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

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:** Cardieloa Amézqua Luna, an art teacher and 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.

**USA:** The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has held annual Earth Charter Community Summits since 2001, inspiring a significant refocusing toward sustainability on campus and engagement with the wider community.

**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.

**Zambia:** In partnership with Earth Charter US, the Workers Education Association of Zambia has developed a 20-year plan to end rural poverty by creating a “Contentment Economy” based on traditional cultural practices and sustainable technologies.