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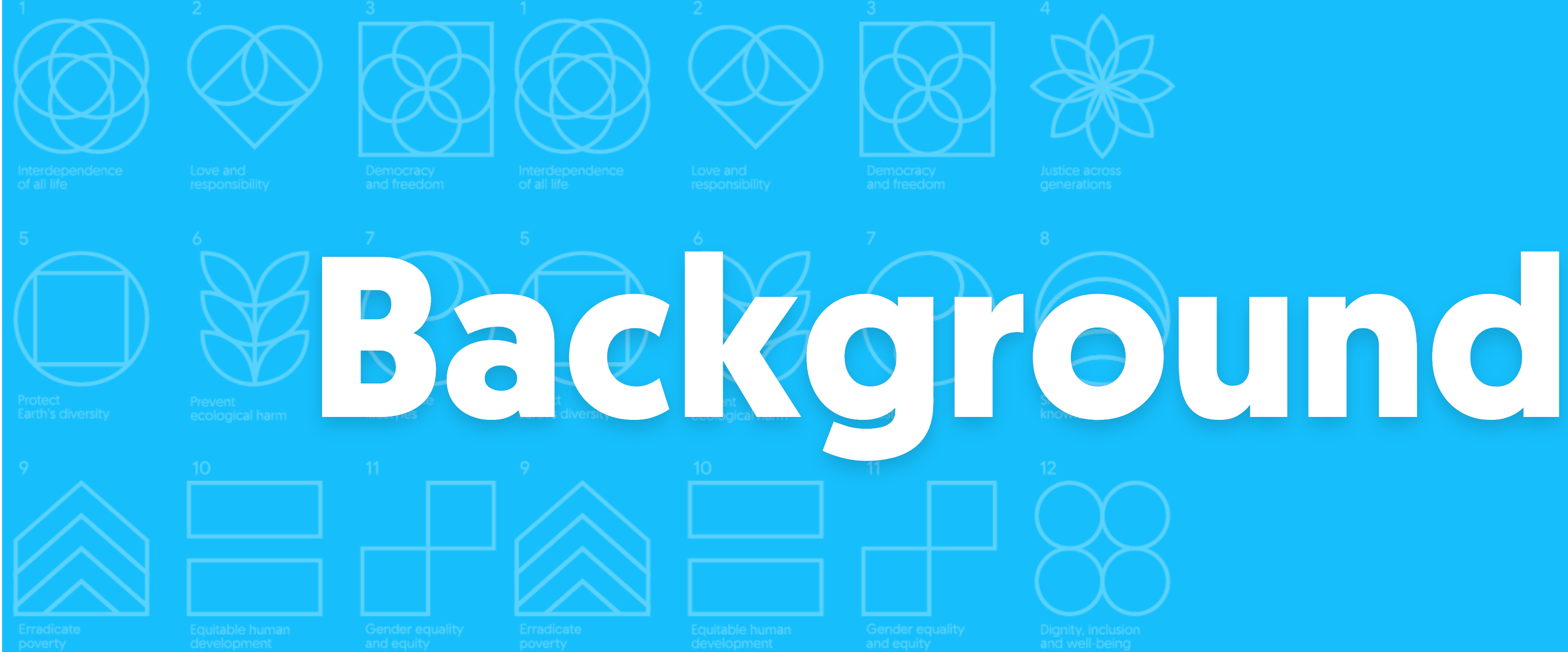
UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter

Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth



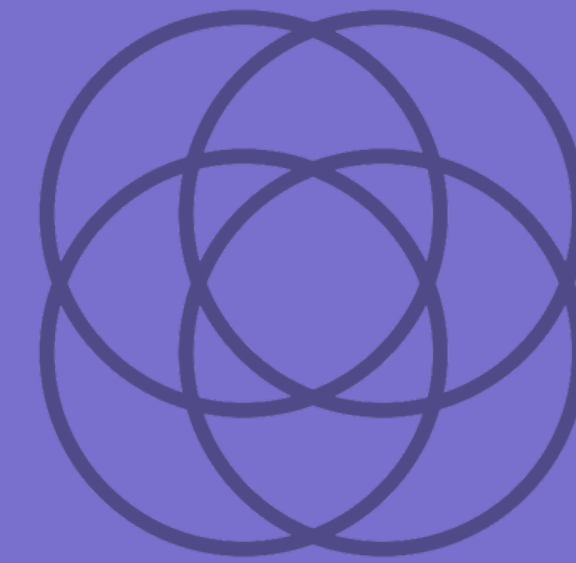
This report presents an overview of the activities implemented by Earth Charter International, which is the organization that powers the Earth Charter global movement by providing educational, dialogue, and networking opportunities to turn conscience into action. ECI's broad areas of work are a) Communication, information, and networking; b) Education and Research; c) Dialogue.

In 2023, ECI organized 16 different courses with more than 600 direct participants; 10 Masterclasses with 296 participants, 32 different type of events (such as webinars, presentations, workshops) with more than 2.500 direct participants. The Earth Charter Magazine was launched, more podcast episodes were produced and the year ended with the good news of the approval of an ERASMUS+ project, a result of being part of the UNITWIN Network on ESD and Social Transformation. This project will start in 2024, and involves developing capacity building process for university professors in 10 universities in Latin America.



The Earth Charter emerged as a result of a careful consultation process, that started during the preparatory process of the UN Earth Summit held in 1992. Between 1994 and 2000, a world-wide multicultural and multi-sectoral consultation process and research on values and principles of sustainability took place to identify elements that should comprise the Earth Charter document. The drafting of the Earth Charter was completed and formally launched by the Earth Charter Commission in 2000. Since then, the global movement of social activists, teachers, entrepreneurs, religious leaders, international law experts, and leaders in government who are voluntarily using, implementing, and promoting the Earth Charter has steadily grown. ECI serves as coordinating body for this movement. It is composed of a Secretariat and the Center of ESD based at the University for Peace campus, and an International Council, which offers guidance to the Secretariat on strategic matters.

The Earth Charter involves:



A **DOCUMENT** with sixteen principles to build a more just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century.

It articulates a mindset of global interdependence and shared responsibility that offers a vision of hope and a call to action.

A **MOVEMENT** that involves thousands of individuals and organizations, active in 89 countries around the world, that are working towards realizing the vision enunciated in the Earth Charter document.

An **ORGANIZATION** comprised of Earth Charter International (ECI) and its Education Center.

ECI is the organization that powers the Earth Charter global movement by providing guidance, networking, and educational opportunities to turn conscience into action.

The ECI Secretariat



The ECI Secretariat coordinates and supports the Earth Charter global movement. It is located in the University for Peace campus in Costa Rica.

The Earth Charter Secretariat Team



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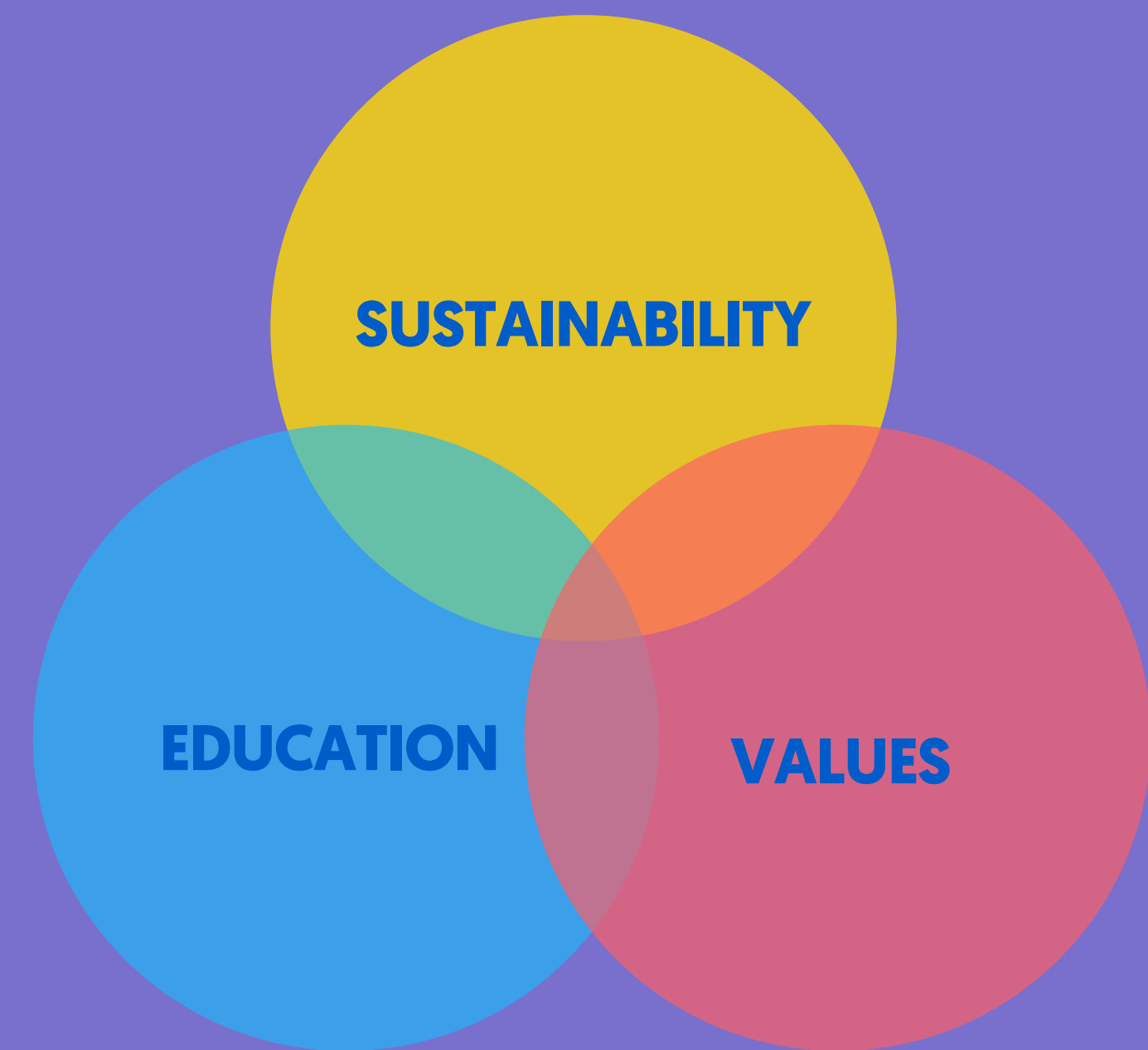


Activities in **90** Countries

Earth Charter in Action. Powering a global movement.

Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development

The Center forges new paths in education for sustainable development, global citizenship education, and emerging leadership. It is a unique place that helps professionals and young leaders build their capacity to integrate the knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life. The UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter is coordinated by the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development and the University for Peace, based in Costa Rica.



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Youth Programme

ECI recognizes the significance of youth as change agents. We inspire, engage, and empower young individuals globally to contribute to sustainability, guided by the Earth Charter's ethical principles. To facilitate this, ECI offers online youth courses and invites alumni to join the Leadership, Sustainability, and Ethics Online Course and Earth Charter Young Leaders Programme.



2023 Course Offering Overview



16

Courses offered

+656

Enrolled participants

48

Countries

250%

Increase in course enrollment

Course Offering



ONLINE PROGRAMME

**ONLINE CERTIFICATE ON
EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT (ESD)**

This programme includes **four courses**:

1. A Planetary Perspective: Toward a Culture of Peace, Sustainability, and Well-Being
2. Values and Principles for Sustainability: The Earth Charter as an Ethical Framework and a Call to Action
3. Transformative Learning, Worldviews, Sustainability: Experiential Education and the Earth Charter
4. Transformative Learning and ESD: A Holistic Pedagogy Grounded in the Neurosciences

In this dynamic programme, offered once a year in Spanish and English, participants worldwide delve into a transformative journey, deepening their understanding, knowledge, and skills to seamlessly integrate Education for Sustainable Development and Education for Global Citizenship into classrooms, schools, and curricula.

Course Offering



ONLINE YOUTH COURSE

**LEADERSHIP,
SUSTAINABILITY & ETHICS**



CURSO EN LÍNEA PARA JÓVENES

**LIDERAZGO,
SOSTENIBILIDAD & ÉTICA**

Offered twice a year in English and once a year in Spanish, the LSE online course attracts young individuals from across the globe, united in their commitment to driving positive change. Our training programme is dedicated to enriching young people's skills and knowledge, nurturing them to become ethical and effective leaders in sustainability.

Course Offering



Developed and launched in 2023, this pioneering course was crafted to empower teenagers, enhancing their skills and knowledge to become ethical and effective sustainability leaders. With a focus on fostering a generation of changemakers, the programme aims to contribute to a more sustainable and peaceful world.



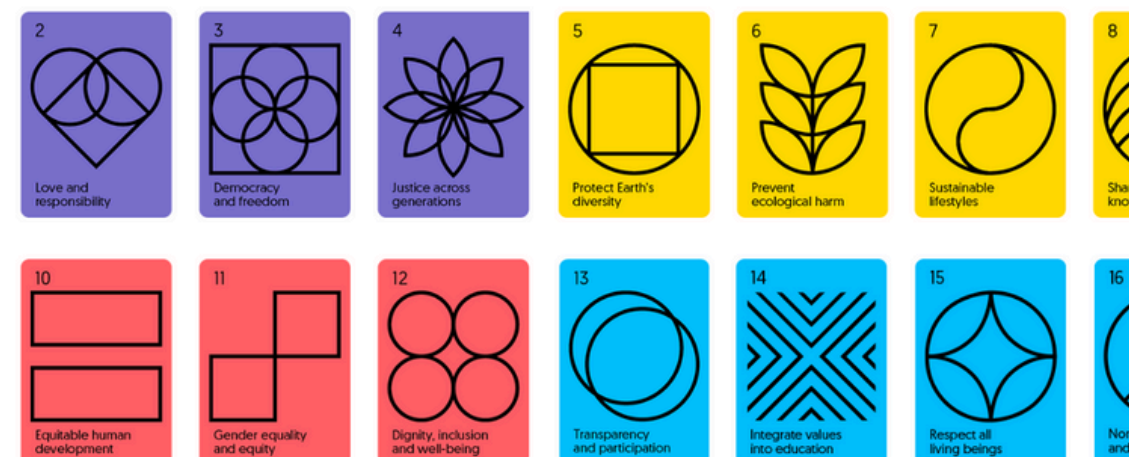
Introduced in 2023, this multi-cultural online course, tailored for pre-service teachers and teacher trainees, represents an initiative organized and developed by the UNESCO UNITWIN Network on ESD and Social Transformation. It serves as a guide for educational innovation, providing participants with insights into the interconnected realms of ESD, Global Citizenship, and Political Learning.

Course Offering



**SUMMER ABROAD COURSE
COSTA RICA: A LIVING
LABORATORY FOR SUSTAINABILITY
IN PRACTICE**

In July 2023, eighteen students from the University of Toronto embarked on a transformative journey to Costa Rica, immersing themselves in a three-week summer programme. Co-organized by the Earth Charter Center for ESD, this course was offered for the first time, marking the beginning of an exciting educational initiative.



**ONLINE
EARTH CHARTER
INTRODUCTORY COURSE**

This self-paced online course provides a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the ethical foundation of the Earth Charter and the worldview it articulates. Participants delve into rich insights, expanding their knowledge and perspective on sustainability ethics.

EC School Seal

The Earth Charter School Seal endeavors to evaluate the effectiveness of sustainability-focused education, guided by the principles of the Earth Charter, in shaping individuals' perspectives, behaviors, and institutional cultures. The Seal serves as a valuable tool for reflection and improvement within educational institutions, encouraging ongoing refinement of practices. In 2023, significant progress was achieved towards expanding our reach and impact. We established essential protocols and procedures, identified and trained Verifiers proficient in English and Spanish, and solidified collaborative agreements with them. Concurrently, administrative processes for Seal certification are in motion. Moreover, we are actively pursuing expansion initiatives in Puerto Rico and Spain, underscoring our commitment to fostering sustainable education on a global scale.



Masterclass Programme Overview



10

Masterclasses offered

296

Participants

20

Hours of content

7

Countries represented

Masterclass Programme



Our 2023 Masterclass Programme was a transformative exploration of leadership, sustainability, and education from ethical and systemic angles. Each month, participants delved into immersive sessions spanning two enriching hours, unlocking the wisdom of thought leaders across continents in ten different sessions

<p>MASTERCLASS ETHICAL LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT</p>  <p>Thursday, 23 February 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Anthony Ogbuigwe FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND THE BRITISH INSTITUTION OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP: NEW APPROACHES TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME</p>  <p>Thursday, 30 March 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Vinita Ball MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INDIANIA INDUSTRIES LIMITED</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS SYSTEM LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY</p>  <p>Thursday, 27 April 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Chris Beehner BUSINESS PROFESSOR</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP AND TRANSFORMATION LITERACY</p>  <p>Thursday, 25 May 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Petra Kuenkel MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF BONA FIDE FOUNDERS OF THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS TOWARDS TRUE PROFITS: EUROPE'S RAPID ACCELERATION OF THE DIGITAL IMPACT ECONOMY</p>  <p>Thursday, 22 June 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Michel Scholte CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF OF TRUE PROFITS AND IMPACT PARTNERS</p>
<p>MASTERCLASS ALLOWING RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND BUSINESS WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND DISASTERS OF NATURAL FIRES</p>  <p>Thursday, 27 July 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Suzana M. Padua MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL EXECUTIVE & MEMBER OF INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS INNER WELL-BEING AND EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY</p>  <p>Thursday, 31 August 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Thomas Legrand WISDOM'S KERNEL, SOCIAL SCIENTIST AND SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONER</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS THE INTEGRATION OF ECOJUSTICE AND ECOSPIRITUALITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION</p>  <p>Thursday, 28 September 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Mary Evelyn Tucker VIZIO CENTER AND WISDOMS SCHOOL, YALE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS LEARNING FROM AND WITH THE AMAZON FOREST: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIAL OF A NEW BIOECONOMY OF THE FOREST</p>  <p>Thursday, 26 October 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Carlos Nobre BRAZILIAN SCIENTIST AND METEOROLOGIST</p>	<p>MASTERCLASS INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP IN THE QUEST FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES</p>  <p>Thursday, 30 November 8:00 am Costa Rica Time Fee: US\$20</p> <p>Wangira Mathai MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF IMPACT PARTNERSHIP OF WISDOMS ECONOMICS INSTITUTE</p>

Masterclass Programme



- [Ethical Leadership for Societal Development](#) with Anthony Ogbuigwe, Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering, and the British Institution of Chemical Engineers.
- [Business leadership: new approaches to face the challenges of our time](#) with Vinita Bali, former CEO and Managing Director of Britannia Industries.
- [System Leadership for Sustainability – Infusing ethics into the business DNA and Supply Chain](#) with Chris Beehner, business professor at Seminole State College of Florida.
- [Systems Leadership and Transformation Literacy](#) with Petra Kuenkel, member of the International Club of Rome and founder of the Collective Leadership Institute.
- [Towards True Profits: Europe’s rapid acceleration of the digital impact economy](#) with Michel Scholte, cofounder and executive of True Price and Impact Institute.
- [Aligning Research, Education and Business with the sustainability and biodiversity conservation and enhancements of natural areas](#) with Suzana M. Padua, Brazilian environmental educator & president of Institute for Ecological Research (IPÊ).
- [Inner Well-being and Education for Sustainability](#) with Thomas Legrand, Wisdom’s seeker, social scientist and sustainability practitioner.
- [The Integration of Ecojustice and Ecospirituality for Sustainability Education](#) with Mary Evelyn Tucker, Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University.
- [Learning from and with the Amazon Forest: challenges and potential of a new Bioeconomy of the forest](#) with Carlos Nobre, Brazilian scientist and meteorologist.
- [Inclusive Leadership and Partnership in the quest for more sustainable societies](#) with Wanjira Mathai, Managing Director for Africa and Global Partnerships at World Resources Institute.

Events Overview: Webinars



8

Webinars offered

+973

Participants

2.3K

Views (on Youtube & Baidu)

29

Speakers

Events Overview: Workshops and Presentations

25

Presentations

4

Workshops

2.5K

Participants

*These presentations and workshops were offered by ECI Staff

Events



In 2023, we had a diverse array of themed webinars conducted in both English and Spanish, featuring professionals, scholars, young leaders, thought leaders, authors and more. These dynamic sessions served as hubs of knowledge exchange, fostering insightful discussions and innovative ideas. These gatherings exemplified our commitment to inclusive learning and multicultural dialogue, transcending linguistic barriers to connect minds from all corners of the globe.

Webinar

**Educación en valores,
sostenibilidad,
e inteligencia artificial:
retos y oportunidades**



María de los Ángeles Vilches Norat
Profesora e investigadora,
Carta de la Tierra Internacional.



Eglis Chacón
Analista de políticas e
investigadora,
UNESCO IESALC



Arnoldo Madrigal Pastor
MBA e Ingeniero en Sistemas,
Ubiq/ InsureTech

**Earth Charter
Earth Day Event**

**Nurturing Our Capacity to Care for Earth, Our
Home, and Its Community of Life through
Education**

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023
**8:30AM COSTA RICA TIME (10:30 AM
ET; 4:30PM CET)**



Leonardo Boff
Theologian, philosopher,
writer, Earth Charter
Commission member



Victoria Ibiwoye
Speaker and trainer, Founder
of OneAfricanChild
Foundation

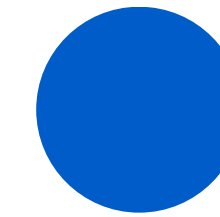


Bernard Combes
Programme Specialist,
Education for Sustainable
Development, UNESCO



Sam Crowell
Member of ECI Council and
faculty, the ECI Center for ESD

Events



Webinar

Earth Charter+23
Emerging efforts towards planetary well-being and ecological civilizations

Thursday, 29 June - 9:00am Costa Rica time

English – Spanish interpretation



Jeremy Lent
Author and founder of the Deep Transformation Network [UK-USA]

Laura Restrepo
Special Projects Coordinator at Climate Reality Latin America & Earth Charter Young Leader [Colombia]

Ricardo Young
Ethos Institute for Business and Social Responsibility [Brazil]

Akpezi Ogbuigwe
Educator and Member of the Earth Charter International Council [Nigeria]

Webinar

Earth Charter+23
Emerging efforts towards planetary well-being and ecological civilizations

Thursday, 29 June - 7:00pm Costa Rica time
30 June 9:00am Beijing, 10:00am Tokyo, 11:00am Sydney, 1:00pm Auckland



Kazuo Takahashi
Earth Charter Study Group [Japan]

Evon Ganeson
Sustainable Design Strategist & Earth Charter Youth Leader [Malaysia]

Atsufumi Yokoi
Vice President, Okayama University, ECI Council member [Japan]

Olivia Tyler
Western Sydney University [Australia]

Mirian Vilela
Executive Director, ECI [Brazil]

Moderated by:  **Joan Anderson**
Soka Gakkai International [UK/Japan]

We hosted two webinars marking the 23rd anniversary of the Earth Charter, featuring speakers from Latin America, Nigeria, Australia, the United States, and diverse Asian countries. With Spanish interpretation for inclusivity, discussions centered on advancing planetary well-being and ecological civilizations, highlighting global collaboration for a sustainable future.

Events



Únete a la conmemoración del
Día Internacional de la Juventud

Carta de la Tierra: una guía básica

Jueves 10 de agosto
8 PM ET | 6 PM CDMX | 7 PM COL/PAN

Regístrate: bit.ly/3DH4qF8

Laura M. Rodríguez
Soñadora 🇪🇸

Astrid de la Lastra
Pacifista 🇨🇺

Melchor Muñoz
Justo 🇮🇹

Laura Restrepo Alameda
Reflexiva 🇪🇸

From Vision to Action: Earth Charter Young Leaders Contributing to Planetary Well-being in their Professions

Tuesday, 8 August

11AM Costa Rica / 8PM Nairobi / 6PM Lagos / 12PM Panamá

LIVE @earthcharteryouth

Amanda Bennett
Moderator 🇮🇪

Gitonga Caroline Mwende
Lawyer 🇰🇪

Silas Victory Chibueze
History teacher 🇳🇮

Rocio Milagros Collantes González
International Relations 🇨🇺

CELEBRATING WAYS

#YouthLead

In two online events, youth leaders converged to have a dialogue their contributions to planetary well-being. These webinars showcased the power of young voices in shaping a sustainable future.

Events



Linking Sustainability and Quality Education: An overview from ESD for 2030 Regional Meetings

Tuesday, 17 October
5:00pm CET (11:00am EST)

Alicia Jiménez
Moderator

Mark Manns
Programme Specialist,
UNESCO Paris

Daniel Fischer
Professor,
Leuphana University

Katrin Kohl
Coordinator UNESCO
Chair, York University

The webinar, “Linking Sustainability and Quality Education: an overview from ESD for 2030 Regional Meetings, organized by UNITWIN Network on Education for Sustainable Development and Social Transformation and Earth Charter International, unveiled the outcomes of regional gatherings, anticipated the global meeting in Japan (December 2023), and offered insights on addressing current global educational challenges.

Webinar

East and West Dialogue on Ecological Civilization

Wednesday, 28 November 5 p.m PST - 9 p.m EST • Thursday, 29 November 9 a.m Beijing - 10 a.m Seoul

Amanda Bennett
Moderator

Sifan Jiang
Moderator

David Korten
Founder of the Living
Economies Forum

Andrew Schwartz
Co-Founder and Executive
Vice President of EcoCiv

Xia Chen
Research Fellow at the
Institute of Philosophy

Our webinar, "East and West Dialogue on Ecological Civilization," initiated a series of webinars echoing the 2024 Earth Charter Conference. Through this intercultural dialogue, we explored the journey towards an ecological civilization and gleaned insights from existing knowledge and achievements.

Events with other organizations



In addition to our initiatives, we collaborated with various organizations to host an event at the Parliament of the World's Religions. This gathering fostered dialogues on the Global Ethic and Earth Charter principles. Moreover, through our partnership with the University for Peace, we facilitated workshops focused on SDG12, responsible consumption and production, highlighting the University's actions as a hub for advancing this sustainable development goal.

Join us at Parliament of the World's Religions 2023
Chicago, IL, USA

“The Global Ethic and The Earth Charter in Dialogue”

Tuesday, 15 August - 5:00 pm (GMT-5)
McCormick Place Lakeside Center - Room E253b



Mary Evelyn Tucker
Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology; Earth Charter Drafting Committee



Kehkashan Basu
Canadian environmental and human rights activist



Kusumita P. Pedersen
Professor emerita at St. Francis College, New York.



Samuel King
Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology Research Associate and Head of Journey of the Universe Outreach



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

WORKSHOP ON SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

25 October, 2023
8:30 a.m. (Costa Rica Time, 4:30 p.m. CET)

Speakers:



CASEY HARRISON
Director of Impact and Learning, Nuru International



GABRIELA MONTERO
SDG 12 Hub Coordinator, University for Peace



NIKA SALVETTI
Visiting Professor, University for Peace



ALICIA JIMÉNEZ ELIZONDO
Earth Charter International



AMANDA BENNETT
Youth Program Coordinator, Earth Charter International and ESD Center, University for Peace

Register here (online event)




Conversation Series

July 25th - August 3rd



Victoria Ibiwoye



Stanley Anigboğu



Diana Cristancho



Froilan Enverga



Doris Mwikali



Amanda Bennett

at: Palasz (Program Manager) | juwmedu

Register Here




Events with other organizations



We were pleased to join the "Repensar la Educación" forum, hosted by the Secretaría de Educación de Guanajuato. With 1200 attendees, the event provided a platform to highlight the Earth Charter's principles. Through focused discussions, we emphasized the importance of sustainability and ethical values in education.



Mirian Vilela, ECI Executive Director, participated in the international conference on "Promoting lifelong learning in higher education: From institutional strategies to practical implementation," organized by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning and Shanghai Open University. The event provided a platform for deliberating on the role of universities in advancing lifelong learning opportunities and addressing sustainable development challenges.

Events with other organizations



In 2023, we participated in The ANGEL (Academic Network on Global Education & Learning) Conference, at the UNESCO headquarters. The event provided a platform to engage in fruitful exchange, dialogue, and networking. This biennial conference served as a vital gathering for academics, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners, all sharing a common interest in advancing research on Global Education & Learning, Education for Sustainability, and Global Citizenship.



On World Environment Day, a significant ceremony titled "Conscience and Action: Reconnecting to Life, Caring for the Planet" took place in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. During this event, the Soka Amazon Institute solidified its commitment to environmental stewardship by signing an affiliation agreement with Earth Charter International (ECI). Luciano Nascimento, Director of the Institute, and Mirian Vilela, Executive Director of Earth Charter International, officially signed the agreement, marking a pivotal moment in their collaborative efforts to promote sustainability and protect the planet.



We Grow Together Youth Summer Camp (12-18 August)

Earth Charter International, in partnership with ONE WORLD Citizens, gathered 45 young participants from 22 diverse homelands for the inaugural We Grow Together summer camp in The Netherlands. This innovative initiative aimed to foster a platform for critical discussions on pressing issues facing current and future generations.

WE GROW TOGETHER

The 1st edition of the *We Grow Together Summer Camp* will be held from August 12 to 18, 2023, in the Netherlands, **bringing together 60 young leaders from 17 countries** for an inspiring intergenerational dialogue.

Young people have designed this unique educational event for their peers to promote **environmental awareness and responsibility**. The summer camp empowers participants to shape a brighter, greener future that values diversity and **leaves no one behind**.

SUMMER CAMP

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Earth Charter Podcast Overview



13

New episodes

3.7k

Total plays in 2023

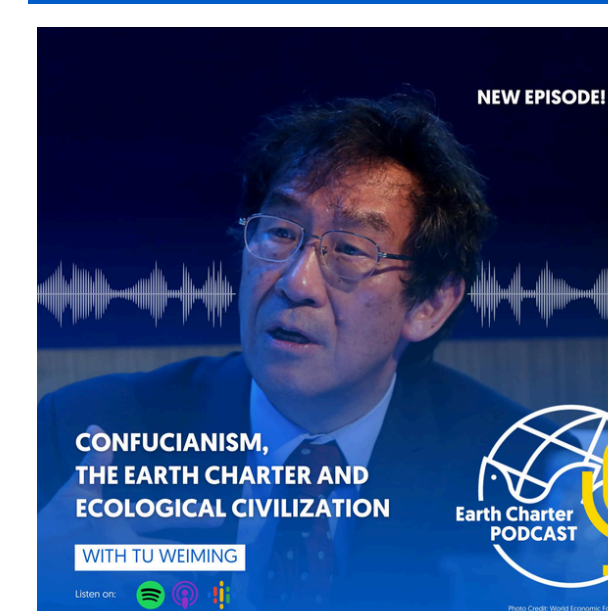
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Countries listening to the
podcast

Earth Charter Podcast



The Earth Charter Podcast aims to inspire informed action and generate new insights. In 2023, we added 13 new episodes, expanding understanding of the Earth Charter's worldview, addressing humanity's current challenges, and exploring education for sustainability and new paradigms. These conversations enrich listeners' perspectives and drive meaningful change. The Podcast is available in our website, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts



Earth Charter Podcast Episodes in 2023



- [Insights from UNESCO's Futures of Education initiative and Report: Reimagining Learning for a Changing World](#) – Leonardo Garnier, member of the UNESCO International Commission on the Futures of Education, former Minister of Education, Costa Rica
- [Ten years later: Lessons learned by the garment industry from the Rana Plaza disaster](#) - Nika Salvetti, researcher and practitioner
- [Creating Lasting Peace Through Education](#) - Amr Abdalla, professor emeritus and former vice-rector at the University for Peace
- [Spirituality in Education and exploring The Awakened Brain](#) - Lisa Miller, author, professor, researcher, and clinical psychologist
- [Reflections on the Rights of Nature, Earth Laws, and Earth-centered Governance](#) - Michelle Maloney, member of the Advisory Council for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature
- [The Politics of Being, when basic needs having been met and mindful eating](#) - Thomas Legrand, social scientist and sustainability practitioner
- [Indigenous worldviews and the Indigenomics approach](#) - Carol Anne Hilton, founder of the Indigenomics Institute
- [Education as a driver of social change](#) - Douglas Bourn, founder and director of the Development Education Research Centre
- [Confucianism, the Earth Charter and Ecological Civilization](#) - Tu Weiming, one of the most influential Confucian thinkers of the 20th and 21st centuries
- [Earth Democracy and Ecological Civilization](#) - Vandana Shiva, Indian scholar, environmental activist, and ecofeminist
- [Environmental Law, The Earth Charter and Ecological Civilization](#) - Nicholas Robinson, Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law Emeritus, PACE University
- [African Self-Liberation and New Narratives of Hope](#) - Mamphela Ramphele, co-president of the Club of Rome & Nolita Mvunelo, speaker, leader, and strategist in designing social impact ventures
- [Ecological Civilization, Deep Transformation and the Web of Meaning](#) - Jeremy Lent, author and speaker
- [Gobernanza Ambiental Global y Nacional, Sostenibilidad y Liderazgo](#) - Edgar Gutiérrez Espeleta, former Minister of Environment, Costa Rica

Earth Charter Magazine



We created the Earth Charter Magazine, a publication celebrating diverse voices and supporting our UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development. This magazine bridges research and education at the intersection of sustainability, values, and education. Within its pages, you will find articles from authors working in varied fields and cultural contexts. Some share brief research results, while others offer personal reflections on their experiences with the Earth Charter. The magazine now has two online volumes, both translated into Spanish.



Earth Charter Magazine - Vol.1



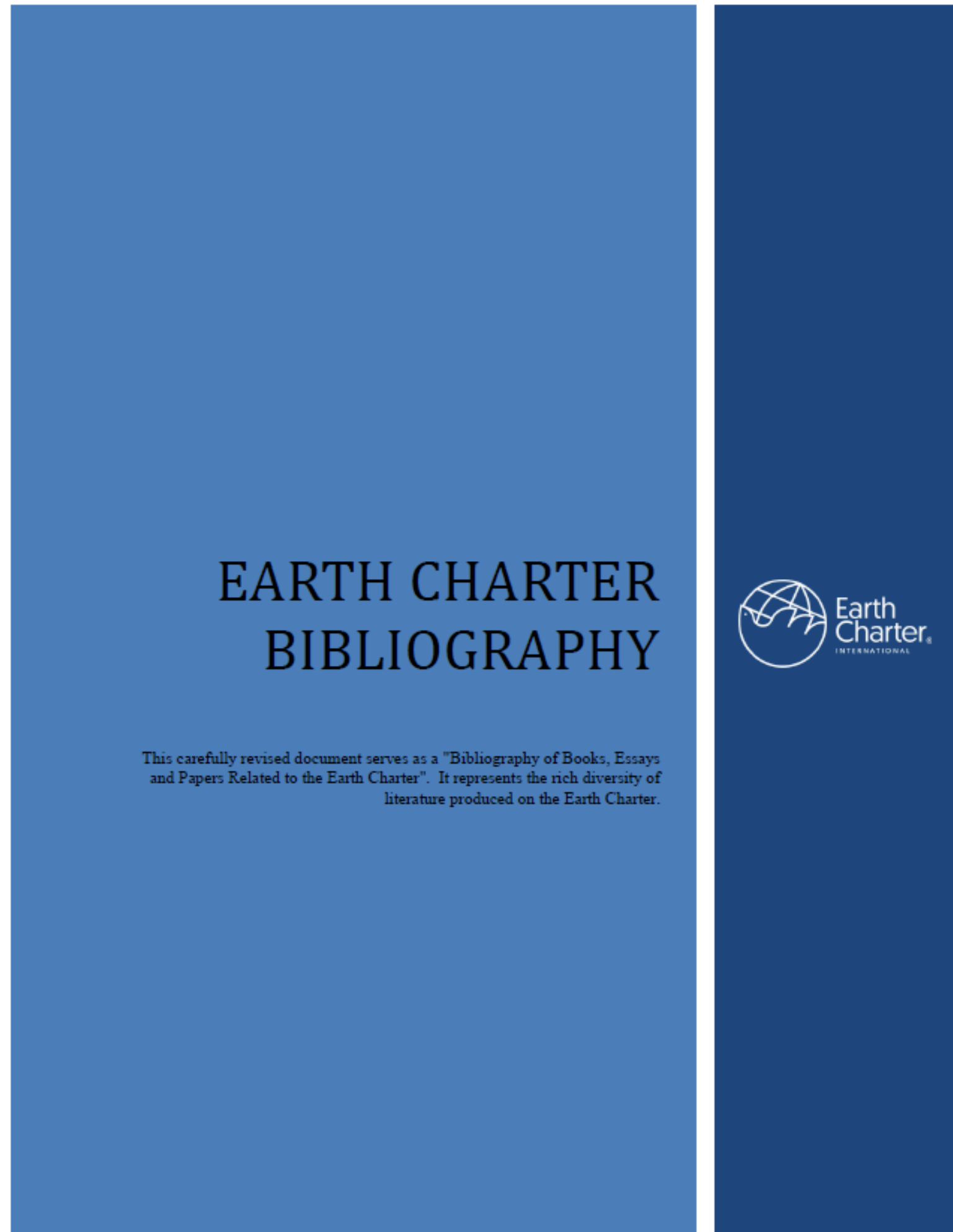
- [The Possibilities of Rhizomatic Imagination and Ecopedagogy Amid the End of an Era](#) – César “CJ” Baldelomar
- [Digging Deeper to Unearth the Roots of Pro-Environmental Behaviour](#) – Janika Liv Marais [Heyerdahl]
- [Alexander von Humboldt’s Cosmopolitan Thought and the Earth Charter](#) – Wellington Vilela de Araújo
- [Whole Institution Approach for Sustainability and Transdisciplinarity](#) – Alicia Jiménez-Elizondo
- [A University Experience in Implementing the Whole Institutional Approach for Sustainability with the Earth Charter: Lessons Learned](#) – Waverli Maia Matarazzo-Neuberger
- [Escola Vila and Ecosystemic Pedagogy: Living the Earth Charter Principles](#) – Fatima Limaverde & Thiago Fonseca
- [Towards A Culture of Openness: Living with the Earth Charter in Times of Uncertainty](#) – Timothy Ogene

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- Learnings from the Road to a Sustainable University – The Case of Leuphana University – Gerd Michelsen
- Capturing the Brilliance in Chinese Cultures through Traditional Stories – Xueping Luo
- Reflections from my Experiences in Learning Through Intercultural Exchanges – Amanda Bennett
- Exploring Para-legal Solutions to Protect Humans, Ecosystems, and Democracy: A Reflection in the Context of the Governance of Industrial Risks and Pollution – Emma Feyeux
- Understanding how Creativity Works for a Better World: Unifying Insights From Ecological Art Practice and Values-Based Transformative ESD Learning – Cathy Fitzgerald
- Unifying Our Efforts: Using the Earth Charter to Support the SDGs – Sam Crowell
- The Earth Charter as a Tool for Strengthening the Capacities of Young People as Agents of Change – Yaneri García, Melchor Muñoz and María Pech
- Preserving the Buzzing and Blooming Bounty and Beauty of our Planet – A Reflection on Pollinator Protection and the Earth Charter – Michael Slaby

Earth Charter Bibliography (Revised Nov 2023)



We updated and released a revised version of the Earth Charter bibliography, which lists over 400 works referencing the Earth Charter (EC). This comprehensive document serves as a valuable resource for researchers and readers interested in exploring the EC's influence and applications. The bibliography includes books focused on the EC, works that significantly reference it, scholarly essays, periodical articles, instructional booklets, manuals, and academic theses. This extensive collection provides ample material for understanding the EC and its global impact.

Affiliates & Partners



In 2023, Earth Charter International welcomed new organizational members from diverse industries and countries, enhancing its global network dedicated to a sustainable future. These new affiliations complement the robust partnerships Earth Charter International has maintained over the years. By continuing to collaborate with long-standing affiliates and integrating fresh perspectives from new members, Earth Charter International is strengthening its efforts to foster a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society.

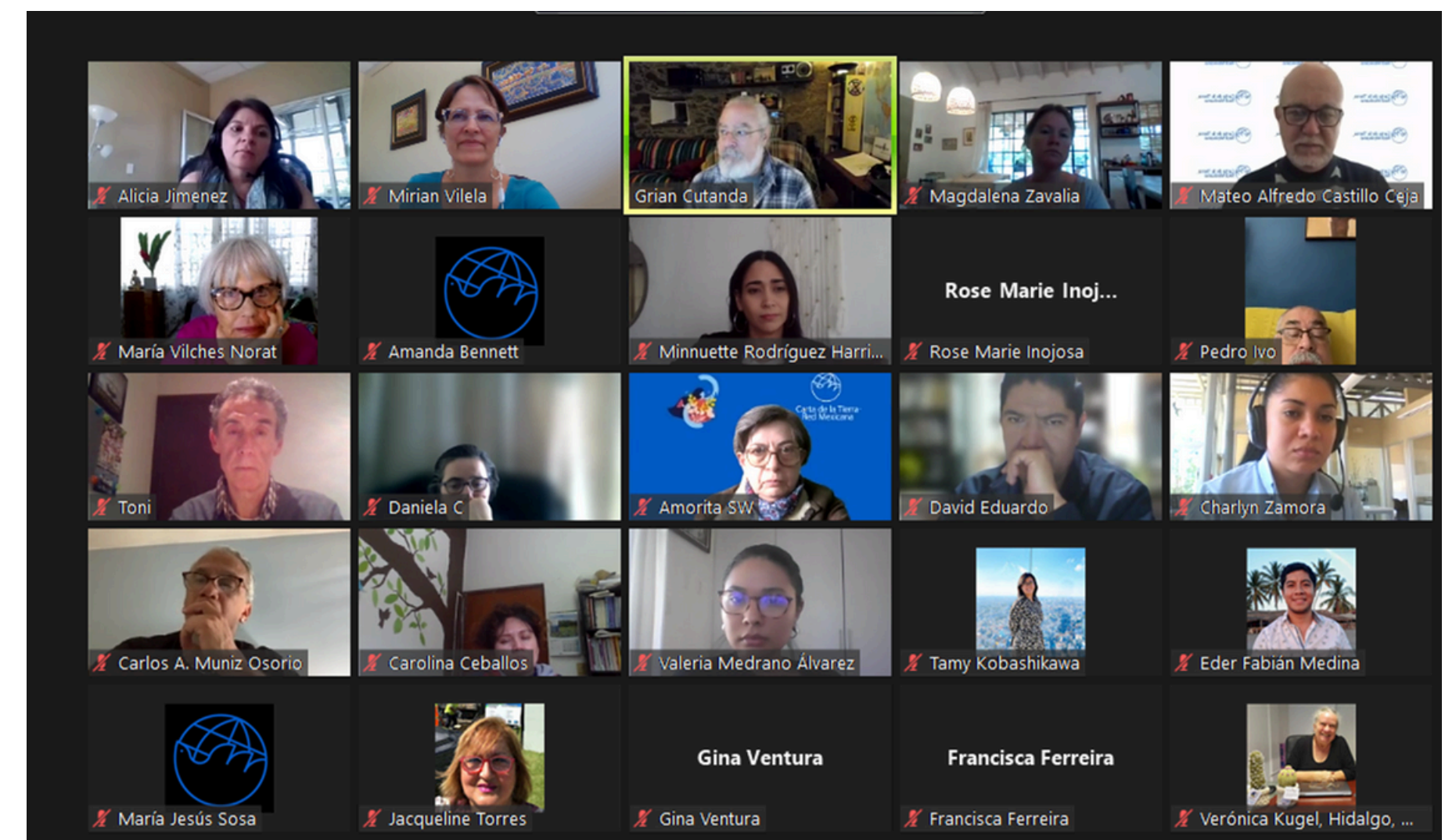


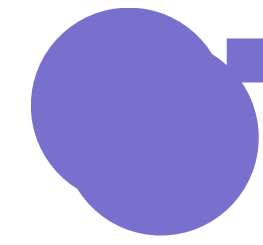
and more!

ECI Community Meetings (in English and Spanish)



In 2023, we held ECI Community Meetings in English and Spanish in February, May, and December. During these meetings, participants shared their actions with the Earth Charter, connected with each other, and interacted on various initiatives. We conducted these meetings in both Spanish and English to embrace multicultural communication and ensure inclusivity.





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ECI through the UNESCO Chair on ESD with the Earth Charter continues to be an active partner of the UNITWIN Network coordinated by Leuphana University (Germany)

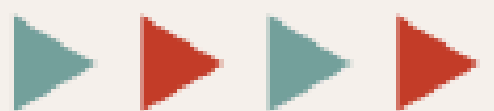
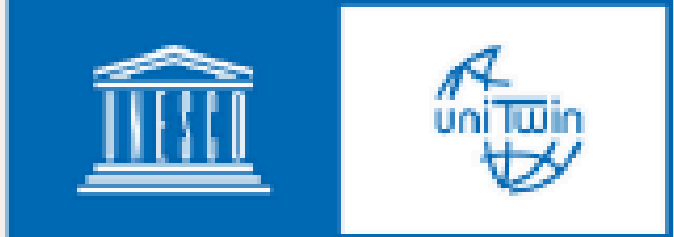
UNITWIN NETWORK ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

- established: June 2021
- 30+ partner institutions
- only UNITWIN network focused on ESD

UNESCO UNIWIN ERASMUS Project
on Enhancing the Capacities of universities to implement the SDGs



Leuphana University Lüneburg
 Heidelberg University of Education
 Rhodes University
 University of Crete / EC Center
 York University
 University of Peace



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UNIESD&ST partners



Between 2022 and 2023, ECI collaborated with members of the UNESCO UNITWIN Network to apply for funding from ERASMUS+ Project on Enhancing the Capacities of universities to implement the SDGs. This project was approved at the end of 2023, will start implementation in 2024.



1. Heidelberg Pedagogic University, Germany
2. Leuphana University, Germany
3. Crete University, Greece
4. Frederick University, Greece
5. Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica
6. Universidad Técnica Nacional, Costa Rica
7. Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica
8. University for Peace/EC Education Center, Costa Rica
9. Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Mexico
10. Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo, Mexico
11. Universidad de Santander, Colombia
12. Universidad EAFIT, Colombia
13. Universidad Nacional de San Andres, Argentina
14. Universidad Austral, Argentina



2024 Earth Charter Conference



We developed the concept for the 2024 Earth Charter Conference and opened the call for abstracts and registrations. We received 93 abstracts and selected the final abstracts for the Conference.

ECI Plans for 2024



In 2024, we will continue our efforts with the following initiatives:

- Courses
- Webinars
- Masterclasses
- Erasmus+ Project implementation
- 2024 ECI Conference at Rollins College
- A new season with episodes of the podcast
- Two more editions of the Earth Charter Magazine
- Development of the EC School Curriculum
- A new collection of EC stories
- Refinement of the EC School Seal
- Host the second We Grow Together European Youth Summer Camp



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