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## International Earth Charter Education Conference

### A Conference on Education, the Earth Charter, and the Sustainable Development Goals

#### Leading the Way to Sustainability 2030

Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development  
At the University for Peace  
San José, Costa Rica  
29-31 January 2019

#### Conference Information and Logistics

##### Date and venue

The Earth Charter Education Conference is organised by the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development, and will take place on **29-31 January 2019** at the University for Peace, Costa Rica. It is organized under the framework of the [UNESCO Chair](#) on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter.

##### Address:

##### *University for Peace*

7 km South of Chepe Monge store in Ciudad Colón.

Please refer to the map below.

Phone: (506) 2205-9060.

##### Entry Visa and departure formalities

##### VISA

For details, please contact <http://www.migracion.go.cr/extranjeros/visas.html>

The visa fee is different for each country. Each participant must bear the costs associated for getting a visa to Costa Rica

##### TRAVEL

Participants will be responsible to cover their travel costs (airfare, lodging and meals outside the conference), in addition to arrange transportation to and from the airport.

##### GENERAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS:

Participants should bring their health insurance, costs associated to this insurance should be covered by the participant. It is important to consult a health practitioner to ensure that you have adequate vaccinations for Costa Rica. Yellow fever vaccination is required for citizens of: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

Participants with any special medical conditions and/or requirements shall advise the organizers. Persons who are taking prescribed medication for special health reasons should be certain to bring adequate supplies with them in their hand luggage.

##### Services

##### FOOD:

Breakfast is included for guests at their hotels. Lunch and coffee breaks will be offered during the days of the conference. Dinners are not provided by the organization.

##### AIRPORT TRANSFER:

Upon arrival at the airport, you can find the official airport taxi company (orange cabs) which you can take to get to the hotel. It is preferable to bring cash and exchange it to cover for this services (although orange taxis will take credit cards). The airport transfer to the hotels in Santa Ana suggested for this Conference costs around US\$20 to US\$30 (for Ciudad Colón or El Rodeo the cost is higher).

EXCHANGE RATES: The Colon is the official unit of currency. Visitors should exchange their currency only at the airport or Hotel currency exchange bureau or any commercial bank. The exchange rate is approximately 600 colones for 1 US dollar. Most major credit cards are accepted in Costa Rica.

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### **TRANSPORTATION TO THE EVENT:**

Transportation to the Conference venue will be provided from main Conference hotels. There will be several buses leaving at **8:10am** from the following hotels: Holiday Inn Express and Quality Hotel.

The buses will stop at Ciudad Colon Main Park (at the corner of the volleyball court), at around 8:30am. (At this stop, a person with a sign from the Conference will be directing participants to the buses).

The buses will return to the same stops once the activities are finished for the day.

### **Materials**

Participants are invited to bring materials/publications that they would like to share with other participants. We will provide tables for display.

We suggest that participants bring their computers and/or electronic devices to receive and download conference documents.

We would like to make this a paper-free event, therefore, we suggest to those participants who need notebooks and pens for taking notes, to bring their own. The Agenda and other documents of the Conference will be shared digitally, so no printed copies will be distributed.

Many nametags from previous events lie sleeping in your drawers. Instead of giving out yet another one, we invite you to bring an old nametag to this meeting. Express your fun and creative side customizing your nametag – it will help others to start getting to know you!

We encourage you to bring your own travel mug/bottle and handkerchief. During the meetings, the venue has water dispensers with very good quality water. We will not provide disposable cups and bottled water and all drinks will be served from jugs. We also encourage you to use your mug/bottle during travel as well. You can fill up your own bottles with tap water, which is safe to drink in Costa Rica.

### **General information**

**WEATHER:** The temperature in El Rodeo Forest Reserve, where the Conference venue is located, varies from 25° to 32°C. There are two main seasons throughout the year: dry and humid. The dry season starts from December to April (beginning of May). Therefore, no rain is expected during the Conference.

### **DRESS CODE:**

Lightweight - casual clothing is suggested. You may also want to bring a light jacket for cooler evenings. Bring comfortable shoes, since we will be doing walks in the nature.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

We suggest to use sun block, hats, sunglasses, and any other thing that you use to protect your skin from the sun. There could be many insects, as expected in a forest area. You can use the insect repellent that you bring.

**ELECTRICITY:** Voltage: 120V / Plugs Type: A, B. / Hertz: 60Hz.

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