Principles of Accountability for Climate Change Agreements

Principes de responsabilité sur les accords du changement climatique

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Policy Paradox

Submissions to date: 158; Parties Represented: 186

http://unfccc.int/focus/indc_portal/items/8766.php last accessed on 12/8/2015
Symptoms or Root Causes?

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
What is the problem that COP21 is trying to solve?

Is this a root cause or a symptom?
Assigning Responsibility

In politics, we look for causes not only to understand how the world works, but to assign responsibility for problems.

~D. Stone, Policy Paradox, p. 189.
Accountability Paradox
Accountability for what?
Accountable to who?
We need to redefine Accountability

Climate change is not a “technical” issue. Addressing climate change is a moral imperative.
Money is not the answer

Development discourses must address extreme poverty & wealth

http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2015/12/08/exposed-academics-for-hire/ last accessed 12/9/2015
Principles of Accountability

• Resilience
• Prevent harm to planet and people
• Cultivate capacity for action in multi-sector, interdisciplinary and cross movement spaces
• Expand understanding of human nature and cultivate latent capacities
• Support regional & local economic systems
We must be accountable to one another.

“Let your vision be world embracing rather than confined to your own self.”

*Bahá’í Writings*