

# Q&A — The Climate-Agrifood Nexus.

**QUESTION:** Thank you for this amazing education!! Is there a similar campaign to lobby the IFC and regional development banks to divest in corporate agriculture? There's a campaign underway in Central America to call attention to Del Monte's (and other corporations') use of dwindling water resources in key basins throughout the region. How to align with the movement to pressure banks/change the narrative?" **ANSWER:** Here is one initiative: <https://www.farmlandgrab.org/post/view/30557-development-banks-have-no-business-financing-agribusiness> Always a good idea to make connections and build together.

**QUESTION:** Questions for Ashley - 1. Why the focus on factory farming exclusively? Why not campaigning to stop investments in industrial ag in all its manifestations? I understand it may simply lead to a too diffuse campaign. 2. Is there a role for funders in this campaign (besides providing funding, which is critical)? Are you seeking to organize progressive funders together to sign onto divestment and put pressure on funder peers? **ANSWER:** Hi Daniel! Great to hear from you. This new global coalition is focusing on industrial livestock production because, as I highlighted in my presentation, we won't solve the climate crisis without tackling this sector specifically due to its methane and GHG emissions impact. That said, we absolutely see this work as very much tied to the problems of the broader industrial agriculture sector and we will weave this together in our narrative development. In terms of your second question, we haven't developed a funder advocacy strategy but we would be open to exploring that idea further if there is interest. As we are in the early stages of development of our campaign, we would welcome any/all funding opportunities. Happy to chat further. Thanks so much, Daniel.

**QUESTION:** Hi! Thank you for the presentation Ashley. Is there any link to more information regarding the coming collaboration? **ANSWER:** Hi Ion, please reach out to me directly if you would like more information on our global Divest Factory Farming campaign: [aschaeffer@foe.org](mailto:aschaeffer@foe.org). We are kicking off our different Working Groups (Communications, Policy, Advocacy, etc) and currently welcoming new organizations into our campaign so if you are interested, reach out and I'd love to share more. Thank you! Stephanie: re: your question, you are right that the food shortages and supply chain access issues is creating pressure on prices and making feed prices more expensive for smallscale livestock producers. This is definitely a challenge. One potential solution to this is to support more feed grown locally.

**QUESTION:** Thank you all! Ashley, can you describe more your ideas, vision and plans to undertake (or push IFC to undertake?) a "global consultation process" on this issue? (Also interested to hear more about FOE's plans & process for elevating voices from the Global South so that we can share w our networks). Thanks! **ANSWER:** Hi Marcia, thanks for your questions. We are in the process of hiring a consultant to lead this global consultation process (to kick off in May) to make sure our development policy and industrial livestock exclusion policy are both informed by and representative of voices of the Global South. This process will be led by the Divest Factory Farming campaign, not just Friends of the Earth. A key part of the process will be consulting as many groups in the Global South as possible, so if you have suggestions or ideas, please be in touch: [aschaeffer@foe.org](mailto:aschaeffer@foe.org). Thank you!

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