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A global system that works for all

Error or complete	**Organisation name:**	**Is organisation?**
Yes	Yes	Yes
Climate collapse	**Institutions that lack inclusivity or accountability**	**Short**
Global catastrophic risks mitigated	**Risk multipliers managed**	**Implementation timeframe**



Accountability in national and global governance

Our international institutions are the creation of sovereign states. As such they are rarely able to hold states to account. And yet so many of the global problems we face are the result of state action. How can a system designed by states hold states to account? This question is particularly pressing when it comes to threats to the very fabric of our ecosystem itself – our planetary boundaries.

Work by the University of Massachusetts Boston (University EAFIT seeks to address this challenge by analysing the implementation of the UN biodiversity conventions, assessing the rights-based approach taken by United Nations agencies to fulfil their commitments, and analysing the degree to which differences in the strength of international accountability mechanisms, including internal oversight and auditing, can further add value here.

The next step requires civil society to use this data to navigate the international legal system. This is a challenging but promising pathway for pressuring governments to confer these standards.

Our partners are also trying to develop the idea of meaningful international legal frameworks, and are then targeting upcoming events such as the 2021 UN Environmental Assembly in Nairobi and the 2022 50th anniversary commemorations of the founding of the UN Environment programme as hooks to promote the idea.