THE EARTH CHARTER is a set of values and principles that articulate the vision of a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

“We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise.” Earth Charter Preamble
"...we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny." EC Preamble

Principle 1:
Respect Earth and life in all its diversity.
"...form a global partnership to care for Earth and one another or risk the destruction of ourselves and the diversity of life." EC Preamble

Principle 2:
Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion, and love.
“...human development is primarily about being more, not having more.” EC Preamble

Principle 3:
Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful.
“Everyone shares responsibility for the present and future well-being of the human family and the larger living world.” EC Preamble

Principle 4:
Secure Earth’s bounty and beauty for present and future generations.
"The resilience of the community of life and the well-being of humanity depend upon preserving a healthy biosphere with all its ecological systems, a rich variety of plants and animals, fertile soils, pure waters, and clean air." EC Preamble

Principle 5:
Protect and restore the integrity of Earth’s ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life.
“The protection of Earth’s vitality, diversity, and beauty is a sacred trust.” EC Preamble

Principle 6:
Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and, when knowledge is limited, apply a precautionary approach.
“The dominant patterns of production and consumption are causing environmental devastation, the depletion of resources, and a massive extinction of species.” EC Preamble

Principle 7:
Adopt patterns of production, consumption, and reproduction that safeguard Earth's regenerative capacities, human rights, and community well-being.
"We have the knowledge and technology to provide for all and to reduce our impacts on the environment." EC Preamble

Principle 8:
Advance the study of ecological sustainability and promote the open exchange and wide application of the knowledge acquired.
“The benefits of development are not shared equitably and the gap between rich and poor is widening.” EC Preamble

Principle 9:
Eradicate poverty as an ethical, social, and environmental imperative.
"We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on...economic justice..." EC Preamble

Principle 10:
Ensure that economic activities and institutions at all levels promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner.
“Everyone shares responsibility for the present and future well-being of the human family…” EC preamble

Principle 11:
Affirm gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development and ensure universal access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.
“Our environmental, economic, political, social, and spiritual challenges are interconnected…” EC Preamble

**Principle 12:**
Uphold the right of all, without discrimination, to a natural and social environment supportive of human dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being, with special attention to the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities.
"...we must find ways to harmonized diversity with unity, the exercise of freedom with the common good, short-term objectives with long-term goals." EC The Way Forward

Principle 13:
Strengthen democratic institutions at all levels, and provide transparency and accountability in governance, inclusive participation in decision making, and access to justice.
"We must imaginatively develop and apply the vision of a sustainable way of life locally, nationally, regionally, and globally." EC The Way Forward

Principle 14:
Integrate into formal education and life-long learning the knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life.
"Everyone shares responsibility for ... the larger living world." EC Preamble

Principle 15:
Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.
"...we must find ways to harmonize diversity with unity, the exercise of freedom with the common good, short-term objectives with long-term goals."

EC The Way Forward

Principle 16:
Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence, and peace.
“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.”
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