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As interesting as these technologies appear to be, it is worth noting that some types of carbon dioxide removal are already taking place in terms of halting deforestation or restoring peatlands. However, the scale at which these efforts would have to be taken to have a substantive effect on climate change is unprecedented. Moreover, the effects of technologies such as solar radiation management are almost entirely unknown. And while the challenge of climate change creates a moral imperative to leave no stone unturned, it is widely understood that these technologies are not a silver bullet, but rather a powerful supplement to eradicating carbon emissions.
Interviews also with NGOs. "So here the question comes around in a different way," he said. "Can we design a system that will be good for everybody; or, if it is not good for everybody, what can we do about that? These are the kind of governance challenges that our initiative is going to try to address."
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