



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**"EMBRACE A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE"**

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# FOREWORD

This year, the Earth Charter Global Network continued to be active in inspiring individuals and organizations in different parts of the world, to better understand the connections of the different realms of life and our interdependence with the community of life, seeking to motivate people to put into practice the Earth Charter principles.

In 2018, the Earth Charter International Secretariat fulfilled its function as a hub for the global movement providing basic information and guidance related to the Earth Charter. As a result of exchange and dialogue with many Earth Charter friends and partners, a clear message emerged on the need to strengthen a sense of community and to offer more opportunities to exchange information and experience in using the Earth Charter in different contexts. Many involved in the movement, asked for closer collaboration. Partial impacts of the movement have been shown through news articles in the website or social media channels.

The Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), which is part of ECI Secretariat, continued to implement actions, under the framework of the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development in training and research on ESD for educators and on youth empowerment. As of the end of 2018, there are 135 certified Earth Charter educators directly trained by the Earth Charter Center through its Online Certificate Programme on Education for Sustainable Development.

Also, 97 young people participated in our Leadership, Sustainability and Ethics online course during this year, and from these emerged 21 new Earth Charter Young Leaders. More than 400 people participated in workshops organized by ECI Secretariat. These numbers do not take into account all the work that has been done by Affiliates and Partners in raising awareness of the Earth Charter vision. For instance, in five States in Mexico, 15,000 people participated in Earth Charter workshops. In this sense, the reach is bigger than we can measure; we hope we can in the future have the means to capture in a better way what is happening with the Earth Charter around the world. In the meantime, you can find in this Annual Report a glimpse of this inspiring movement.

As we move towards the 20th anniversary since the launch of the Earth Charter, all those involved in the movement are invited to expand the reach of the Earth Charter and build bridges with other existing efforts to address the current challenges societies all over are facing. We work with a shared vision of strengthening our collaborative efforts in better positioning the Earth Charter around the world and in making it useful and meaningful to different contexts.

I am deeply grateful with those who contributed to the work of the Secretariat and the global Earth Charter movement. Gratitude to all of you!

**Mirian Vilela**  
**Executive Director**

# I. INTRODUCTION

The Earth Charter Initiative is a global movement and network of individuals, organizations, and institutions that have embraced the Earth Charter vision and are implementing its principles. Participants include leading international institutions, national governments, universities, non-governmental organizations and community-based groups, city governments, faith groups, schools, and businesses, as well as thousands of individuals from all over the world. Earth Charter International (ECI) functions as the international hub of this movement, and it consists of a Council, the Secretariat, and the EC Education Center. It endeavours to promote

the dissemination, adoption, use, and implementation of the Earth Charter and to support the growth and development of the Earth Charter Movement. Currently, there are Earth Charter projects and activities in 89 countries. Among them, Mexico, the Netherlands, Spain, Brazil, Costa Rica, Germany, Canada, Kenya, Australia, and India are particularly active. The following illustrates the countries where Earth Charter activity can be found. [See Annex I for more details].

The mission of ECI is to promote the transition to sustainable ways of living and to a global society based on a set of values and shared ethical framework as articulated in the Earth Charter.



## Remembrance of Ruud Lubbers

On 14 February 2018, Rudolphus Franciscus Marie “Ruud” Lubbers passed away. He played a central role in bringing Maurice Strong and Mikhail Gorbachev together in 1993 and 1994 and in the launch of the Earth Charter consultation and drafting process as a civil society initiative. The support of Queen Beatrix and the generous financial support of the Dutch government

during the early years of the Initiative were critical, and it would not have happened without Ruud’s leadership as Prime Minister.

It was the support of Ruud and the Queen that made it possible to celebrate the launch of the Earth Charter at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Steven Rockefeller and Mirian Vilela wrote articles remembering Ruud Lubbers (find these in the links).

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF EARTH CHARTER INTERNATIONAL– ECI

The Earth Charter International Council provides leadership and guidance to the ECI Secretariat and to the broader EC Movement. However, it does not directly govern the Earth Charter Movement or Initiative as a whole.

The Council is responsible only for the governance of ECI and overseeing the work of the ECI Secretariat and its Center for Education for Sustainable Development. The Council has 13 members from 12 different countries composed of eight men and six women.

The ECI Council elects its own members in consultation with the global network of Earth Charter supporters and typically meets once a year. The Executive Director of the ECI Secretariat participates in all meetings as an ex-officio member. The ECI Secretariat is led by its Executive Director and is composed of, a Programme Director, a Programme and Partnership Development Manager, a Project Assistant and a Youth Coordinator.

In addition, during 2018, 4 interns worked on a full-time basis at the Secretariat for a period of six months each, including students from the University for Peace and other universities. The ECI Secretariat operates in Costa Rica as a semi-autonomous Center under the legal umbrella of the University for Peace (UPEACE).

The ECI Secretariat and the UPEACE cooperate in several ways including organizing joint courses, events, and research projects. UPEACE provides administrative management services, while the ECI Secretariat offers courses in UPEACE Master's programmes related to sustainability, and occasionally supports students in their research.

The Earth Charter Associates, Ltd. (ECA) was created in the United States in 2006 as a not for profit organization to provide legal, financial, and fundraising services in support of ECI, such as the trademark registration of the EC logo.



# II. EARTH CHARTER INTERNATIONAL: AREAS OF WORK AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

## II.1 Education

### 1.1 Courses/Education programmes

In 2018, the Earth Charter Center for ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) offered 10 online/hybrid/face to face education programmes in English, Spanish and Portuguese involving 217 participants. Noting that the six-month Online Diploma on “Education for Sustainable Development” is a programme offered in three different languages that involves 14 courses.

The purpose of these education courses/programmes is to:

- Enhance educators’ capacity to reorient their work towards ESD and to infuse the Earth Charter as part of that effort (in response to a need of teacher training on ESD based in sustainability values); and
- Engage youth from around the world in realizing the aspirations of sustainability and Earth Charter vision and to strengthen their leadership capacity from an ethical and sustainability angle.

The Center implemented two courses for officials from Ministries of Education, one for the Ministry of Education in El Salvador and the other for the Ministry of Education of Costa Rica.

# 10

Online/hybrid/face to face programmes

# 14

courses in English, Spanish and Portuguese

# 217

participants



The details of the Education Programmes are as follow:

DATE	COURSE	AUDIENCE	PARTICIPANTS
Feb. - Apr.	Course on Education for Sustainable Development (in Spanish)	Ministry of Education, El Salvador	25
15 Jan. - 26 Mar.	Online Youth Training on Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics (English)	Young leaders	22
17 Jan. - 20 Jun.	Online Certificate on Education for Sustainable Development (English)	Educators	25
9 April - 18 June	Online Youth Training on Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics (Spanish)	Young leaders	18
29 May - 27 Nov.	Online Programme on Education for Sustainable Development (in Portuguese)	Educators	14
29 May - 27 Nov.	Online Certificate on Education for Sustainable Development (English)	Educators	27
2-6 Jul	Education, Ethics, & Values for Sustainability	Educators	10
2 Jul. - 10 Sept.	Online Youth Training on Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics (English)	Young leaders	32
24 Sept. - 3 Dec.	Online Youth Training on Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics (English)	Young leaders	25
23 Aug. - 12 Nov.	Hybrid Course on Education for Sustainable Development (Spanish)	Ministry of Education, Costa Rica	19
		TOTAL	217

As of 2018, there are 135 Certified Earth Charter Educators, these are the participants that completed the Online Certificate Programmes.



## Youth Programme

In 2018, we had 97 youth participating in the online youth courses reaching out to 1,349 youth around the world through their course workshops. There were 21 new Earth Charter Young leaders from 13 different countries who joined the movement and are now working in their communities as sustainability leaders spreading the mission and vision of the Earth Charter around the world.

In addition, the Center offered a course on Education for Sustainable Development in the UPEACE Masters Programme on Peace Education.

**97**  
Youth  
participants

**1,349**  
Youth reach through  
workshops



## 1.2 Workshops

The EC Center organized 18 workshops in the area of ethics and sustainability, involving 432 people, including youth, educators, and business people.

Some of the groups that we offered workshops are:

- Members of Creative Educators International Network
- Masters students of CATIE, Costa Rica
- Professors of the Technical University of Costa Rica
- Teachers of UNESCO Associated Schools Project network of Costa Rica
- Staff members of Mora Municipality, Costa Rica
- Staff members of World of Walas, Netherlands
- Students of the Faculty of Education of Granada University, Spain
- Students of the University of Lenoir Rhyne, North Carolina, United States of America
- High school students from Nunavut and Alberta, Canada, and United World College, Costa Rica
- Students participating in the University of Costa Rica Leadership Programme
- Students from El Rodeo and San Bosco primary schools, Costa Rica



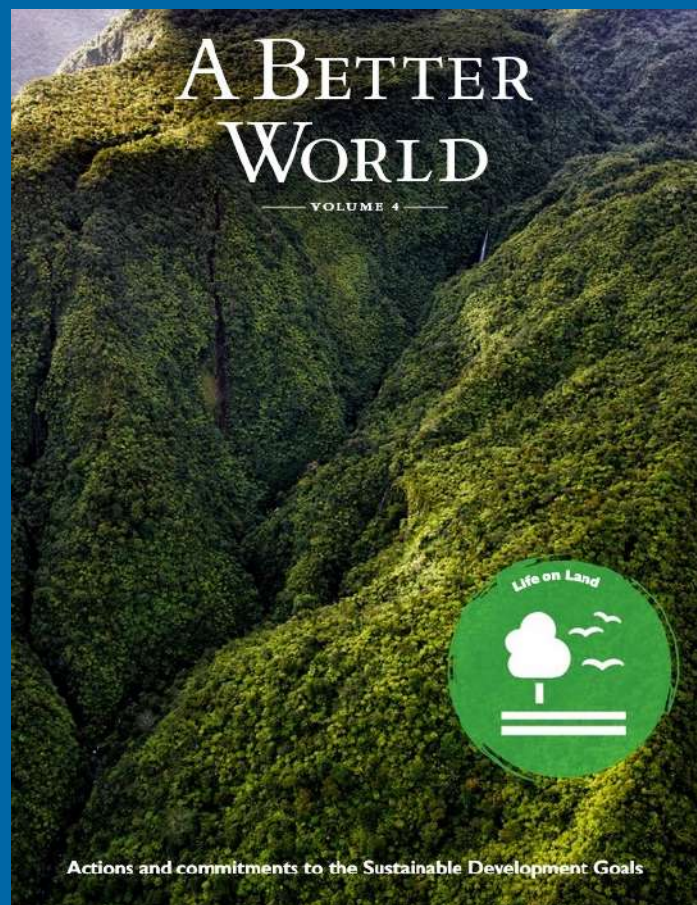
**432**  
participants

**18**  
Workshops



## 1.3 Publications

- **Dialogue on the Relevance of the Earth Charter to Contemporary Issues**  
[Collection of essays]
- **“The Earth Charter and Regional Treaties of Principle 10 Rio Declaration”**  
[Article – available also in Spanish]
- **“The Global Pact for the Environment as a Next Step on the Way Forward for the Earth Charter”**  
[Article - available also in Spanish].
- **“Enhancing Rural Development through the Conservation and Management of Ecosystem Services’ Resilience”.**  
[Article in the book: “A Better World – Actions and Commitments to the Sustainable Goals, Goal 15: Life on Land”. Joint publication of UN Convention to Combat Desertification and Tudor Rose].



## Youth Stories

In 2018, three Earth Charter Youth stories were published in written and video format:



### Esther Kelechi Agbarakwe

Esther participated in an Earth Charter E-Glo (Earth Charter Global Learning Opportunity) training programme in 2006 and continued to be very active over the following years. Now, she works as the Climate and SDG Action officer for the United Nations Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth.



### Fernando Mora Rodriguez

Fernando participated in the course on Youth Leadership, Environmental Sustainability, and Ethics in 2010. He then was the Deputy Minister of Waters, Seas, Coasts and Wetlands of Costa Rica (2014-2018).



### Nicole Jirón Beirute

Nicole became involved with the Earth Charter Initiative in 1998 at age 17. Later on, she worked as the International Youth Coordinator for the Earth Charter International and is now an activist for sustainability in Costa Rica.

## II.2 Dialogue

### Earth Charter and Sustainable Development Goals App “MAPPING”

#### MAPPING 2.0

A new version of Mapping was launched in 2018. This happened during the “Seeds of Hope: Visions of Sustainability, Steps Toward Change” exhibition shown in the David Lubin Memorial Library at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy, from 3 -5 April. Mapping is a free app that offers a space to share activities related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It invites users to look for everyday actions that people take to help achieve the SDGs.

It was created based on the belief that individuals, specifically young people, have the power to initiate and contribute to social change.

With the new version, users can now sign up as an individual or as an institution being able to showcase and track their work as an NGO, institution, organization, or school.

The app is now available both in English and in Spanish in order to have a larger reach to Spanish speaking countries.

After a year of being launched Mapping had 8,295 downloads and 5,358 active users. By the end of 2018, we have 13,602 downloads with top countries using the app being China, US, and Switzerland.

#### Events where Mapping was presented:

- Webinar with Réseau International des Jeunes Leaders Francophones (February)
- SDG presentation for University Latina of Costa Rica (6 March)
- UNESCO “ESD Youth Saves the Planet” reunion in Paris, France (14-16 May)
- Orientation Session for University for Peace Students (September)
- #MyWorld2030 Campaign (September to December)
- Webinar for Femmes Rurales Amies de la Paix et du Developpement (FERAPAD) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (25 October)
- Presentation at Huella Tica Radio Programme, Costa Rica (3 November)

#### DEEP TIME WALK PARTNERS WITH ECI AND MAPPING

The Deep Time Walk application was created following a concept developed at Schumacher College with co-creator Stephan Harding, Resident Ecologist at Schumacher College. The Deep Time Walk helps the listener to understand their connection with the community of life. Because of the evident connections between Deep Time Walk and the Earth Charter, we are excited to announce our partnership with the Deep Time Walk app and Mapping.

#### Photo Contests

Two photo contests were organized in 2018:

- Earth Day (22 to 29 April)
- International Youth Day (10 to 17 August).

Click on each event for pictures and more information.



## Conference and Events

ECI staff members participated in 29 conferences and meetings offering talks about the Earth Charter, reaching out to 3,879 people. Nine of these events took place at the Earth Charter Center facilities at the University for Peace, Costa Rica.

**The most relevant of these events in 2018 was the Third Key Global Action Programme on ESD Partners Meeting, organized by UNESCO, which took place at the EC Center facilities.**

In addition, EC Center organized 10 webinars and online meetings with 460 participants.



### INNER DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR YOUNG ECOLOGISTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

**21- 25 March, Costa Rica**

This retreat was organized by the Global Peace Initiative for Women [GPIW] in partnership with the Earth Charter International. The intention of the meeting was to foster dialogue among North American youth about climate change and to awaken our consciousness of our relationship with Mother Earth. ECI Youth Coordinator participated in this retreat, which took place partly at EC Center facilities and at a retreat center in Puntarenas, Costa Rica. The Earth Charter was presented to all participants.



### CREATIVE EDUCATORS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK CONFERENCE

**2 April, Costa Rica**

Creative Educators International Network is a non-profit NGO dedicated to helping communities become sustainable through value-creating education, and to inspire educators who are implementing Value-Creating Education in different ways.

CEIN held its conference this year at EC Center facilities and a day was dedicated to the Earth Charter in education.



## EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

**22 April, Costa Rica**

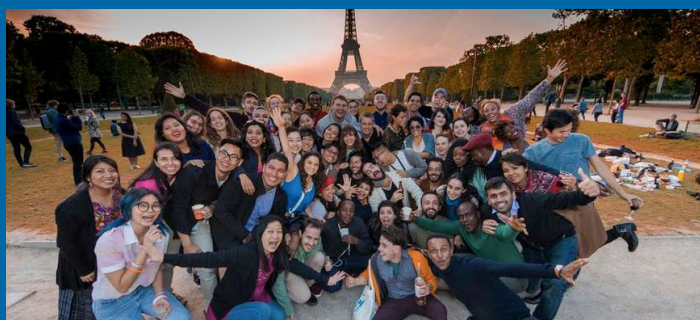
Earth Charter International Secretariat celebrated Earth Day with a festival that took place at El Rodeo Community Center. The event was created with the motto of “We seek a more sustainable world, together we can achieve it.” This event was organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Mora, the Integral Climate Park, Ekojuntó, the Catholic Church of Ciudad Colon, the Colon Police Delegation, the El Rodeo School, SICA of Costa Rica and the Rodeo Development Association.



## UNESCO GAP MEETING “LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE OF ESD, TOGETHER”

**25 to 27 April, Costa Rica**

The UNESCO meeting “Looking into the Future of ESD, Together” was held at the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace. This was the Third Partners meeting of the UNESCO Global Action Programme on ESD and had the purpose to review and discuss the draft UNESCO position paper on the future of ESD and to plan the work of the Partner Networks until the end of 2019. This meeting was held thanks to the financial support of the Japan Fund.



## “YOUTH SAVES THE PLANET” ESD UNESCO CONFERENCE

**14 to 16 May, France**

ECI Youth Projects Coordinator attended the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Youth Conference “Youth Saves the Planet,” in Paris. The conference brought together 70 ESD Youth Leaders, journalists and reporters, and some Okayama Youth as mentors from over 60 countries. The conference’s objective was for ESD Youth Leaders to discuss about the scaling up of capacity-building activities as a follow-up of the “Education for Sustainable Development Leadership Training” flagship project and to create a network among the youth leaders and Global Action Programme (GAP) partners.



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

**5 August, Costa Rica**

ECI celebrated International Youth Day with Earth Charter Young Leaders, youth from nearby indigenous community, Quitirrisí, youth from the University for Peace, and a local organization Guaravito – Sustentabilidad y Conservación at the University for Peace.

Our event consisted of creating a cultural exchange between various groups of youth with different backgrounds and traditions with a central theme of Safe Spaces.



### VIVA SCHMIDHEINY AWARDS – ENTREPRENEURS COMPETITION

**22 August, Costa Rica**

This is an annual contest that challenges social entrepreneurs and innovative organizations, helping them to strengthen the management of their projects and to scale their impact. In its 2018 edition, they joined forces with Earth Charter International and the University for Peace. The event took place at EC Center facilities with 100 participants.



### THE EARTH CHARTER AT THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SANTA LUCIA

**29 October, México**

Earth Charter International Executive Director participated in the Santa Lucia International Festival of Monterrey, Mexico, with a presentation on the Earth Charter. The festival takes place every year under the theme “A Wave of Love for the Planet.” 500 people participated in the Earth Charter presentation. In addition, ECI Director offered a talk about the Earth Charter to 400 high schools students from Monterrey.

## II.3 Network facilitation, outreach efforts and communications services



### “Embrace a Sustainable Lifestyle”

The ECI Secretariat continued to make efforts to nurture relationship with the Earth Charter network of affiliates, young leaders and others, collecting stories, managing the website and Facebook pages (in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese). For 2018, ECI used the slogan “Embrace a Sustainable Lifestyle” as communication theme and the logo image accordingly.

The indicators available for ECI Network Facilitation and Communication efforts are the number of active ECI affiliates or partners around the world, the number of visits to ECI website and Facebook and the stories collected.

87

ECI Affiliates

55

Countries

21

Young Leaders

13

Countries

97

Youth Programme Alumni

**ECI Affiliates**

With Affiliates and some Partners, ECI organized 6 online meetings in 2018. Three of them in May and the other three in November. In each month, there were 2 meetings in English, covering different time zones, and one in Spanish. On average, 20 people participated per meeting. The overall purpose of these meetings was to strengthen our sense of global community. In addition, the aim was to share the short and medium term plans of ECI Secretariat and learn about ECI Affiliates and Partners actions and plans.

**Youth Programme****Partnerships****SERES**

This is a non-profit organization that works with a diversity of young people with limited access to opportunities, at the forefront of climate change in Central America. SERES funds 4 youth a year in our Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics course as well as shares the app, Mapping, in their Annual Sustainability Youth Encounter.

**Greening Youth Foundation (GYF)**

They work with diverse underrepresented children, youth, and young adults in an effort to develop and nurture enthusiastic and responsible environmental stewards.

**EOTO World**

ECI collaborated with these partners in the ongoing MyWorld2030 Campaign. The aim of this campaign is to amplify the voices of global youth in the world effort to achieve the SDGs. Participation varies across all ages, with a particular focus on youth from ages 18-35. The campaign consists of four areas to amplify and extend youth contributions to the achievement of the SDGs. Many young Earth Charter Young Leaders took part in this campaign as outreach leaders such as Emmanuel Niyoyabikoze from Burundi, Rabab Hammiche from the Netherlands, and Vihren Evgeniev Mitevi from Bulgaria. Other collaborators were HRE-USA and the Humane Education Coalition. Our campaign hashtags are #EOTOWorld4SDGs and #YouthActs4SDGs.

Je soutiens l'action des jeunes



#EOTOWorld4SDGs #YouthActs4SDGs





**New endorsers**

In 2018, 344 individuals and organizations endorsed the Earth Charter. Some of the organization endorsers are:

- Biomimicry Institute, United States
- Bosquescuela- El Boalo, Spain
- Environment4change, United Kingdom
- Folkecenter, Chile
- Royal Villas Resort Hotel, Mazatlán, Mexico
- Institute of Cultural Affairs, Benin
- Manipur International University, India
- Network of Youth for Water, Central America
- St. Patrick's College, Australia
- Autonomous University of Coahuila, Mexico
- University of San Andrés, Argentina

**Communications**

**548,371**

visits were registered in our website in 2018, with an average of 45,000 visits per month. There was a slight decrease of visitors compared to 2017 (657,740 visits during the year).

**15,819**

people received our Newsflash editions in 2018. A total of 59 articles in English and Spanish were published in six Newsflashes through out the year.

**47,032**

is the total of likes reached on ECI Facebook pages in 2018. We have a total of four pages (English, Spanish, French and Portuguese). There was an increment of 4.8% in our Facebook likes in 2018.

**53,700**

total views on our Youtube videos during 2018. This channel reached 1,346 followers.

**3,280**

total followers reached in our two Twitter accounts (English and Spanish) in 2018.

**725**

total followers on Instagram account (in 2017 it had 450).

**564**

total followers on LinkedIn and 439 members on LinkedIn Earth Charter Group.

# Earth Charter International

## Statement of Fund Balances

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>USD</b>
RPA / Earth Charter Fund Balance	\$ 9,884
UPEACE / Earth Charter Account Balance - General Fund	(31,347)
Earth Charter Brazil	1,240
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<b>NET AVAILABLE ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (20,223)</b>
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UNRESTRICTED & RESTRICTED BALANCES:	
General Fund	(20,223)
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<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED &amp; RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ (20,223)</b>
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Construction Fund was fully paid in 2018.



# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES - 2018

## Earth Charter International - All Activity Centers

### January 1 - December 31, 2018

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Major Individual Donors		
Seaward Fund / S. Rockefeller	20,000	
Amana-Key /Oscar Motomura	1,795	
Breesaap Green Paul Lubbers	20,930	42,725
Major Individual Donors - Construction Fund (1)		
Amana-Key /Oscar Motomura		18,205
Individual Donors (Less than USD 10,000)		9,550
Partners and Affiliates		44,870
Interest Income & Other (Includes EC Brazil, CR and NY)		1,168
Courses & Other Services		94,399
<b>Total Cash Income</b>		<b>210,917</b>
<b>In-Kind Support</b>		
Universities & Foundations		15,000
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Affiliates and partners		17,000
Individual Donors		28,000
<b>Total In-Kind Support</b>		<b>60,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>270,917</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries / Professional Services		151,445
Employment Related Insurance		19,068
Strategic, Program, and Communications Consulting Support		0
Travel Staff		0
Telecommunications & Internet		6,210
Translation Services		0
Courses and Workshops		16,113
ECI Council Expenses (Travel and Meeting Costs)		1,628
Events and Meetings		12,230
Office (Equipment, Security, and Expenses)		15,864
Equipment Purchase		900
Publication, Media, & Web Development		0
Printing and Postage		490
Fin Exp & Currency Devaluation Charges		780
Legal Expenses, ECA		8,620
Fund Management Expenses, ECA & RPA		1,140
Maintenance		304
Miscellaneous		828
<b>Total Cash Expenses</b>		<b>235,621</b>

**In-Kind Services**

Administrative and Facilities Support	12,000
On-Line Course for young leaders in Brazil	8,000
Editing Video Interview - Resource Material	3,000
Website Support (Website in different languages and new website in Portuguese)	4,000
Meeting Host	2,000
Social Media Support	16,000
Mapping Revision	0
Research and project assistance	10,000
Travel	5,000

<b>Total In-Kind Services</b>	<b>60,000</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>295,621</b>
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<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (24,704)</b>
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<b>Operating Fund Deficit (1)</b>	<b>\$ (42,909)</b>
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**(1) Operating Fund Deficit adjusted for Construction Fund contribution of \$18,205**

# III. THE EARTH CHARTER MOVEMENT: EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES OF AFFILIATES, PARTNERS, AND YOUTH

## Africa and the Middle East



### SEEDS OF HOPE EXHIBITION ATTRACTS CROWDS IN GHANA

In October, “The Seeds of Hope: Visions of Sustainability, Steps Toward Change” exhibition was shown at the Accra International Conference Center. More than 15,000 people viewed the exhibition, jointly created by SGI and Earth Charter International, over the two days and over 10,000 of them were students from 200 schools.

### TRANSFORMATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS IN EGYPT

Cleantech Arabia, ECI Affiliate in Egypt, through its programme Ark’s Camp has generated a curriculum based on the Earth Charter to inspire kids to have sustainable lifestyles.

### ECYL RECAP AFRICA YOUTH CONFERENCE, KENYA

23-25 August. Africa Youth Conference was held at UN Office in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference “Unleashing the potential of Youth in Africa- Prioritizing Investment in Youth Development in the post 2015 Agenda” held discussions and panels that align with the Earth Charter principles. Youth from 54 countries participated including Earth Charter Young Leader, Pendo Muthiora.



### YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING ON ESD WEBINAR FOR SUSTY SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA

On 3- 17 February, ECI Youth Coordinator implemented a two-day webinar with Earth Charter Young Leader, Olabanji Jackson-Oke from Nigeria, on the Youth Leadership training on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for his group of 19 volunteers with the organization SustySchools. These youth were eager to train other youth in schools around Nigeria through the Susty Schools Project, a startup organization founded in 2016 targeted at creating awareness on sustainability issues to young Nigerians.

### YOUTH ADVOCATES STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON

On 12 May, the Stand up for Human Rights Conference, with Education Information Services International (EISERVI), took place in Yaoundé, Cameroon to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Many youth from a network of ethnic groups and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) came together. Earth Charter Young Leader, Che George Neba, participated in the conference with a panel discussion on the Earth Charter Initiative.

## Asia and the Pacific

### PHAT NGUYEN STARTS PROJECT TO COMBAT MARINE DEBRIS IN VIETNAM

In February 2018, Earth Charter volunteer, Phat Nguyen, started "Chay Nhat" a project focusing on running and picking up trash along the coast. Phat started this project in Vietnam. The project focuses on SDGs 3, 5 and 14. An estimated of 100 kilograms of plastic trash has been collected from the coast with the help of 100 Vietnamese and overseas participants. Nguyen conducted multiple discussions and workshops throughout the year reaching more than 250 elementary and high school students.

### MISS GLOBALCITY PAGEANT, CHINA

Globalcity Pageant Organization [GPO] aims to promote communication among global cities and to improve public interests beyond the national boundaries. GPO promotes the principles of the Earth Charter by organizing the Miss Globalcity Pageant. In 2018, the Miss Globalcity Pageant Grand Final was held at Daming Lake, Jinan, China in October. The event encouraged participants and the public to endorse the Earth Charter in two gatherings with over 10,000 people.



**The Earth Charter**

Values and principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society

### QUEENSLAND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS PROGRAMME, AUSTRALIA

Earth Charter Australia Committee has been working under the United Nations Association of Australia [UNAA]. This group recently published an Earth Charter Brochure, which they have been sharing throughout their activities. The aim is to engage and inspire primary and secondary students across Queensland to become active Global Citizens. More information about this Programme and the actions of Earth Charter Australia in 2018 can be found here.

## Europe and Central Asia

### PRE-SCHOOL VERSION OF THE EARTH CHARTER, SPAIN

Implicate+ is a group of educators from Spain and an Earth Charter Affiliate. They have created an adaptation of the Earth Charter for Pre-school children, available in Spanish and Catalan. In addition to this publication, Implicate+ have done many other activities and published materials to promote the Earth Charter. This video presents a summary of their work, and more details about the materials they have created can be found here.



**1. Respeto y cuidado de la vida**  
 Regenerar la Tierra y toda la vida.  
 Construir sociedades democráticas.  
 Cuidar la Tierra para las presentes y futuras generaciones.

**2. Integridad ecológica**  
 Proteger la Tierra.  
 Reducir, reutilizar, separar y reciclar materiales.

**3. Justicia social y económica**  
 Ejercer la política.  
 Defender los derechos de todos.  
 Igualdad.  
 Promover la distribución equitativa de la riqueza.

**4. Democracia, no-violencia y paz**  
 Mantener los derechos.  
 Oportunidad a la educación.  
 Tratar a todos los seres vivos con respeto y consideración.  
 Compromiso, solidaridad y cooperación.  
 Resolución de conflictos.

Mónica Benquer-Sanz - EIM Albaric de l'Ajuntament de Lleida



### KIDS FROM SPAIN EXPLAIN THE EARTH CHARTER

The Valores Foundation, Affiliate of the Earth Charter International in Spain, has created a special video series, where three kids explain what the Earth Charter is in a fun and engaging way. There are three videos available: What is the Earth Charter? Pillars of the Earth Charter: [English, Spanish] How to use the Earth Charter [English, Spanish].

In addition, the Valores Foundation organized workshops, talks and endorsement ceremonies in different parts of Spain. More information here.

### THE FEDERICO MAYOR ZARAGOZA PRIZE FOR SHORT FILMS FOCUSED ON THE EARTH CHARTER

The XII edition of the Federico Mayor Zaragoza Prize for the 2018-2019 period focused on the creation of short films that relate to the Earth Charter with one of the objectives to promote awareness of the Earth Charter and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030. This effort is mainly focused at engaging schools from around Spain.



### EARTH CHARTER AUSTRIA CELEBRATES GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY WITH ART EXHIBITION

To celebrate Global Recycling Day, the art exhibition called “Science, Technology, Innovation, and Art” opened at the Earth Charter Austria Center in Klosterneuburg. The exhibition is the result of a cooperation between UNESCO Club Vienna and Earth Charter Austria.

### AVALON PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Avalon Project and Grian Cutanda have been promoting the Earth Charter for many years, and are in the process of becoming an Earth Charter Affiliate. In 2018, this initiative organized six events [conferences, workshops, courses] and did a re-launch of the Avalon Project. 450 people participated in the Events, and there were 1,887 views of the video. The main focus now is the creation of The Earth Stories Collection, with the aim to use Grian Cutanda’s doctoral research to generate a bank of myths, legends and stories to illustrate the Earth Charter values and principles.

### INTERNATIONAL EARTH TRUSTEESHIP GATHERING IN THE NETHERLANDS

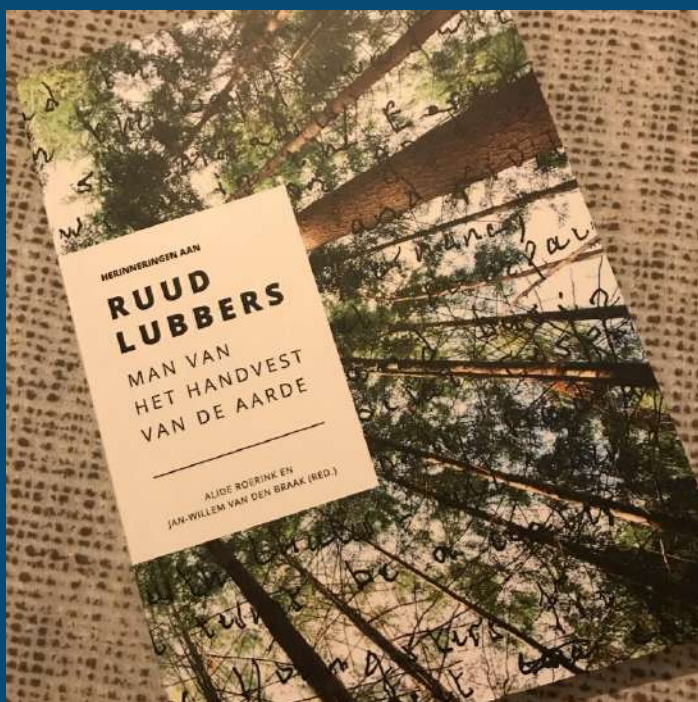
The gathering served as a welcome space for different initiatives in governance, law and legal structures, Earth practices and advocacy. The Earth Charter International acted as one of the organising partners, thanks to the active participation of Alide Roerink, member of the ECI Council and coordinator of Earth Charter Netherlands. Rick Clugston, former member of the ECI Council and member of the Earth Charter Associates board took part in the gathering.

## SPIRITUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE, ITALY

The Spirituality and Sustainability Conference, held during the last week of May in Rome and Assisi, Italy, was convened by St. Thomas University and Forum 21. Earth Charter International was a cosponsor. Among other contributions, Peter Corcoran and Hiro Sakurai made presentations about the Earth Charter.

## MEETING WITH THE ACTIVIST LOLITA CHAVEZ

On 19 January, the Oihuk feminist space organized a talk with the indigenous leader Lolita Chavez in Bilbao, Spain. Earth Charter Young Leader, Itxaso Bengoetxea, participated in the talk and shared that Lolita's talk was in harmony with all four Earth Charter pillars.



## CELEBRATION EARTH CHARTER DAY AND BOOK LAUNCH, THE NETHERLANDS

This Earth Charter anniversary was closely tied to the commitment and long-standing contribution of Ruud Lubbers to the Earth Charter Initiative. At the gathering, Mr. Lubbers was remembered in a number of ways, with the presentation of a special book with personal memories from 34 of Ruud Lubbers' Earth Charter friends.



## EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM IN MINSK, BELARUS

The 2nd International Symposium "ESD for All Generations – Social Agreement" took place at the Belarusian State Pedagogical University in Minsk, Belarus. The first plenary session "Educational challenges of Sustainable Development Goals" counted with the participation of Katine Danielyan, Earth Charter Affiliate from Armenia and former Minister of Environment. Sofia Savelana, the head of BSPU "ESD" Coordination Centre, ECI Affiliate and ESD Association expert, expressed how happy she was with the outcome of this effort.

## PROFESSOR ALFONSO FERNÁNDEZ HERRERÍA

From University of Granada, Spain, has been doing research and capacity building with the Earth Charter for many years. This article presents a summary of his work in 2018.

## EARTH CHARTER ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Association of Environmental Education (ASPEA) has been promoting the Earth Charter through capacity building activities with youth.



### THE EARTH CHARTER IN PRACTICE IN WORLD OF WALAS

World of Walas, an international company concerned with sustainable urban development, is driven by values and principles of the Earth Charter. The CarbonBlue Solar Park was officially opened in 2018. This project is a great example of putting the values of the Earth Charter in action in the private sector.

### LAUNCH OF THE “HAGUE PRINCIPLES”

On 10 December, the “Hague Principles for a Universal Declaration on Responsibilities for Human Rights and Earth Trusteeship” were launched at the Earth Trusteeship Forum in the Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands, to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Klaus Bosselmann, Earth Charter International Affiliate from New Zealand is promoting this declaration, which builds on and is in line with the Earth Charter.

### “IT STARTS WITH ONE!”—SEEDS OF HOPE EXHIBITION SHOWN AT FAO HQ IN ROME

The exhibition titled “Seeds of Hope: Visions of Sustainability, Steps Toward Change,” was shown in the David Lubin Memorial Library at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. Speakers included ECI Council Member Alide Roerink and SGI Director General of Peace and Global Issues, Mr. Hirotsugu Terasaki.

### LAUNCHING REVERENCE FOR LIFE AWARENESS WEEK IN 2018, UNITED KINGDOM

As one of the celebratory actions, RfLUK re-endorsed the Earth Charter as the most profound and up to date expression of the ethics of Reverence for Life in the realm of governance. In this context, Percy Mark, past chairman of RfLUK and longtime friend and supporter of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, wrote a short essay to show the connection between Albert Schweitzer’s early preoccupation with issues of governance and between Reverence for Life and the Earth Charter.

### ÖKUMENTISCHE INITIATIVE EINE WELT / ECUMENICAL ONE WORLD INITIATIVE (EOWI), GERMANY

Ökumentische Initiative Eine Welt / Ecumenical One World Initiative [EOWI], Germany is an Earth Charter Affiliate from Germany that has been active in the Earth Charter Initiative for years. They have been organizing workshops and events around the Earth Charter to sensitize individuals and groups with the EC vision. In the above link are activities that they organized and that they took part in, and their reflection about what they accomplished in 2018. In total, 135 people participated in the activities they organized, and 335 people in the events in which they took part. One highlight in 2018 was that this organization enhanced their theatre programme with youth and adults.



## Latin America and the Caribbean

### DAWN OF INTERSPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE IN LATIN AMERICA TOOK PLACE IN COSTA RICA

In March, The Earth Charter International Secretariat participated in the International Conference “Dawn of Interspirituality in Latin America” held in Costa Rica. A graphic facilitator captured the messages that were emphasized during the event. Her drawings showed the interpretation of what Alicia Jiménez, ECI Staff member shared about the Earth Charter.

### PROCEEDINGS OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING WORKSHOP

In April, the workshop “Education for Sustainable Living” took place at the University for Peace to look at ways teaching and learning for responsible consumption is advancing. This workshop was organised by Latin America PERL Regional Network, Centre for Collaborative Learning for Sustainable Development at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences and the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development.

### MEXICAN EARTH CHARTER NETWORK

The Earth Charter Mexican Network organized many other activities throughout the year. The activities organized in five States: Nayarit, Estado de México, Aguascalientes, Quintana Roo and Zacatecas are presented in this article. More than 15,000 people directly participated and more than 590,000 copies of a publication related to the Laudato Si Encyclical and the Earth Charter were distributed in Nayarit.

### THE EARTH CHARTER GAME AT THE SUSTAINABILITY FAIR IN BRAZIL

In August, biologist and environmental educator Patricia Abuhab, facilitated eight workshops of the Earth Charter Game during the Sustainable Turnaround Fair in Ibirapuera Park in São Paulo. People of diverse ages and backgrounds have had the opportunity to experience this cooperative game that strengthens and disseminates the principles of the Earth Charter in a playful and engaging way.



### LAUNCH OF THE EARTH CHARTER EDUCATION BOOK, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, COSTA RICA

On 25 October, a special event was organized at the National University of Costa Rica, to launch the publication of the Journal of ESD translated into Spanish. The publication showcases a series of articles on education for sustainable development, and the role of the Earth Charter as an educational instrument. It also provides examples of the use of the Earth Charter in education in various settings. This is the Spanish version of the ESD Journal special issue on the Earth Charter published in 2010.

### INSTITUTE IN VENEZUELA ORGANIZES DISCUSSION ON THE EARTH CHARTER

With the participation of Chemistry, Quality Systems, and Environment Control students, a discussion on the Earth Charter was held at the University Institute of Technology Dr. Federico Rivero Palacio, organized by the Research and Postgraduate Department, under Professor Joel Campuzano.





## RECYCLING AND SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN IN PERU #CHAPATUAYUDA

Rockea is an organization that aims at empowering youth in Peru. In 2018, in addition to joining the Earth Charter Global Network as an affiliated organization, they launched the #ChapaTuAyuda project, which aims to generate training opportunities in Solidarity, Recycling and Leadership.

## STORIES AND ENDORSEMENTS - THE EARTH CHARTER IN MEXICO

The Earth Charter Mexican Network actively promotes the Earth Charter. There is a focal point of this network in each state generating activities and projects. The focal point of the State of Hidalgo, Leodán Portes, promoted a cultural artistic show based on 20 short stories inspired by the Earth Charter, called: "Huitzilín, Tales for the Earth and Songs for Peace." In Mexico City, the civil society organization Kybernus endorsed the Earth Charter. As part of this endorsement's ceremony, the new publication of the Earth Charter Adaptation for young people was presented.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBIA

ECI Affiliate, organized five Forums and three Earth Charter workshops, in collaboration with the Environmental Education Network of RCE Bogotá. Around 400 people participated in these events. Target groups were young leaders, professors, and university students.

## COLEGIO DE BACHILLERES DEL ESTADO DE CHIAPAS

The Colegio de Bachilleres del Estado de Chiapas school serves a population of more than 100,000 students of upper secondary education. It is an institution linked to the national programme "My World Mexico" and the Earth Charter Initiative. In October, during the Congress on "Values Education for Sustainability" organized by Colegio de Bachilleres de Chiapas school, the Autonomous University of Chiapas and the Kybernus, the programme linked to the Sustainable Development Goals "Sustainable Cobach" was presented.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HABITAT AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES GBCCR 2018, COSTA RICA

In May, the International Congress on Habitat and Sustainable Cities took place to provide a space to share knowledge and experiences on ways to address the current challenges of urban development. The event, organized by the Green Building Council Costa Rica, counted with the participation of the President of GBC, Mr. Tai Lee Siang, who made a presentation on his book "City of Love". In her participation, ECI Director Mirian Vilela, emphasized the need for long-term urban planning and visioning through a broad sustainability and values-based approach. Irma Verhoeven shared the techniques Walas' uses to transform old industrial areas into vibrant neighbourhoods. These techniques are based on the values described in the Earth Charter.

## COLLOQUIUM "UNIVERSITIES AND SUSTAINABILITY" ORGANIZED IN MEXICO CITY

In August, The Colloquium "Universities and Sustainability" was held at the Ibero-American University, in Mexico City, which brought together influential personalities in Latin America in the areas of sustainability and development. The event, which counted with the participation of Leonardo Boff and Alicia Barcena among others, created the Center for Transdisciplinarity. In 2006, the Ibero-American University made a commitment to promote sustainability inspired by the Earth Charter and this event served to reaffirm that commitment.



## North America

### THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERS AND QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN A CULTURE OF PEACE

The Earth Charter Youth Coordinator was invited to join EOTO World's POP TV sessions to explore the impact of volunteers and the role they play in quality educational experience within a culture of peace. EOTO World is an NGO providing capacity-building services for human rights activists across the globe. During the session, the Youth Coordinator introduced the work of the ECI youth network and the impact of the Earth Charter globally as well as detailing quality education through the lens of Earth Charter and how this links with a culture of peace.

### LECTURES ON THE EARTH CHARTER AND PLANETARY HEALTH

Dr. Colin L. Soskolne, epidemiologist and professor emeritus, University of Alberta, Canada offered three presentations related to the Earth Charter and the obligation to people's health at various conferences.

### EARTH CHARTER CANADA CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE

Earth Charter Friends Canada and the World of Walas celebrated "Embracing a Sustainable Lifestyle" in Vancouver on Earth Charter Day on 29 June 2018. The organizers said that embracing sustainability means doing what is within our own capabilities and inspiring others to do the same.



### EARTH CHARTER PANEL AT THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS, TORONTO, CANADA

In November, a keynote Earth Charter Panel took place at the Parliament of the World's Religions with the purpose of exploring the significance of the Charter as a civil society document that represents inclusivity and interdependence and to look at how the vision of the Earth Charter is being realized in both theory and practice.

### ECOLITERACY, EARTH CHARTER AND ESD WORKSHOP, VANCOUVER, CANADA

In September, a workshop titled: "Ecoliteracy Workshop: The Earth Charter & Education for Sustainable Development as a Meta Curriculum" took place in Vancouver, Canada with the purpose to highlight how pre-service teachers might bring sustainability education into their practice. The facilitators presented the Earth Charter as a global ethical framework for sustainability, and the Earth Charter and the SDGs as a meta-curriculum for both an individual classroom teacher and whole school approach.

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