

Principles of Accountability for Climate Change Agreements

*Principes de responsabilité sur les accords
du changement climatique*

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Policy Paradox



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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