



## Earth Charter Initiative

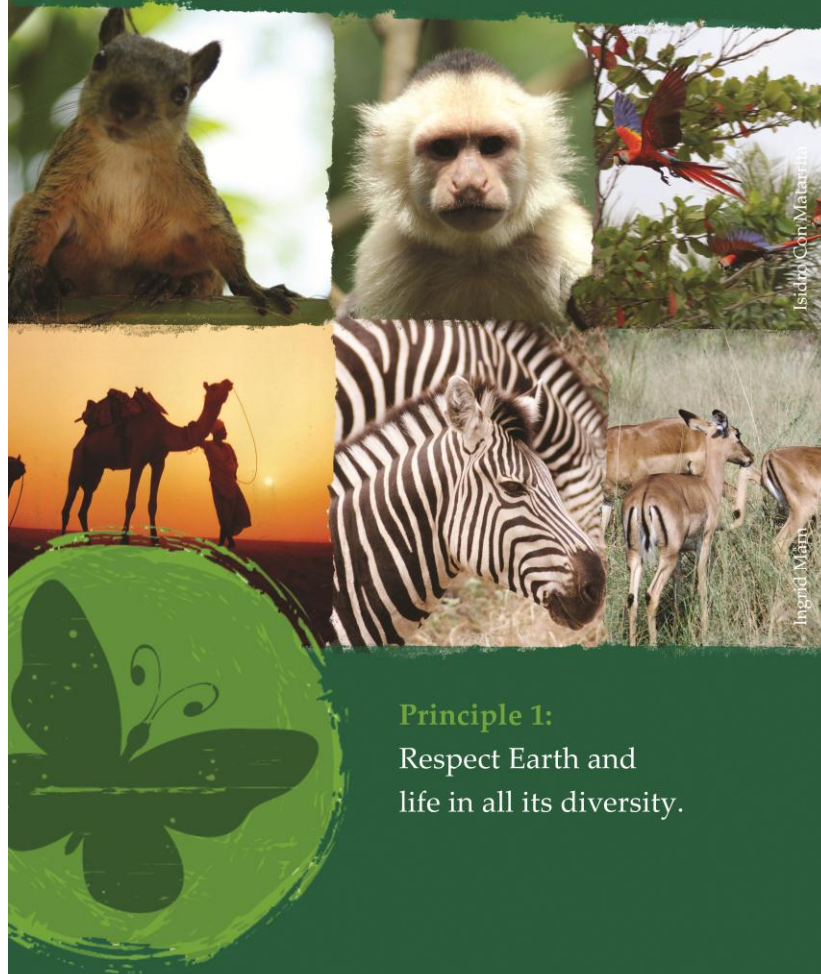
THE EARTH CHARTER  
is a set of values and principles  
that articulate the vision of a just,  
peaceful, and sustainable world.



Ingrid Mâm

"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



Shannon Walsh



**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



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**Principle 3:**

Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful.



"Everyone shares responsibility for the present  
and future wellbeing of the human family  
and the larger living world." **EC Preamble**



**Principle 4:**

Secure Earth's bounty  
and beauty for present  
and future generations.

Ingrid Mann

"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**



Mina Jokivirta, "Humility"



#### **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**



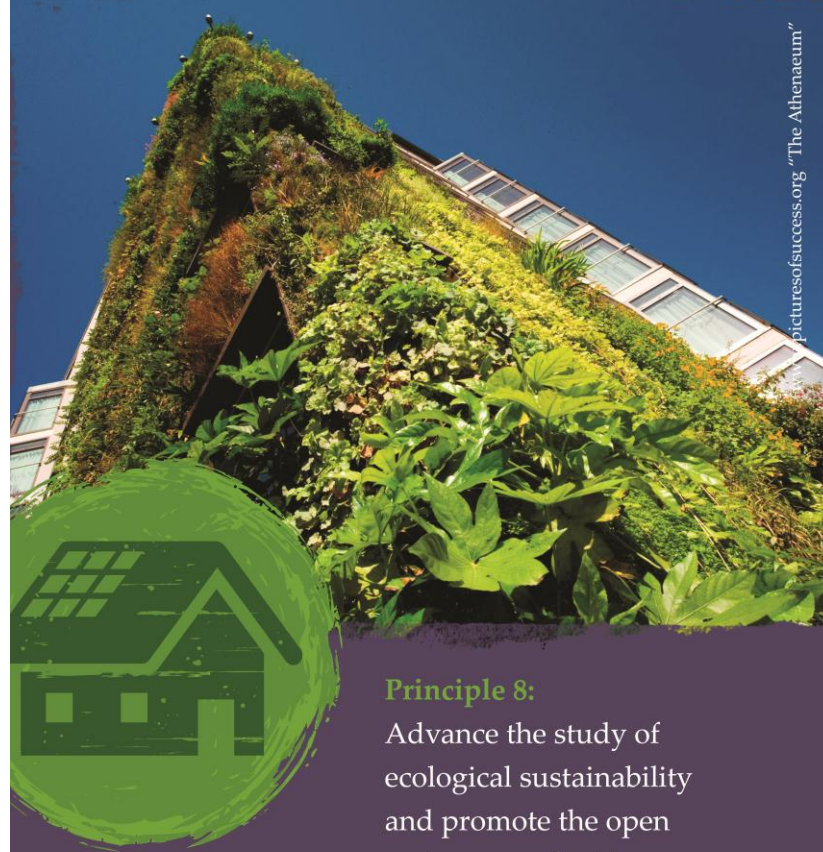
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**Principle 7:**

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**



[www.picturesofsuccess.org](http://www.picturesofsuccess.org) "The Athenaeum"

#### **Principle 8:**

Advance the study of ecological sustainability and promote the open exchange and wide application of the knowledge acquired.

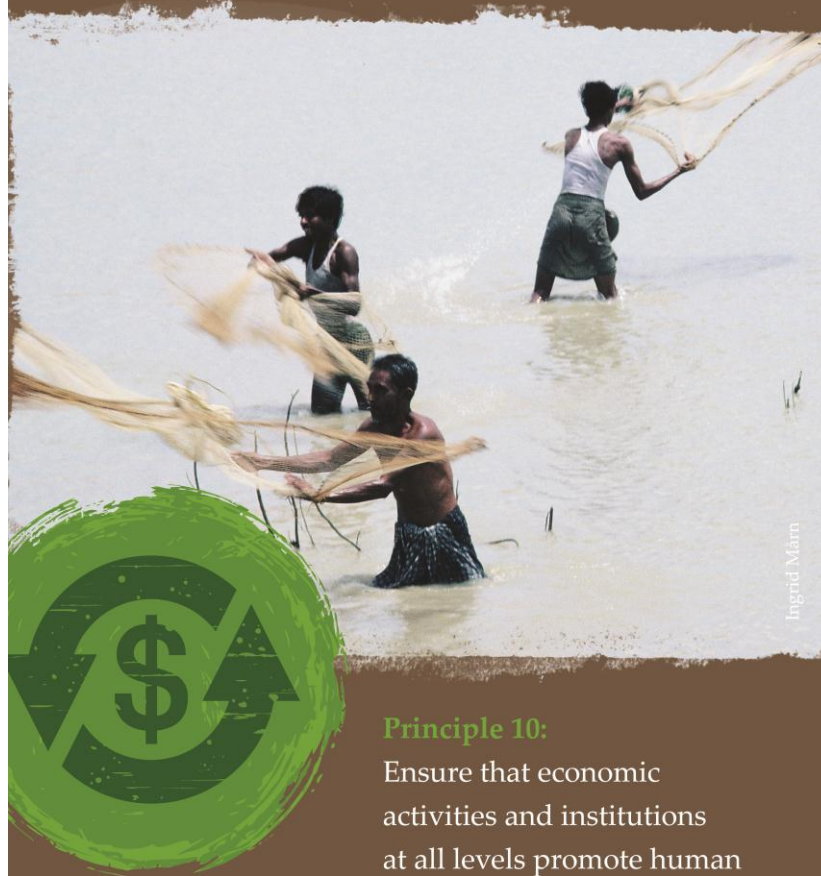
"The benefits of development are not shared equitably and the gap between rich and poor is widening." **EC Preamble**



**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**



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**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



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#### 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**

Azli Jamil



**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 harmonizediversity with unity, the exercise of freedom with the common good, short-term objectives with long-term goals." EC The Way Forward



Aziz Hamid, "Clownin' the World"

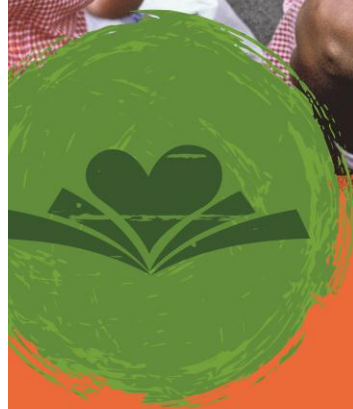
### Principle 13:

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



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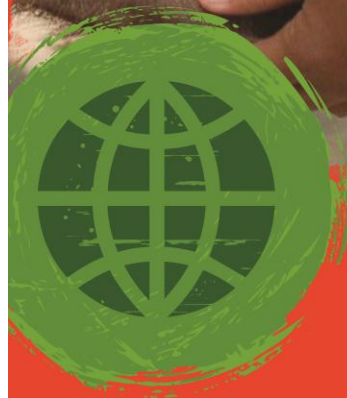
**Principle 14:**

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**



Tri Silvano, "Let's Hold Hands"



**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."

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**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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