

Ethical Framework for a Sustainable World



Earth Charter

International Conference CEE, Ahmedabad, India

1 – 3 November, 2010.

A major event to culminate the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the EC being organised by CEE India with partnership of ECI Secretariat.



Over the ten years since its formal launch in 2000, the Earth Charter has gained recognition as a global consensus on the meaning of sustainability, the challenge and vision of sustainable development, and the principles by which sustainable development is to be achieved. It is today accepted that there are many dimensions to the concept of sustainability, all of which need to be supported by an underlying ethical framework.

The Earth Charter Initiative presents the values and principles that constitute the framework for a sustainable future as articulated through its Mission Statement.

The Earth Charter has been an important guiding influence on the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. Today at a point that is midway through the Decade, the Earth Charter vision of “a global society founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace” is more relevant and more powerfully inspirational than ever before.

As the world grapples with the challenge of understanding the concept of sustainability and integrating it into policy and practice, numerous dilemmas have presented themselves: there are many unresolved issues, and concerns that are yet to be addressed.

In this context, the effective translation of Earth Charter principles into practice assumes critical significance. It is appropriate at this stage to review and strengthen ways by which these principles and values can find resonance in different areas of life and work and across different sectors from international organizations and business enterprises to formal education.

The EC+10 Conference aims to close the gap between the principles enshrined in the Earth Charter and their acceptance and integration into practice. It seeks to provide a forum for people from a wide range of sectors to share and assess experiences as well as explore creative and effective ways to integrate EC principles into their practice.

The Conference will set the context for evolving appropriate techniques, processes and indicators relating to the application of the EC framework and principles within the larger canvas of Education for Sustainable Development.

The location of the Conference at Ahmedabad, where Mahatma Gandhi began his experiments with truth, confronting his ethical dilemmas, and evolving appropriate responses and solutions to them, lends a historical symbolism to the conference.

Gandhiji is perhaps one of the most outstanding examples of a leader who lived and worked to stringent ethical standards. His was a politics that was based on high ideals and moral principles where the means were always just as important as the ends. Gandhi succeeded in demonstrating to the common man as much as to the most decorated dignitary, the dignity and fulfillment that flows from the integration of universal human values and principles into one's daily practice.

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It is also in Gandhi's India that some of the world's largest experiments in live democratic consultation processes are being undertaken. In fact it is becoming increasingly evident that one of the most critical requirements for a truly sustainable world is mutually respectful dialogue and consultation.

The EC+10 Conference will seek to facilitate an invigorating consultative process through thematic workshops that will bring together thinkers and practitioners from a variety of sectors. The Conference plenaries will set the tone and pace for the more focused discussions and interactions.

The Conference consultations will centre on identifying effective and creative ways of embedding into practice, the values and principles that constitute an ethical framework for a sustainable world.

Plenary Sessions will set the tone for the discussion. Workshops on specific areas will explore how an ethical frame work and especially the Earth Charter can be applied in that area. Best practices will be shared and key issues will be discussed. Workshop themes include : School Education, Higher Education, Information Communication Technology (ICT) for Education & Sustainable Development (ESD), Students Perception on Ecosystem Services, Business & Ethics, Livelihoods and Sustainability, Climate Change & Ethics, Arts, Crafts & Ethics, Biodiversity & Ethics, Non Violence & Peace, Religion, Introduction to Education for Sustainability (EfS) / ESD

Registration details

Category	Fees
International	\$ 400
Indian	INR 10000
International Students	\$ 200
Indian Students	INR 5000
Least Developed Countries (LDC)	\$ 200

Early bird registration 10% discount till 31/7/2010

The conference is being held with a view to

- Strengthen efforts at making ESD central to education practice and training
- Clarify the role the EC can play in education
- Share experiences on the use of EC in education
- Strengthen partnerships with the EC
- Capture the spirit of the events related to EC + 10 and to use the ideas to discuss and launch the vision for the EC for the next decade (2011-2020)

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