Common Home of Humanity Goal

A critical legal innovation that enables the restoration of a stable climate/well-functioning Earth System

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How?

From the actual consideration of Climate as a Common Concern of Humankind (the negative sum game) to the recognition of a Stable Climate as an Intangible Common Heritage of Humankind
What does this mean?

1) To recognize a new object of International Law – *Safe Operating Space for Humankind*

2) To define the first Global Common without borders, an intangible good that exists inside and outside all sovereignties.
Why?

The intangible work of the biosphere that produced and still supports life, disappears in a global legal gap...

... and we will continue trapped in the vicious cycle of destruction, once only by destroying the ecosystems we recognize wealth creation in our economies and value for the GDP of countries.

(the negative sum game = impossible to restore the ES)
For what?

1) To make economically visible and accountable the positive impacts on Climate
2) To boost a caring economy that restores the Earth System
3) To have a new legal framework that can support campaigns such as:
   a. The UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration
   b. Nature-Based Solutions
   c. Massive Reforestation
   d. (and others...)
End Goals? (1)

- to address the system as a single highly interconnected unit (Planetary Boundaries and not only CO2)

- to stay below 1.5°C without novel technologies

- To define a “non-territorial object of international law” without threatening the sovereignty of each state
End Goal? (2)

• With new concepts of economic value and wealth creation - systemic domino effects in health, social justice...

• and to build one economy that is able to produce and maintain life

• to induce systemic effects on the reduction of emissions of CO2 and damages on the Earth System
Best procedural possibility?

- **Global Pact for the Environment (GPE) – 2º phase – High-Level Declaration 2022**
- The GPE process has on its genetics the impetus for a holistic approach in terms of scope, scale and substantive contents.

- Main Milestones:
  1) **UNEA5** – February 2021
  2) **Stockholm+50** – June 2022
How to influence this process?

- to advocate with other NGOs one single and strong message
- to contact directly all the UN Ambassadors
- to establish contacts with countries and groups of countries
- social media campaigns/ media campaigns
- to enlarge the partnership/coalition/all sectors of society