

Obligations for All: How to ensure that Parties will meet their commitments?

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The presentation will highlight compelling arguments in favour of providing the Paris Agreement with a healthy set of “teeth”. In order to make the case for establishing a compliance mechanism, we would first need to assume that the COP21 outcome will be a treaty that includes commitments for all Parties, both assumptions being in no way guaranteed at this point. Although key elements still need to be agreed by negotiators, I will share my views on some of the options laid out in Section K of the Geneva Text in relation with compliance. By referring to existing precedents in international environmental law, I will reflect on the preferred content for a clause that could contribute to a regime better equipped to ensure that Parties will meet their commitments.