

Highlights From the Earth Charter

Respect Earth and all life.

Care for Earth, protecting and restoring the diversity, integrity and beauty of the planet's ecosystems.

Live sustainably.

Establish justice and defend without discrimination the right of all people to life, liberty and security of person within an environment adequate for human health and spiritual well-being.

Share equitably the benefits of natural resource use and a healthy environment.

Promote social development and financial systems that create and maintain sustainable livelihoods, eradicate poverty and strengthen local communities.

Practice non-violence.

Strengthen processes that empower people to participate effectively in decision-making and ensure transparency and accountability.

Reaffirm that indigenous and tribal peoples have a vital role in the care and protection of Mother Earth.

Affirm that gender equality is a prerequisite for sustainable development.

Secure the right to sexual and reproductive health.

Promote the participation of youth as accountable agents of change.

Advance and put to use scientific and other types of knowledge and technologies that promote sustainable living.

Ensure that people have opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values and practical skills needed to build sustainable communities.

Treat all creatures with compassion.

Do not do to the environment of others what you do not want done to your environment.

Protect and restore places of outstanding ecological, cultural, aesthetic, spiritual and scientific significance.

Cultivate and act with a sense of shared responsibility for the well-being of the Earth Community.

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Consultation newsletter: www.earthcharter.org/newsletter/

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Earth Charter page: www.gci.ch/greencrossprograms/earthcharter/earth.html

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