

WORKSHOP 6

The Earth Charter and Religion, Spirituality and Ethics

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Over 500 spiritual and religious groups have endorsed the Earth Charter, and many have developed programs and initiatives that weave together their traditions and the Earth Charter's perspective on the challenges we face and the principles we should follow to create sustainable ways of living for all.

Earth Charter International has worked closely with religious groups and leaders engaged in using the Earth Charter, researching and the developing educational materials designed for religious audiences. In early 2009, as part of the ECI decentralization strategy, a Task Force on Religion, Spirituality and Ethics was formed to follow up these actions. [Find in this link more information about this task force.](#)

A one day pre- conference event (October 31) and the workshop sessions will involve representatives of diverse religious, spiritual and ethical groups who are 1) leaders/scholars deeply engaged with the Earth Charter; 2) religious leaders who are reflecting on the Earth Charter from their various traditions; and 3) those who have produced educational materials and ways of living guided by the Earth Charter.

Objectives of the session:

1. Share experiences and discuss strategies and actions for bringing the Earth Charter to inter- religious and intercultural dialogues.
2. Explore ways for collaboration in the production of various educational resources (the design of a book, videos, workshop guides, etc)

A summary of the discussion at the workshops will be posted on the Conference website each day. Each workshop will come up with a final report on day three. The report will include a road map for the future and a set of recommendations for the Rio plus 20 Conference proposed in Brazil 2012, as well as for the next decade of the Earth Charter 2010 - 2020