



# Earth Charter

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The Earth Charter is a document with sixteen principles powering a global movement.

It can be used as a guide and as education tool to clarify the vision of sustainable development.



We stand at a critical moment in  
Earth's history, a time when  
humanity must choose its future.





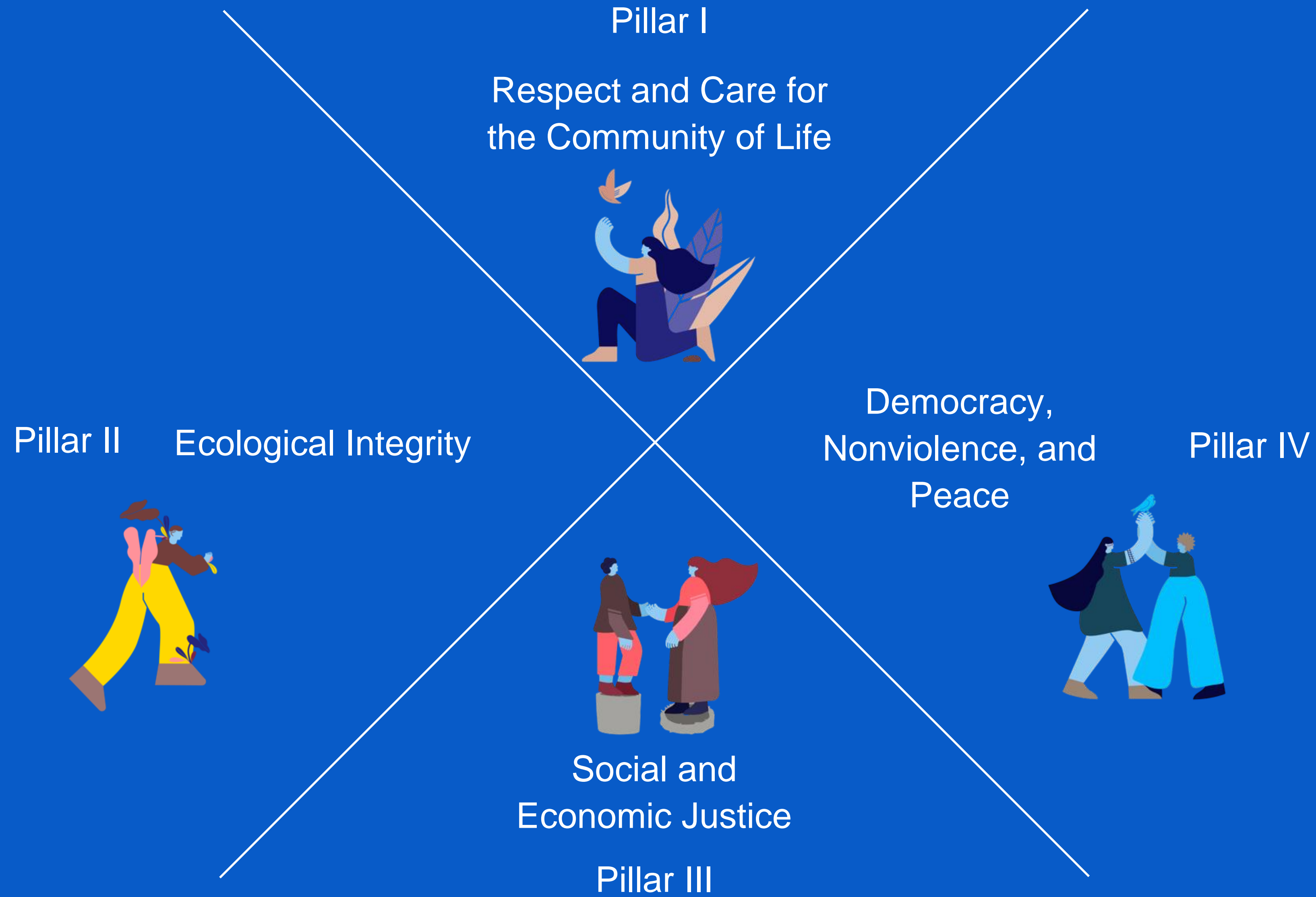
“To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny”.  
(Preamble).



We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace.

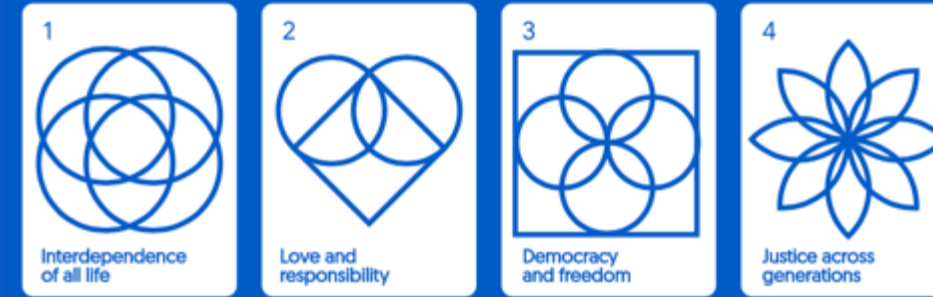
Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

Preamble



# Pillar I

## Respect and Care for the Community of Life



# Pillar II Ecological Integrity



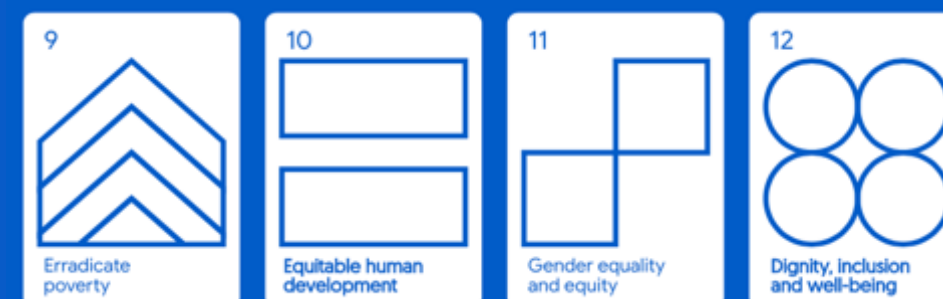
## Democracy, Nonviolence, and Peace

# Pillar IV



## Social and Economic Justice

# Pillar III



# Turning conscience into action

“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life”.

The Way Forward



The Earth Charter Secretariat, [Earth Charter Commission members](#), National Committees, partner organizations and many other groups, organized consultations focused on the ideas and principles to be included in the Earth Charter.

The seminars took place over a five-year period from 1995 to 2000.

In March 1997 at the Rio+5 Forum, a first Benchmark Draft of the Earth Charter was released as a “document in progress”.

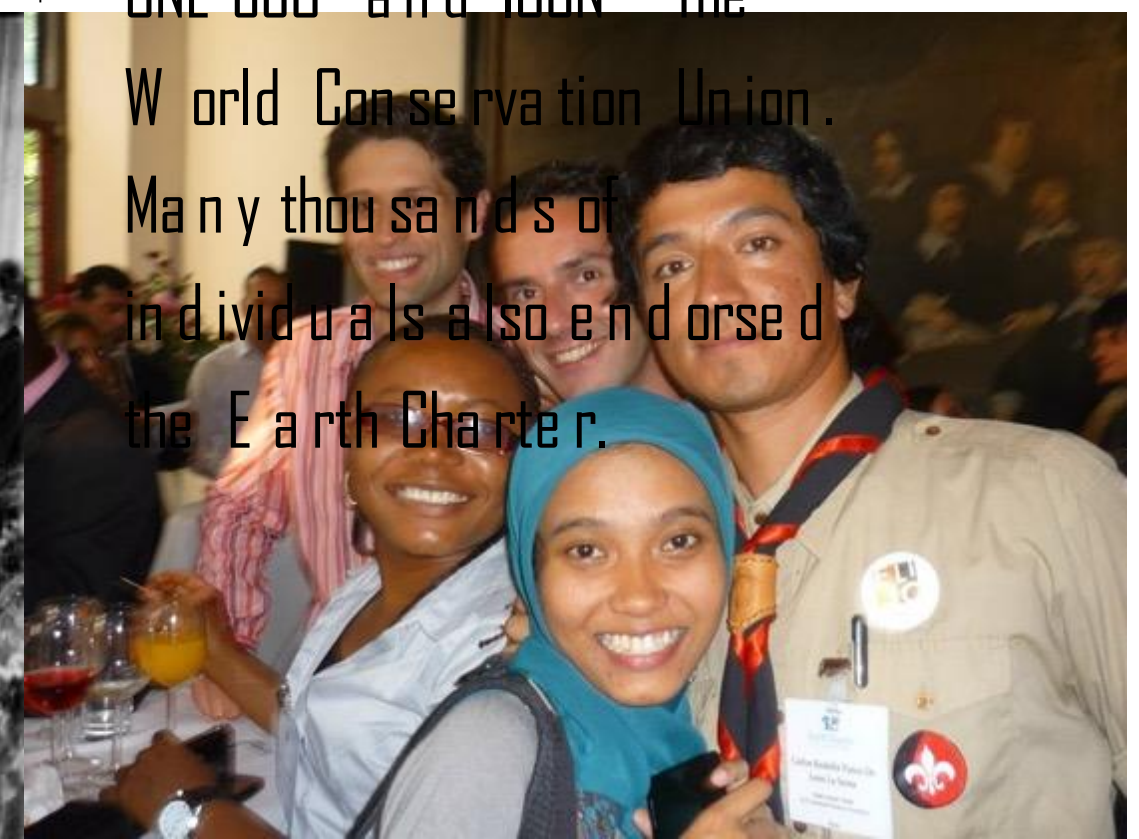
Ongoing international consultations were organized.

After numerous drafts and after considering the input of people from all regions of the world, the Earth Charter Commission came to consensus on the Earth Charter in March 2000, at a meeting held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

The Earth Charter was formally launched in a special ceremony on 29 June at The Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands.

Over the following five years, a formal endorsement campaign attracted over 2,000 organizational endorsements, representing millions of people, including numerous national and international associations, and ultimately global institutions such as UNESCO and IUCN – The World Conservation Union.

Many thousands of individuals also endorsed the Earth Charter.





# Earth Charter International



**Earth Charter International (ECI)** is the organization that powers the Earth Charter global movement by providing information, networking, and educational opportunities to turn conscience into action.

The mission of ECI is to contribute to the transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet.

Inspired by the Earth Charter, thousands of individuals and organizations around the world are part of the Earth Charter global movement. Most of them act independently, but they occasionally collaborate.

The ECI Secretariat functions as the coordinating hub for the worldwide movement. Based at the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica.

## Areas of action:

1. Dialogue
2. Networking
3. Education / Training







# Networking



# Earth Charter in Action. Powering a global movement.



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- (1) Fritjof Capra, Sam Crowel
- (2) Leonardo Boff, Mateo Castillo
- (3) Marina Silva, Ricardo Young  
and Rose Marie Inojosa



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## 29 June - Speakers:

- (1) Brendan Mackey, Caitlin Byrne, Atsufumi Yokoi, Kazuo Takahasi, Hua Wang
- (2) Oren Lyons, Peter Blaze Corcoran, Kartikeya Sarabhai, Severl Cullis Suzuki, Akpezi Ogbuiwe
- (3) Federico Mayor, Francisco Rojas, Cristovam Buarque
- (4) Brazil Festival
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you?**

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**to give used clothes**  
**a second chance**

**Ecological  
Integrity**





# Education Center



The Earth Charter Education Center offers a variety of online and on-site education programmes that highlight the importance of incorporating sustainability values and principles into decision-making and education. It provides an opportunity for participants to expand their understanding of sustainability and see the possibilities for turning it into action.

The Center is located on the campus of the University for Peace in San José, Costa Rica.

The Center's work is implemented under the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter, which generates educational programmes and research activities specifically on the intersection of sustainability, ethics and education. These programmes are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese.



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online course

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Leader on education in Ethics and Sustainable Development.



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7. Systems Leadership, the Earth Charter and the SDGs

*“The Earth Charter has awakened me from the illusion of our separateness”.*

*Lynette Kisaka, Kenya (2020)*

Since 2003, more than 180,000 people from all over the world have participated in our online and on-site courses, programmes and workshops.



# What can you do





Commit to apply the Earth Charter

Take an Earth Charter Course

Apply the Earth Charter in your house, work or school.

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Connect with our nearest Affiliate

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