

Decision Change

A proposal for determination of improved global decision-making on profound changes

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Introduction

The United Nations meeting on climate, COP27, has not resulted in measures against further climate collapse. More and more people are convinced that such conferences cannot bring about radical changes. Reform of the United Nations has a low success rate. Moreover, climate collapse is not the only global crisis. Therefore, a completely different way of decision-making is needed to deal with all kinds of global problems, preferably using an integral approach. But what kind of decision-making?

Objective

To answer this question, we propose to form a team having the following objective: to let experts in collective decision-making, such as deliberation and social choice theory, determine how to decide on global system change or other far-reaching measures (for more on decision theory, see tolma.net/decisiontheory.) The target date for the formation of this team is spring 2023.

Possible outcome

The experts can choose from many methods for decision-making: a global citizens' assembly, world federalism, the use of e-governance, or an entirely different method. Also,

they can opt for many kinds of participants: scientists, spiritual leaders, corporate executives, artists, citizens chosen by lot, representatives of groups, and so on.

The next step would be to actually make a decision, geared, of course, to implementation: for this purpose, proposals for large-scale changes may need to be collected in advance. All this is yet to be determined.

Possible benefit

The decision experts do not determine actual measures, but the method by which decisions are made about those changes. That method will be well-founded and impartial, so the changes are likely to be based on a trade-off between effectiveness and fairness.

What's next?

Assist to find or found an organisation which convenes experts in collective decision-making.

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