

**Summary by Gabriela Tejada**

Rischard argues that we are not doing enough about planetary problems. He proposes a *global issues management*. He identifies two exponential forces, namely the demographic explosion and the **new economy**, which are creating a dangerous 'governance gap' between global issues and the capacity of traditional institutions to solve them. He proposes a list of the 20 most urgent global issues for the next 20 years and suggests how we might go about solving them. The paper discusses the concept of *global issues networks*, each of them dealing with one of the issues.

**Sharing our Planet: issues involving the global commons**

- Global warming
- Biodiversity and ecosystem losses
- Fisheries depletion
- Deforestation
- Water deficits
- Maritime safety and pollution

**Sharing our Humanity: issues requiring a global commitment**

- Massive step up in the fight against poverty
- Peacekeeping, conflict prevention, combating terrorism
- Education for all
- Global infectious diseases
- Digital divide
- Natural disaster prevention and mitigation

**Sharing our Rulebook: issues needing a global regulatory approach**

- Reinventing taxation for the twenty-first century
- Biotechnology rules
- Global financial architecture
- Illegal drugs
- Trade, investment and competition rules
- Intellectual property rights
- E-commerce rules
- International labour and migration rules

**Reference:**

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