enough to completely abandon a system. irrational and macabre, the capitalist, whose only rudder is growth at the same time. any price.

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As incredible as it may seem, that's not the Roadmap of our societies. [16](#) *Scientific Rebellion* activists have been arrested in Germany. Repression is the reward for those who consider that life It is more important than the market. Europe is capable of flying the flag of the climate action while jailing science professionals who are dare to speak out, to say, through nonviolent civil disobedience, that we cannot afford to divert attention for another minute from the Catastrophe in the making, which we need to act with forcefulness and haste that the environmental emergency demands.

From Iruña we demand the immediate laying released without charge of these people, and we vindicate their actions as essential to spur the consciences of political representatives and the sovereign people. In November we will take to the streets in a collective effort to face this emergency with the seriousness, maturity and justice that Deserves. The *Summit Alternative for the Climate* will make Iruña a Free, creative and honest climate action space, a space for struggle and Class action. In community, from the bottom up, with solidarity, enthusiasm And joy: we cannot conceive of any other way to guarantee dignified and rich lives for everyone.

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