

## EARTH CHARTER INITIATIVE JUNE, 2001 NEWSFLASH

### Earth Charter Part of UNESCO Teacher Educational Programme

UNESCO has developed a multimedia teacher education programme entitled "Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future" as part of its program "Educating for a Sustainable Future".

The pilot version of the programme, is available online at [www.unesco.org/education/tlsf](http://www.unesco.org/education/tlsf). Once an evaluation of the pilot version is completed, the programme will be finalized, translated into several languages, and made available free of charge by UNESCO on the web and as a CD-ROM.

The UNESCO programme includes a substantial section on the Earth Charter, and also suggests ways to be involved in the Earth Charter process. The rest of the programme provides a valuable overview for teachers of the holistic and interdisciplinary concept of sustainability, its implications for teaching across the curriculum, its emphasis on values and ethics, and teaching strategies and methods that can be used for such subjects.

This educational initiative is rooted in "a new vision of education which emphasizes a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to developing the knowledge and skills needed for a sustainable future as well as changes in values, behavior, and lifestyles.

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