

# ESTABLISHING A GLOBALLY EFFECTIVE CLIMATE REGIME

To **make sure** that radical reductions of fossil fuel emissions are achieved, the easiest way is to **control the amount of fossil fuels brought onto the global market each year**, reducing the permitted total every year.

To do this requires a **globally effective institutional system**.

**Who will establish this?**

**The Global Community,  
or  
Nation-state Governments?**



As Malcolm Gladwell pointed out in his book *David & Goliath\**, at first sight the giant seemed the likely winner, but the reality is that he suffered from serious impediments and in fact all the advantages lay with David. Similarly, nation-state governments, although they are the obvious candidates for a governance role, suffer from systemic flaws that disable them from establishing the necessary global regime: all the advantages in fact lie with the Global Community.

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People care! They are physically experiencing climate change and are alive to the dangers to come.	Governments are blind to climate change, because the <b>systemic purpose</b> of the Global Monotocracy of which they are part is economic growth.
Ordinary people, communities and NGOs are free to act in the interests of the whole human family.	Governments are far from free: they are dominated by fossil fuel corporations.
People are capable, skilled and experienced. Judges can insist on an effective response to climate change to prevent avoidable damage.	Governments of nation-states have to prioritise national interests over those of the global community. The UNFCCC process is fatally flawed.
People and NGOs can ensure that a new global framework is science-based and independent.	Elected governments have short time horizons. Massive bureaucracies block radical change.

Although nation-state governments are the only governments we have at the moment, they are not designed to address global problems like climate change. We should give up expecting them to do so. Ordinary people, through their local communities and NGOs, the Global Community, though apparently powerless, are in fact the **natural power base** for establishing the necessary globally effective climate regime.

**What does the Global Community need, to realise its potential (David needed a sling and a pebble)?**

The Global Community needs three things:

- **a model of an institutional framework**

A suggested model is a Global Climate Commons Trust operating a global Cap and Share scheme: See [www.capandshare.org](http://www.capandshare.org), [www.feasta.org](http://www.feasta.org) and *Sharing for Survival\**. Citizens can put pressure on their own governments to implement a global Cap and Share scheme within their respective national boundaries. Scarcity rents arising from the radical emissions reductions will be shared out for the benefit of people everywhere.

- **professional and financial support**

With adequate professional and financial support, the new system could be up and running by the end of 2014.

- **leadership** - a role for the Tyndall Centre?

"The world today is a world of nation states, an inter-state world, with the United Nations as the leading inter-national body. But that is not the only possible world. Climate change, a *global* problem above all others, can trigger the emerging of a *human world* in which nation-states begin to serve the *global human interest* in newly conceived systems of global governance and global accountability." Philip Allott, (author of *The Health of Nations\** and the *Invisible Power* trilogy).

\*Philip Allott *The Health of Nations - Society and Law beyond the State*.

Roy Madron and John Jopling *Gaia Democracies - Redefining Globalisation and People-Power*.

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