

Earth Charter in Action

We stand at a

critical moment

in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future...

“ 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. ”

Earth Charter Preamble

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The Earth Charter can be used in many ways:

as a tool for reflection, dialogue, collaboration and education. Its principles outline practical steps toward a more sustainable world.

Mexico: Cardiela Amézcuca Luna, an art teacher and



RAMON MERINO

choreographer, runs art projects and workshops based on the Earth Charter to help provide a solid ethical foundation for the harmonious growth and development of children.

Earth Charter workshop in Pátzcuaro

USA: The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh



ANDREW ROBSON

has held annual Earth Charter Community Summits since 2001, inspiring a significant refocusing toward sustainability on campus and engagement with the wider community.

Display on solar energy during Earth Charter Community Summit

India: CLEAN-India has used Earth Charter principles



in 1,700 schools in Delhi to help young people understand and analyze local and global interconnectedness, “good” globalization and sustainable living.

Presenting artwork to the Chief Minister of Delhi

Zambia: In partnership with Earth Charter US, the Workers Education Association of Zambia



VICTOR PHIRI

has developed a 20-year plan to end rural poverty by creating a “Contentment Economy” based on traditional cultural practices and sustainable technologies.

Building waterless toilets in Chongwe



UNUSUAL ANIMALS

ROSY-LIPPED BATFISH

The Rosy-lipped Batfish lives close to the surface in warm and temperate seas. It can walk on its fins over short distances, but prefers just sitting on the sand trying to blend in with its surroundings.

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