

UvA-wide dialogue about collaboration with third parties

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Our positionality

1.5°C



Latest IPCC report.
Undelayed climate action.



This requires leaving fossil
fuel underground globally.

Our background

THE CLIFF PROJECT

Debt Financiers



Pension Funds



Philanthropies



O&G
Companies



LMICs



PPP



Investigating the role of institutional investors in leaving fossil fuels underground (LFFU)

The UvA Collaboration Equation

Collaboration = Meta + Granular

$$C = \sum_{j=0}^{j=\infty} m_j + \sum_{k=0}^{k=\infty} g_k = M + G$$

The UvA Collaboration Equation

M = Meta level

Ethics

Vision

Strategy

The UvA Collaboration Equation

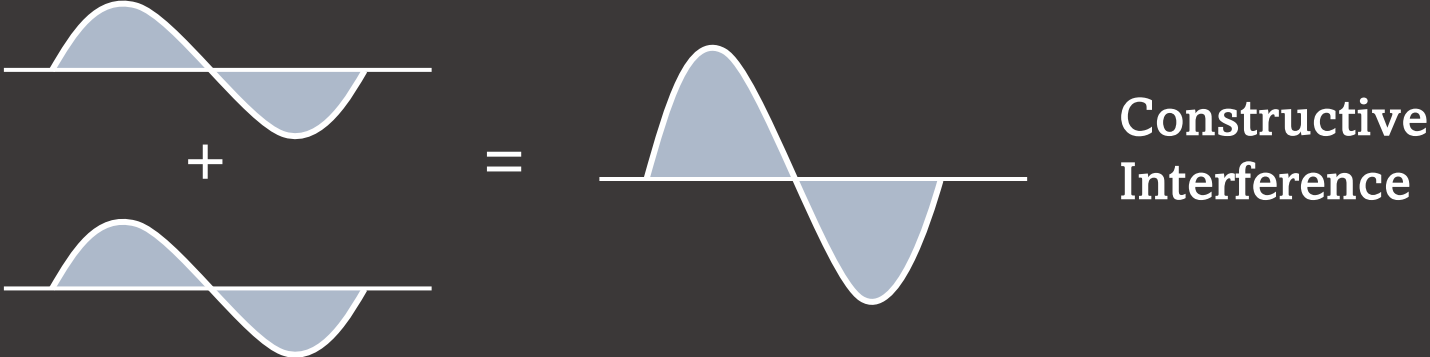
$G = \text{Granular level}$

Governance

Operations

Costs

The UvA Collaboration Equation



Collaboration with FF industry causes destructive interference



1. Power play and financing delay

It is not in the interest of an industry that on average spends less than 1% of their capital expenditures outside of fossil fuels to fund something which would make their current business obsolete. In other words, what is financed is delay.

2. Narrative control and agency

By making it a binary choice between collaboration or no energy transition, the fossil fuel industry takes agency away from the UvA to act in accordance with its vision: Inspiring future generations

3. Opportunity costs

Accepting funds from the FF industry means that intellectual capital is allocated on topics they deem necessary, this means that other fields are deprived from this capital.

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