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Reference: Planned international conference: **The Heat is on – Climate Change and the Media**, 21-23 June, 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

Dear Mr Intendant Bettermann,

Much to our surprise, even to our horror, we have learned of the planned conference on climate change **The Heat is on – Climate Change and the Media** taking place from June 21 to June 23, 2010. According to the conference's own announcement, it has nothing to do with the objective, truthful and neutral dissemination of information by journalists. Rather it is solely focussed on training participants on how to deal with people who have a different opinion, in this case so-called climate science sceptics and non-alarmists. Please be aware that because you and your institution act as a voice for a democratic state and because you are required to do so by broadcasting law, you are obligated to handle media information in an **objective and truthful** manner.

Already in the conference's preamble contradicts these requirements, as it is written:

"Falling back on a "neutral journalistic position can mean playing into the hands of the skeptics,"

and

"This workshop aims to point out what journalists must know about climate change policy, whom to trust and when to question their own professional procedures."

The interpretation of the law unanimously states that it is not the duty of tax-money financed broadcasters (as is also the case with other bodies of public institutions who are named as supporters of this project) to blatantly and shockingly call for (and actively aid in) the violation of the neutrality and objectivity requirements in the climate discussion.

You are surely aware that neither of the claims made by the IPCC that global tempera-

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tures are always getting warmer because of increasing amounts of anthropogenic CO₂, nor other panic reports have become reality. Indeed to the contrary, leading IPCC authors, among them Jones and Trenberth, have admitted there has been no significant warming since 1995, and even a marked cooling since 2002 has occurred even though CO₂ atmospheric concentrations have risen. Also hotly debated in science, the general public and politics, is the question of to what extent the IPCC and its climate models can be trusted. The models themselves do not agree with reality.

It certainly cannot be in the interest of a publicly financed broadcaster to put its own existence into question with a debate over its objectivity. Already we know that soon there will be much discussion in the general media about the financing of public television and radio. Additional controversy will not make the process easier for you.

We therefore demand the immediate cancellation of this law-violating conference, which has the admitted target of manipulating public-opinion by using partial, one-sided information. It is a violation of rights to freedom of expression and opinion which are anchored in the German Constitution. We reserve all rights to take the appropriate legal action.

Enlightened thinking has always been at the centre of our culture, along with sceptical, critical and scrutinising thought. It is intolerable that, here in Germany, public funds are being illegally used under your supervision and under your responsibility to marginalise a large number persons (the majority!) who share a different opinion.

We will also inform the other responsible parts of the media, private and public, on the nature of this conference. We include a draft of a press release that is appearing on 9 June 2010.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hoger Thuss,
President, EIKE

Dipl. Ing Michel Limburg,
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Encl.: Press release.

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Journalism training for a disinformation campaign by a German public broadcaster: Deutsche Welle wants to force the view of anthropogenic climate / world doom onto international journalism

That's how the German public broadcaster Deutsche Welle (DW) announced it's international conference titled: **The Heat is on – Climate Change and the Media**. Already just a look at the stagnating global temperatures over the last 10 years would be enough to warrant changing the first part of the title to: The Heat is off. But this reality certainly does not sit well with the objectives of the DW conference as it is obvious that the international media **is to be made one-sided for the purpose of propagating the view of anthropogenic world downfall**.

One only needs to read the opening statement of the DW conference preamble:

“For journalists, it is virtually impossible to check every statement for factual correctness...”

and

“Falling back on a “neutral” journalistic position can mean playing into the hands of the skeptics...”

and

“This workshop aims to point out what journalists must know about climate change policy, whom to trust and when to question their own professional procedures”.

Already at this early stage it is clear what this conference is about: On the topic of climate, journalists are being asked by the DW to set aside independent research and thought, and instead subscribe solely to the political “mainstream”.

An effort is being made to systematically exclude opinions that do not agree with the climate hysteria.

To accomplish this one-sidedness, DW is marshalling every possible tactic:

(1) Dozens of presentations and an overwhelming program that includes all facets of the CO₂-caused world downfall - all unified by a single aim: that no journalists should ever get the idea there exists from a scientific perspective widespread doubt on the hypothesis of AGW.

(2) Opening speeches by leading alarmists such as Yvo de Boer and Herrmann Scheer.

(3) The program is filled with horror scenes, such as a lonely farmer screaming over a parched landscape, or a climate refugee, and exclusive focus on hunger and misery.

(4) It has to be mentioned that not a single one of the thousands of scientists (e.g. NIPCC) or journalists who have a critical view of climate hysteria has been included to present alternative views in the wide-ranging DW conference program.

(5) A complete exclusion of the fact that scientific consensus on climate change has long since been a myth, and that a majority of scientists have a different opinion.

Summary

Precisely what had not been successful before the Climategate scandal, (what actually uncovered the scandal) – is to be finally reached once and for all: The attempt to force a singular one-sided reporting on the topic of AGW.



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That's even more shocking than the fact that the Climategate-scandal uncovered a literal glut of errors and manipulations at the IPCC. We can only hope that there are still enough real journalists out there who are able to see through this miserable attempt at achieving political uniformity and are ready to fight against it - and thus salvage the honour that's left in free journalism and the ideals that make up a democratic society.

Deutsche Welle does not feel obligated to fulfil its duties that it is expected to perform for the public. This is clearly shown in the conference's preamble or the rest of the conference's program.

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