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Workshop 9 : Global Challenges and Global Governance
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Session 4 : Time 11:45 to 13: 30



Title: Conclusion & Recommendation

Moderator Brendan summarizes the earlier session and opened the discussion on final recommendation including Earth Charter principles in global governance. Thus, the concluding session of the Workshop was brainstorming with constructive suggestions made by the speakers and the organizers. The workshop came out with recommendations like internalization of the Earth Charter Principles into the process itself instead of focusing on the conferences. Underlining the importance of the process, Prof. Bharat Desai, JNU named the present CEE conference as “**Ahmedabad Process**” and said that such process is important in making EC as a soft law tool and this process can be carried through to the UNESCO and ultimately to the UN General Assembly. He also suggested tightening of the EC Principles as per the present needs. Alexander Likhotal recommended focusing on integration of the process and building of documents on value based approach and said that the goal is to change the people’s mind. Communicating and promoting the idea and thematic debates at regional, sub-regional and national levels were suggested by Ella Antonio, Philippines, and that the goals should not be too ambitious but achievable. Another important suggestion made by Rixa Schwarz, CEE Germany was about making a checklist for a normative process. The final recommendation includes following points:

Recognition of the Earth Charter in Global Governance at the Rio + 20 Summit by

- A thematic debate in the UNGA,
- Self recommendation and action (including the suggested checklist tool)
- Recommendation for implementation.

The two hour session ended positively with futuristic hopes, with hopes of greater civil society participation. The session was chaired by Brendan Mackey, coordinated by Rixa Schwarz and attended by Dr. Miroslav Polzer (Austria), Alexander Likhotal (Switzerland) and youth group.