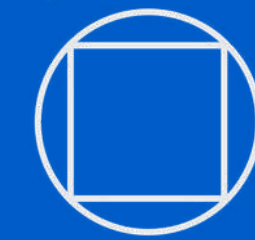
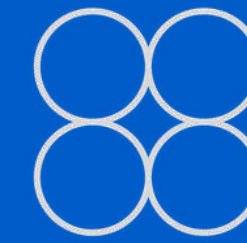




Earth Charter International

Annual Report 2025

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Executive Summary

2025 marked the 25th anniversary of the Earth Charter's launch and a milestone year for Earth Charter International (ECI). Across convenings, education programmes, publications, and partnerships, ECI advanced a global ethical framework for sustainability--supporting educators and young leaders, strengthening networks, and catalyzing collaboration across cultures and generations.

Highlights of 2025

Convenings	Convened four major in-person EC+25 gatherings (approximately 1,800 participants) and two online events in June.
Education	Delivered 14 online courses through the ECI Education Center and UNESCO Chair on ESD, engaging 200+ participants.
Publications and media	Produced 14 new podcast episodes (bringing the total to 74) and published two Earth Charter Magazine issues featuring 12 articles.
Webinars	Organized or co-organized 11 webinars in four language formats, engaging 1,000+ participants.
Books	Published two books (20 and 22 chapters) and supported additional partner publications.
Global Ethical Stocktake	Contributed to the COP30 Global Ethical Stocktake process through 34 dialogue reports involving 1,000+ participants.

With the support of various partners and supporters, ECI can scale educator development, strengthen youth leadership, and deepen the reach of the Earth Charter as an ethical compass for a just, sustainable, and peaceful future.

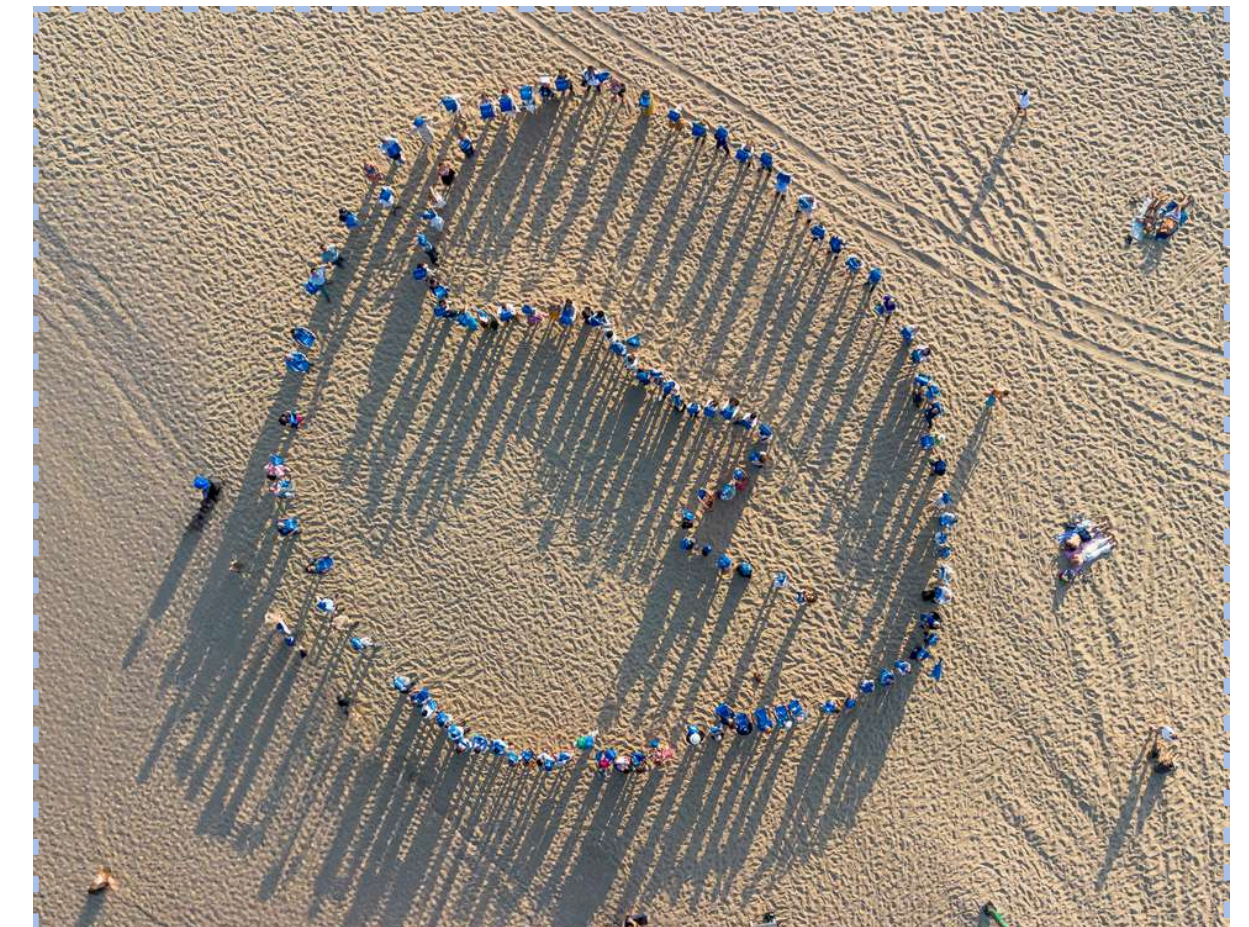


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Introduction

We are pleased to share Earth Charter International's 2025 Annual Report, which highlights the breadth of our work and the collective efforts undertaken during this milestone year. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners and affiliated organizations, and to the Earth Charter educators and young leaders who keep this global movement meaningful and vibrant.

In the context of the 25th anniversary of the Earth Charter's launch, we convened four major in-person gatherings--in July in the Netherlands; in September in Vermont, USA; in October in Puebla, Mexico; and in November in Ananindeua/Belem, Brazil--along with two online events in June. Each gathering created space to share experiences and reflect on the ongoing relevance of the Earth Charter as both a document and a living movement in today's world.

Through the ECI Education Center and our UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), we delivered 14 online courses (including six courses within our professional development programme on ESD), produced 14 new podcast episodes, and organized or co-organized 11 webinars. We also published two magazine issues featuring 12 articles and released two books--one with 20 chapters and the other with 22 chapters--strengthening the body of knowledge and practical resources inspired by the Earth Charter's ethical vision.

We also honored outstanding individuals whose long-term commitment and leadership have strengthened the Earth Charter movement over many years.

The purpose of these efforts is to advance the transition toward a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world by expanding and deepening awareness of our interdependence with one another and with the wider community of life. We recognize that much remains to be done, and we look ahead to new collaborations that will help us continue "Turning Conscience into Action for a Thriving Earth."

We are deeply grateful to our supporters and donors.

Michael J. Bracken, Chair, ECI Board | **Mirian Vilela, Executive Director, Earth Charter International**

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Impact at a Glance

EC+25
convenings

1,800+

participants in person, plus
online events

Publications and media

2 Magazine issues

12 Articles

2 Books

14 Podcast episodes

Global
engagement

34 COP30-related
dialogue reports

1,000+ Participants

Education

14 Courses

200+ Participants

multi-region
representation

Webinars

11 Events

1,000+ Participants

English, Spanish and
Portuguese

Communications

4 million Website visits

5,275 Instagram

20,188 Facebook

6,597 LinkedIn

7,742 YouTube

Vision and Mission

The ECI's mission--"to contribute to the transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet"--guides our work and is reflected in our motto, "Turning Conscience into Action for a Thriving Earth."

The year 2025 marked a landmark moment for our organization as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Earth Charter's launch. This milestone offered an opportunity not only to reflect on a quarter-century of work and impact, but also to reaffirm the Earth Charter--both as a document and as a movement--as an ongoing catalyst for deepening our responsibility to one another, the wider community of life, and future generations.

In this context, we worked to reinforce the importance of a shared vision grounded in a global ethical framework--an essential foundation for addressing the compounding ecological and social crises of our time.



ECI Purpose

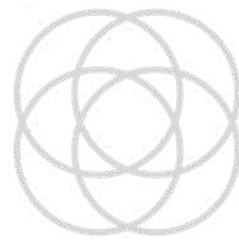
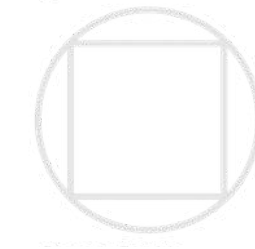
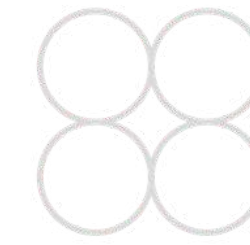
Engage, empower, and educate young leaders and educators worldwide to advance the transition toward sustainability and turn conscience into action for a thriving Earth.

Inspire, guide and strengthen the Earth Charter global movement by supporting networks, partnerships, and collaborative initiatives.

In this context, the ECI Council issued a special Declaration to anchor ECI's future trajectory. This declaration, developed following the Earth Charter+25 event held in July in the Netherlands, reaffirmed our resolve to continue fostering a sense of care, respect, and responsibility toward the greater community of life. The Council stated:

“In this 25th anniversary year, we reaffirm our commitment to a culture of care and responsibility. We recognize that to move forward, we must foster a deep sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the entire human family and the larger living world. Our mission is to continue transforming these ethical principles into the practical foundations of a sustainable and just civilization.”





Global Recognition

September 2025 -- UNESCO Report on ESD, 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 80)

"We must foster stewardship and active citizenship, guiding individuals toward solidarity, intergenerational responsibility, and respect for both nature and humanity... There is also a need to promote the principles of the Earth Charter and the Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations towards Future Generations."

[see Paragraph 70 at <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4086971?ln=enandv=pdf>]

This builds on UNESCO Resolutions and years of collaboration:

2003 (32C/17)

Recognized the Earth Charter as an important ethical framework for sustainable development and encourages UNESCO Member States to use the Earth Charter as an educational instrument.

2019 (40C/20)

Encouraged Member States to use the Earth Charter in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) processes.

2012

UNESCO Chair on ESD established as a collaboration between ECI, University for Peace and UNESCO--reflecting steady collaboration built over the past two decades through our work in ESD.

EC+25 Anniversary: Convenings

The EC+25 anniversary was marked by a series of high-impact events designed to connect our global community, share experiences, and inspire collaboration and action. Four major in-person gatherings took place, engaging approximately 1,800 participants--along with two online events.



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The Netherlands

300 participants 1-3 July

Earth Charter+25: Planetary Consciousness, Ethics of Care, and Intergenerational Justice. Hosted across three locations. Included three Earth Charter Commissioners [Awabran Soetendorp, Severn Cullis-Suzuki, Pauline Tangiora], 11 ECI Council members, and many educators and young leaders. For more, see [here](#). [Click here for more.](#)



Vermont, USA

1,000+ participants 7 September

Renewing Our Love of Earth, Earth Charter 25th Anniversary. Sponsored by Shelburne Farms, the Garrison Institute, and ECI, supported by the University of Vermont. A tapestry of music, dialogue, and reflection woven by a shared commitment to ethics, community, and ecological consciousness. For more, see [here](#).



Puebla, Mexico

300 participants 24 October

Celebrating the Journey, Renewing the Commitment: The Earth Charter and Its 25 Years. Convened by the Mexican Earth Charter Network in collaboration with BUAP, the Salvatierra Foundation, the Pact of Women Business Leaders, and the Medicine Wheel. Began with a ceremony of gratitude to Mother Earth. For more, see [here](#).



Para, Brazil

250+ participants 7-8 November

International Seminar: 25 Years of the Earth Charter -- Turning Consciousness into Action. Representatives from federal and local governments, civil society, academia, and youth. Organized by Alternativa Terrazul with Instituto Salvatierra, CIRAT, Teia Carta da Terra Brasil, GTA, FBOMS, and the Municipality of Ananindeua. For more, see [here](#).

EC+25: Online Events and Additional Convenings

ECI also organized two special online EC+25 events in June featuring:

Steven C. Rockefeller

Member of the Earth Charter Commission and Chair of the Drafting Committee.

Mary Evelyn Tucker

Co-founder and co-director of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology.

Leonardo Boff

Renowned theologian and ecologist, and a member of the Earth Charter Commission.

Ricardo Young

Business leader, sustainability advocate, and a member of the ECI Council.

Both webinars were moderated by Mirian Vilela, Executive Director, Earth Charter International.



Additionally, ECI co-organized:

Manaus, Brazil -- 21 July

Earth Charter event in Portuguese at the VIII International Congress on Environmental Education in Portuguese-speaking Countries. 100+ participants from Portuguese-speaking nations. Organized by ASPEA, CEAPP/UFPR, Alternativa Terrazul, EC Network Brazil, ECI, and Soka Amazon Institute.

Drammen, Norway -- 25 September

Celebrating Earth Charter 25+: Dialogue, Art, and Pedagogy for Sustainability at the University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), Campus Drammen. Organized by Earth Charter Norway and two USN research groups: Learning, Education and Teaching for Sustainability and Pedagogical Philosophy.

Special Recognitions

At the EC+25 gatherings in July (the Netherlands) and November (Brazil), ECI recognized leaders whose long-term dedication has strengthened the Earth Charter movement.



Mateo Alfredo Castillo Ceja

Earth Charter Mexican Network and ECI Council member,
Mexico



Klaus Bosselmann

Global Ecological Integrity Group, Germany/New Zealand



Alicia Jimenez

ECI Secretariat, Costa Rica



Grian A. Cutanda

Founder, Earth Storytelling Collection and Avalon Project,
Spain



Alide Roerink

ECI Council member and leader, Earth Charter
The Netherlands



Pedro Ivo Batista

President, Alternativa Terrazul, ECI affiliated organization,
Brazil

Special Recognitions -- Recognition Descriptions

Mateo Alfredo Castillo Ceja

For his unwavering dedication, visionary leadership, and outstanding contributions to our shared mission of building a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.

Klaus Bosselmann

For his pioneering contributions to research and thought leadership at the vital intersection of international environmental law, Earth governance, and the Earth Charter.

Alicia Jimenez

For her dedicated service, visionary leadership, and outstanding contributions to the development of the Earth Charter and the ESD School Seal.

Grian A. Cutanda

For his research, work, and significant contributions to the Earth Charter global movement through the inspiring vision of the Earth Stories Collection.

Alide Roerink

For her outstanding dedication to the Earth Charter movement over the past two decades.

Pedro Ivo Batista

For his steadfast dedication, leadership, and exceptional contributions to our shared mission of building a more just and sustainable world, with the Earth Charter as an ethical compass.

Webinars and Online Events

ECI organized or co-organized 11 webinars--five in English, three in Spanish, two in Portuguese, and one with simultaneous interpretation--engaging more than 1,000 participants. By offering free online events in multiple languages, we continue to advance inclusion and expand access for anyone who wishes to engage with the Earth Charter's ethical vision.

13 March

Building a Just, Sustainable, and Peaceful Future: 25 Years of the Earth Charter

Yolanda Kakabadse, Brendan Mackey, and Mirian Vilela. Moderator: Phil Eke-Okocha

EN

24 April

La civilizacion ecologica y la Carta de la Tierra

Mariana Gattas and Jean Paul Vargas. Moderator: Alicia Jimenez

ES

20 May

ESD in Practice: Tips from educators

Margaret Vetter, Traci Panullo and Charles Hopkins. Moderator: Alicia Jimenez

EN

26 June

Planetary Consciousness, ethics of care and intergenerational justice

Steven C. Rockefeller and Mary Evelyn Tucker. Moderator: Mirian Vilela

EN

26 June

25 anos da Carta da Terra: O Estado do Mundo e a Urgencia de uma Consciencia Planetaria e da Etica do Cuidado

Leonardo Boff and Mirian Vilela. Moderator: Ricardo Young

PT

15 July

EDS en la practica: Conociendo la Recomendacion de la UNESCO 2023

Cristian Bravo and Mirian Vilela. Moderator: Alicia Jimenez

ES

Webinars and Online Events

8 October

Book Launch: "Education for Sustainable Futures"

Mirian Vilela, Namrata Sharma, Alicia Jimenez, Kartikeya Sarabhai, Mukirae Njihia, and Tamy Kobashikawa. Moderator: Douglas Bourn

EN

21 October

Dialogo sobre o livro: "Visualizando e Avaliando nossas contribuicoes ao Bem-Estar Planetario"

Ricardo Young and Ladislao Dowbor. Moderator: Mirian Vilela

PT

30 October

ESD in Practice: Tips from Educators

Zulfi Ali, Jenn Manak and Alejandro Alvarez-Vanegas. Moderator: Alicia Jimenez

EN

6 November

EDS en la practica: Tips para educadores

David E. Velazquez, Ainoha Garayar and Florian Kohler. Moderator: Alicia Jimenez

ES

3 December

Lanzamiento de la Alianza para una educacion verde en AL y el Caribe

Bernardo Pereyra, Yeison Cerquera, Adonis Matute, Carla Sabbatini and Mirian Vilela. Moderator: Cristian Bravo (UNESCO Santiago)

ES/EN

Furthermore, ECI convened six Earth Charter network meetings throughout the year with affiliated and partner organizations (February, September, and December--three in English and three in Spanish).



Education Programmes and Courses

In 2025, the ECI Education Center delivered a suite of six stand-alone online courses and two certificate programmes (four courses each), for a total of 14 courses with more than 200 participants. Overall, these programmes aim to deepen participants' understanding of sustainability through the lens of the Earth Charter and to foster the knowledge, values, and skills needed to apply this ethical framework in their own contexts.



Professional Development Programme

Online Certificate on Education for Sustainable Development

Earth Charter, University for Peace, unesco

Online Certificate Programme on ESD professional development for educators

in English: January - July
in Spanish: May - November

A six-month programme with Five courses of five weeks each



Online Course

Leadership, Sustainability & Ethics Youth Course

Earth Charter, University for Peace, unesco

Leadership, Sustainability and Ethics course
for young leaders [18 to 30 years old]

in English: Feb - April and Sept - Nov
in Spanish: May - August

A 10-week course with 10 sessions



Programme for teens

Emerging Earth Leaders

Earth Charter, University for Peace, unesco

Emerging Earth Leaders for Teenagers
[English, 14-17 years old]

September - October

A 7-week/session course



Online Course

ESD, Global Citizenship and Transformative Learning

Earth Charter, University for Peace, unesco

Global Citizenship Education and ESD for educators [English]

September - October

A 5-week/session course



online course

Business and Ethical Leadership for Sustainability

8 September – 17 October, 2025

REGISTER TODAY!

Earth Charter, University for Peace, unesco

Business and Ethical Leadership Course
for business officials [English]

September - October

A 6-week/session course

Education Programmes -- Impact and Voices

Participants came from all regions of the world and from diverse professional and cultural contexts. As a ripple effect of these programmes, new projects, workshops, and courses emerged--from Kenya to Ireland, from Brazil to Mexico, and beyond. New connections also formed, including opportunities for students from schools holding the Earth Charter School Seal to participate in cross-cultural online learning with teenagers in other countries. Here are some examples of participants' testimonials:

"Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and the Earth Charter are now taking an ever more prominent place in my academic work, and I am already applying to present on this topic at relevant conferences. The journey continues!"

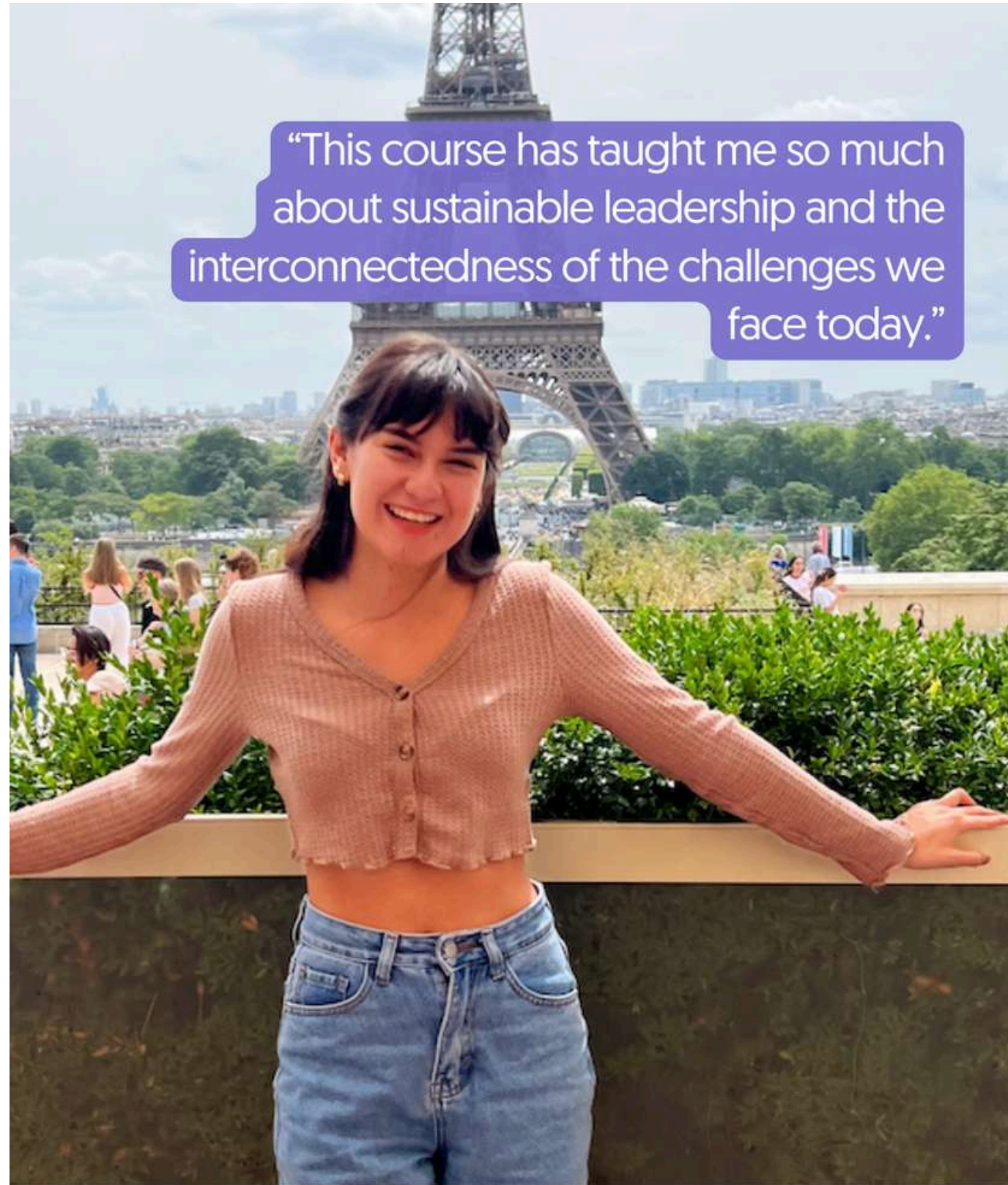
-- Dennis Tark, university professor, Germany, participant to the Online Certificate Programme on ESD

"This course provided me with a safe space to learn about the Earth Charter and relate to it as a frame of reference, exploring how its principles could influence my decisions and actions."

-- Ylinda Serrano, young leader, the Philippines, participant to the Leadership, Sustainability and Ethics Course

In 2025, we celebrated the 10th edition of the LSE youth course and nearly the same milestone for the online certificate programme in education--an opportunity to update and redesign key components.

The EC Center for ESD has been awarded the renewal of its EDU Accreditation. [Learn more here](#)




“This course has taught me so much about sustainable leadership and the interconnectedness of the challenges we face today.”



“For me, the LSE course was a real mindset shift, showing that building a more sustainable world is possible through a global, ethical, and collaborative approach.”

Education Programmes -- Facilitators

Offering these range of course is only possible thanks to the facilitators coming from diverse contexts:



Mateo Aguado
Spain



Chris Beehner
USA




Javier Benayas
Spain



Sam Crowell
USA




Laura Engel
USA




Maria García
Spain/Holland




Mark Hathaway
Canada




Alicia Jiménez
Costa Rica



Sam King
USA



María Sosa-Segnini
Costa Rica



María Vilches
Puerto Rico



Mirian Vilela
Brazil

Earth Charter Magazine

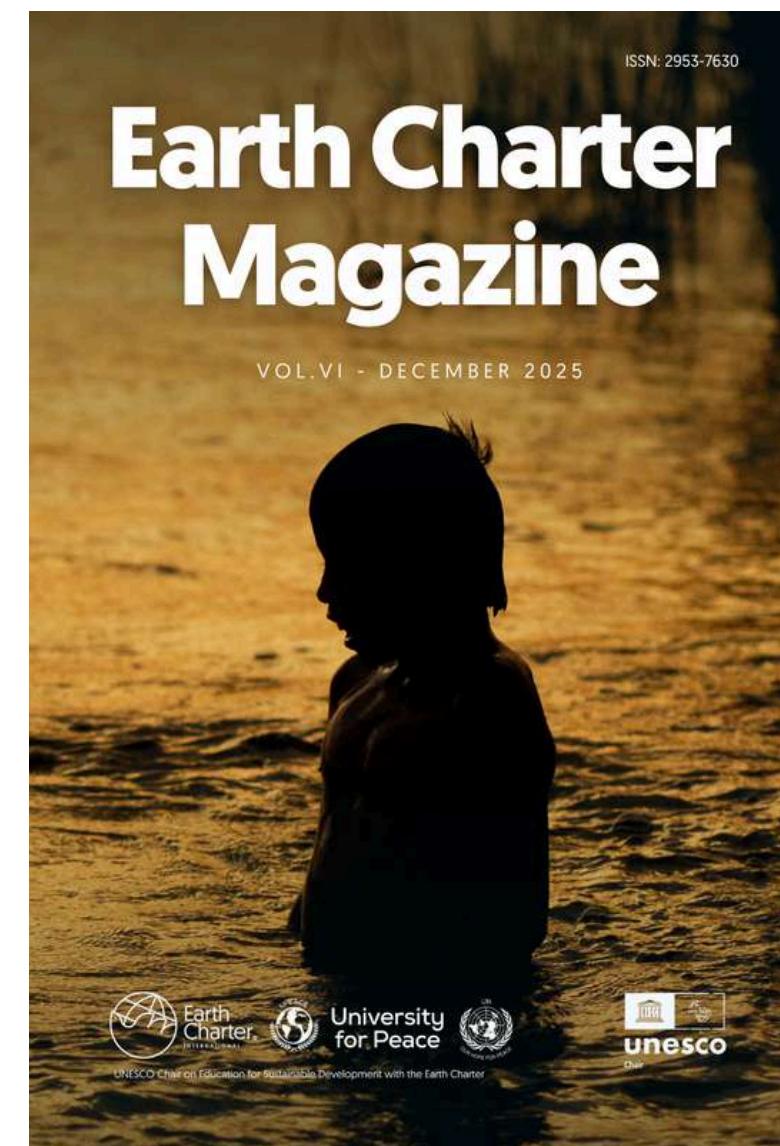
In 2025, ECI published Volumes V (June) and VI (December) in both English and Spanish. This completes the foundational series of six magazines. The purpose of this open-access magazine is to serve as a space for Earth Charter educators, youth leaders, thinkers, and practitioners to communicate, share reflections and experiences, and inspire action.

Volume V -- June 2025



- With the Earth Charter towards Earth Trusteeship -- Klaus Bosselmann and Prue Taylor
- Celebrating 25 years of the Earth Charter: A Call to Action and Hope -- Heather Eaton
- Living the Earth Charter: Youth Leadership for Justice and Sustainability -- Nnaemeka Phil Eke-Okocha
- Aligning Inner Transformation with Sustainability: A Path Inspired by the Earth Charter -- Ainhoa Garayar Erro
- Earth Charter and the Canticle of the Creatures: Seeds for Planetary Communion - Erik Marin Carballo
- Navigating Biodiversity and Business in Latin America: Key Barriers and Drivers -- Laura Maria Rodriguez Uribe

Volume VI -- December 2025



- Universal Rights and Responsibilities: The UDHR and the Earth Charter -- Steven C. Rockefeller
- Giving the Horror of Nuclear Weapons a Human Face -- Joan Anderson
- Ecological Integrity in Water Governance, from the Earth Charter -- Pedro Arrojo Agudo
- Seeds of Hope and Action: Youth Inspiring Change through the Earth Charter -- Rebeca Soares Braga
- Infusing the Earth Charter and the Earth Stories Collection into Our Teaching Practice in Nigeria -- Victor Ayegba Mathew
- The Earth Charter in the Context of the Climate Emergency: Dialogues among Portuguese-Speaking Communities -- Elisabete Campos

ECI Podcast

Fourteen new episodes added (bringing the total to 74): 11 in English, 3 in Spanish and Portuguese. The purpose of this podcast is to generate new insights and inspire informed action through conversations related to the worldview articulated in the Earth Charter.

In English

- Compassion and Consciousness: Rethinking Reality -- David O. Weibers
- Bringing Ecology, Justice and Ethics into education -- Heather Eaton
- Building Bridges: Trade, Sustainability, and Education -- Yu Miaojie
- Reflections on Ethics, Education, and the Earth Charter -- Akpezi Ogbuigwe
- Earth Trusteeship and Intergenerational Justice -- Neshan Gunasekera and Justin Sobion
- An Interconnected Approach to Animal, Peoples, and Planetary Wellbeing in the Care and Conservation Field -- Sabrina Brando
- Climate Justice, Democracy, and the Future of Multilateralism -- Alicia Barcena
- Zimbabwe: A Beacon of Hope for Community Development and Climate Resilience -- Sithembiso Nyoni
- Insights on the evolving process of global environmental governance -- Felix Dodds
- Grounding Climate Action in Ethics and Confronting Disinformation -- Kathryn Gwiazdon
- Climate Science and how to communicate about it -- Harald Lesch

In Spanish and Portuguese

- Tejiendo redes para el cambio: Reflexiones sobre cuatro décadas de sostenibilidad -- Yolanda Kakabadse
- Pedagogia da Terra, Cidadania Planetaria e a Carta da Terra -- Moacir Gadotti
- Cuando la biodiversidad, el clima y las finanzas se encuentran -- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez



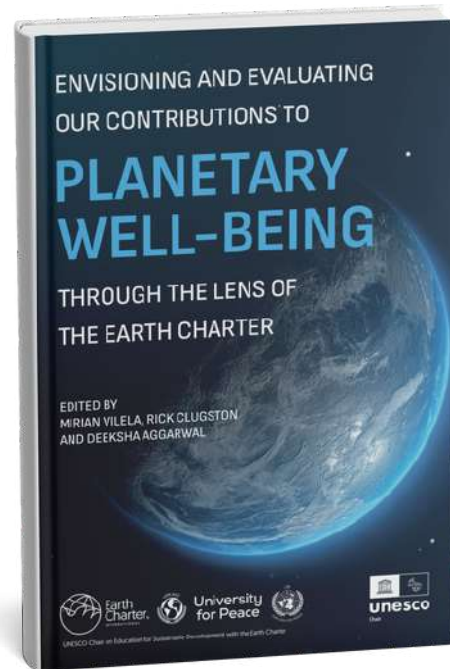
ECI Podcast Growth

+ 14 New episodes
(74 in total)

↑ 30% Followers

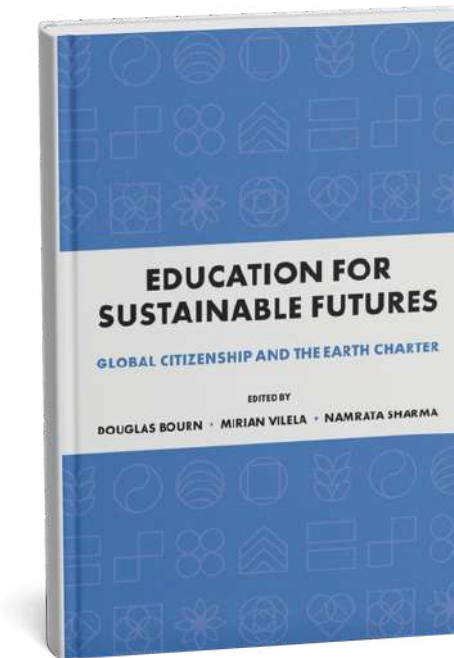
↑ 31% Listening time

Books Published in 2025



Envisioning and Evaluating Our Contributions to Planetary Well-being through the Lens of the Earth Charter

Edited by Mirian Vilela, Rick Clugston, and Deeksha Aggarwal. This open-access book, launched in September, offers a timely exploration into how we can assess and inspire meaningful contributions to the health of our planet through a narrative of our contributions to Planetary Well-being. It brings together 20 chapters authored by 30 contributors from diverse backgrounds, disciplines, and regions. Published by the University for Peace and Earth Charter International. Two launch events: [New Delhi \(India\)](#), and [Economy of Francesco Conference \(Castel Gandolfo, Italy\)](#).



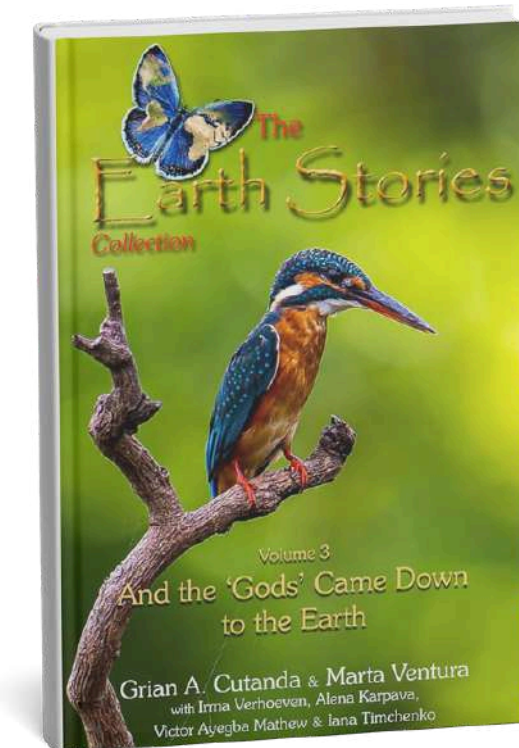
Education for Sustainable Futures: Global Citizenship and the Earth Charter

Edited by Douglas Bourn, Namrata Sharma, and Mirian Vilela, published in October by Emerald Publishing. The 22 chapters examine how the Earth Charter can serve as a guiding framework to advance global citizenship and education for sustainable development, featuring practices and perspectives from around the world, including Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia. An online book launch was held in October.

Publications by ECI Partners and Advisors

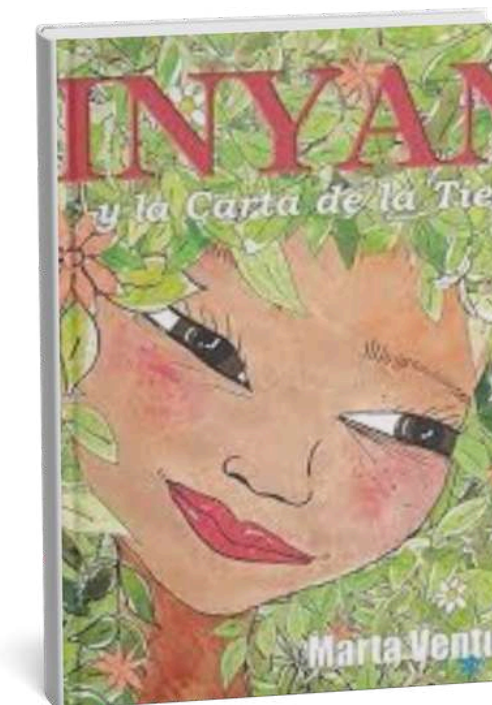
The Earth Stories Collection (Vol. 3): And the 'Gods' Came Down to the Earth

Published in June by Grian A. Cutanda and Marta Ventura with Irma Verhoeven, Alena Karpava, Victor Ayegba Mathew and Iana Timchenko. This book and the whole collection are available resources for educators and storytellers who are working to shift in our collective worldview. The Earth Stories Collection is a repository of myths, legends, fables and folktales from all cultures of the planet capable of conveying a systemic worldview and illustrating the ethical principles and values of the Earth Charter. The Earth Stories Collection is an initiative launched by The Avalon Project -- Initiative for a Culture of Peace, in collaboration with the Earth Charter International Secretariat and the Scottish International Storytelling Festival.



Inyan and the Earth Charter / Inyan y la Carta de la Tierra

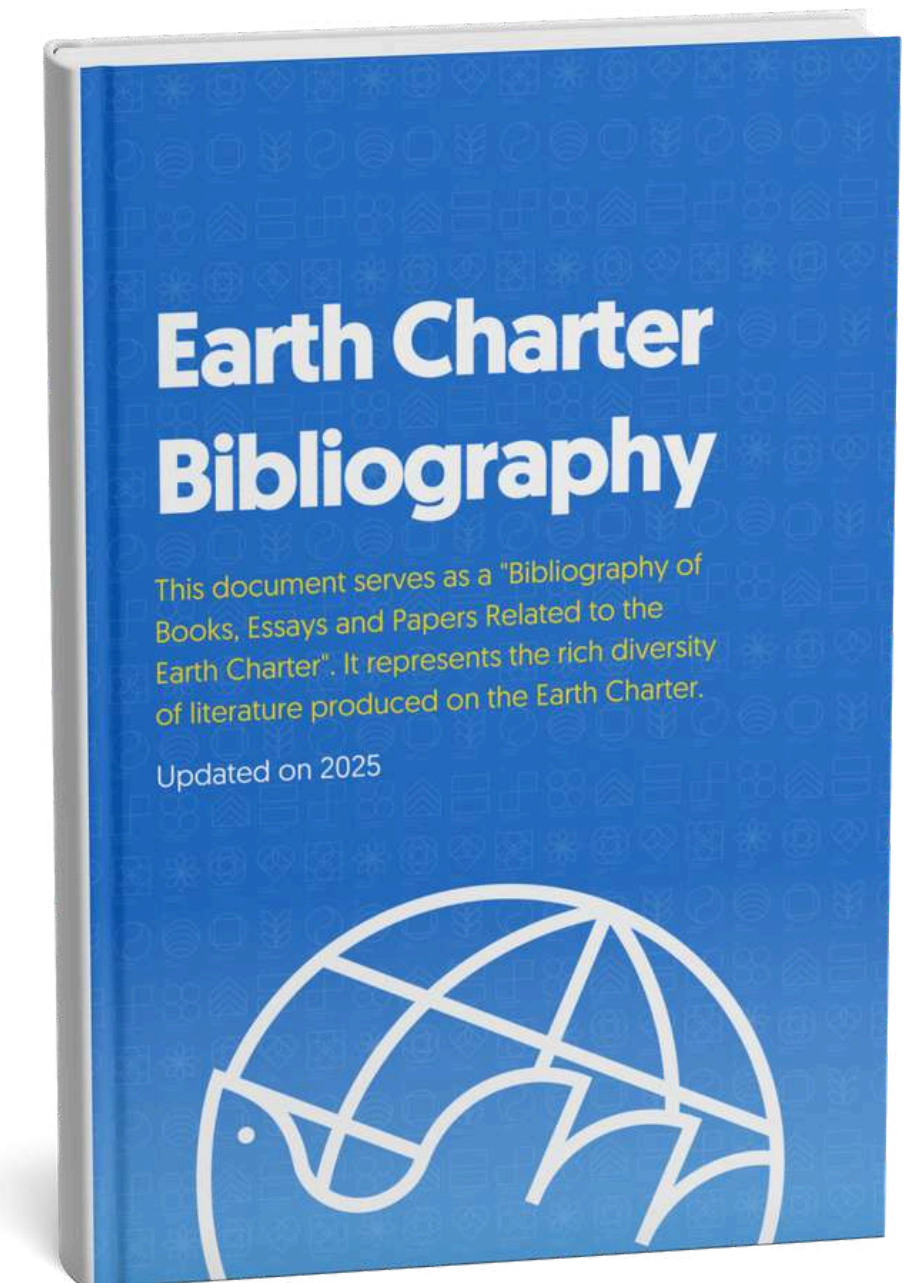
A story book by Marta Ventura aimed at children and young audiences with the purpose to foster respect for the planet and the values of sustainability. The work was developed as a useful resource for both families and educational centers interested in working on environmental education and universal values in the classroom.



Earth Charter Bibliography

Revised edition of the Earth Charter Bibliography 2025

ECI launched a revised edition of the Earth Charter Bibliography, which includes over 543 entries, covering books, book chapters, articles and publications in which the Earth Charter is a central focus or used as a reference. This bibliography serves as a valuable resource for researchers, educators, students, and anyone interested in learning more about the Earth Charter, its influence, and its practical applications. It also includes works in languages beyond English, including Spanish and Portuguese. This updated resource reflects the expanding global body of scholarship and educational work engaging with the Earth Charter. Click [here](#) for more.



Special Education Projects and Collaborations

UNESCO UNITWIN Cooperation Programme on ESD and Social Transformations (ST)

The Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development, together with the University for Peace, is part of a global UNESCO UNITWIN cooperation programme on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Social Transformations (ST) known as UNiESDandST. This partnership serves as a platform for generating and sharing knowledge and experience in ESD and ST, and for contextualizing the role of ESD across diverse regions and realities. In this context, ECI engaged in regular meetings and exchanges--nearly monthly--with seven other UNESCO Chairs based at universities around the world. Collaboration includes co-organizing webinars, contributing to joint book projects, and developing chapters related to the partnership's themes. This includes an upcoming book to be launched in 2026.



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EC School Seal

ECl continued to strengthen the groundwork for scaling its institutional accreditation programme for schools. The Earth Charter and ESD School Seal is a pioneering quality seal within school-evaluation frameworks, integrating an ethical perspective on sustainability with pedagogical elements and educational practices associated with ESD. In 2025, numerous meetings were held to inform schools and educators, and three workshops were offered for Earth Charter educators to prepare them to become School Seal verifiers.

New accreditations: Ridge and Valley Charter School (USA) and Warburg School (Germany). **Three new case studies** developed (Puerto Rico, USA, and the UK). All School Seal materials translated into German, Portuguese, and French. Training for new verifiers took place--especially across Latin America.



UNESCO Greening Education and the Earth Charter and ESD School Seal

On December 2025, following a study to verify the relationship of the EC and ESD School Seal and the Greening Schools indicators, the UNESCO Greening Education Partnership Secretariat confirmed that the Earth Charter and ESD School Seal is aligned with the Green School Quality Standard. This means that Earth Charter Schools will be recognized as Green Schools. [More information here.](#)

ACT4SDGs Erasmus+ Project

This three-year project--"Professionalization of Academic Teaching to Infuse SDGs in Latin American Universities"--is funded by the Erasmus European Commission and involves 10 universities from Latin America, three university partners, and one NGO from Europe. The project aims to strengthen capacity among academic teaching communities in partner universities to integrate the UN Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs] into teaching, learning processes, and curricula. In 2025, the second year, partners advanced implementation through coordinated activities and monthly meetings. A two-week training process held in February in Costa Rica supported knowledge- and skill-building on sustainability and the SDGs, Education for Sustainable Development, the Earth Charter, and practical approaches for incorporating these themes into academic courses. The training involved professors from the National University of Costa Rica [UNA], the University of Costa Rica [UCR], and the National Technical University [UTN]. Click [here](#) for more.



Workshop on Sustainability and Ethics for 5th and 8th Graders

A two-day intensive workshop took place in June, involving 300 teenagers from Humboldt School in Costa Rica. The purpose was to deepen understanding of our interconnected global challenges and how they relate to the lives and communities of the participants, as well as to foster awareness and identify signs of hope for the well-being of the Earth community through learning about the values and principles of the Earth Charter. This workshop counted with the support of EC Young Leaders in Costa Rica in facilitating the work with small groups.



Soka University of America (SUA) Study Abroad

In January, ECI hosted a multicultural group of 12 students and their professor from Soka University of America (SUA). As part of their study abroad programme and the course titled "Sustainability After Colonialism: The Costa Rican Example", the group embarked on an inspiring journey through various projects and initiatives that showcase Costa Rica's approach to sustainability.



Mora Local Municipality

ECI collaborated with the city government of Mora in developing a local environmental education plan for schools in the area. ECI developed an integrated plan that involved activities to engage school leaders and teachers, the design of a five-week hybrid professional development course for teachers, and the development of materials for schools in the canton. This course will be implemented at a later stage and will provide teachers with the tools to address and integrate the proposed thematic areas into their educational practice.



Collaboration with UNESCO on the Greening Education Partnership in Latin America and the Caribbean

ECI Education Center collaborated with UNESCO Latin America/Santiago to provide a training process for members of the Latin America and Caribbean regional ESDNet2030 and other key stakeholders. Objectives: disseminate global guidelines on greening curricula and schools; strengthen capacities of Member States to implement ESD priority action areas; share knowledge and good practices across LAC. The capacity building process took place online, December 2025 to January 2026: 235 participants at the launch and 62 participants in four subsequent sessions, with 14 panelists from 21 countries.



LoLE (Leaders of Learner Empowerment) Project

In August, ECI began engaging in this year-long project. The LoLE project is designed by Leuphana University (Germany) and funded by the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU). The objective is to develop a free training programme on ESD specifically designed for school leaders, with the aim of fostering a Whole School Approach. The programme includes international cohorts from eight countries and aims to create a global ESD leadership network of school leaders. In Costa Rica, this project is involving six schools. Additional project details are available upon request.



Global Engagement and Network Mobilization

ECI responded to the open invitation from the UNFCCC COP30 Presidency to contribute to the Global Ethical Stocktake by bringing this initiative to the attention of ECI affiliated and partner organizations and encouraging their engagement through locally self-organized dialogues. These dialogues aimed to foster reflection and shared understanding of the ethical dimensions and challenges of climate change.

From ECI's perspective, the initiative also created space to explore how the Earth Charter can serve as an ethical compass and reference framework for enriching climate-related dialogue and action.

This effort resulted in 34 reports involving more than 1,000 participants, providing a meaningful opportunity for non-state actors to contribute to the process.



Regional Breakdown:

Latin America

18 reports (Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico)

Asia-Pacific

3 reports (Australia, Malaysia)

Africa

4 reports (Bahrain, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Kenya)

Europe

4 reports (Spain, Holland, Ireland, Portugal)

USA

5 reports (including Soka University of America and MedCom)

Find here an article from Leonardo Boff, responding to the Global Ethical Stocktake questions.

Other Engagements and Strategic Partnerships

Examples of Other Engagements

A special effort was made to strengthening ECI institutional presence in Brazil, reinforcing the EC presence and network in this country. In addition, as part of ECI's commitment to collaborate with aligned organizations and initiatives, we participated in numerous meetings and webinars convened by partners and other organizations, including:

The Ecological Civilization Coalition's periodic meetings; the [UNESCO 2023 Recommendation High-Level Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean](#) held in November; and the [2025 EarthX special women's gathering](#).

Strategic Partnerships

In 2025, ECI developed new collaborative agreements through memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with:

Rollins College (USA), Soka University of Japan, Windesheim University (the Netherlands), and Kyung Hee University (South Korea).

Nineteen organizations in the Netherlands.

Earth Charter International Brazil Chapter.

Communications

ECl continues to actively engage through social media, news articles, and regular website updates to share our work and highlight initiatives led by affiliates and partner organizations.

Social Media (December 2025):

Instagram

5,275 followers

Facebook

20,188 followers

LinkedIn

6,597 followers

YouTube

7,742 subscribers

In 2025, the ECl website recorded **67,695** clicks and **4,729,906** impressions, compared to 44,878 clicks and 2,394,505 impressions in 2024.

Additionally, ECl gained more than **2,847 organic followers** across its social media platforms.

Governance

In August, ECI appointed Phil Eke-Okocha (Nigeria), Chloe Bernardino (France), and Laura Restrepo (Colombia) as new members of the ECI Council, reflecting our ongoing commitment to strengthening youth engagement and fostering intergenerational collaboration.

In October, Dr. Sam Crowell was appointed Chair of the Earth Charter International Council. ECI also expressed its deep appreciation to Dr. Akpezi Ogbuigwe for her many years of dedicated service and exemplary leadership as Chair of the Council.

During the year, the Council convened two online meetings, in addition to an informal in-person meeting held in July. The ECI Board met four times (March, July, October, and December) to oversee ECI's work and plans.

ECI Board



Michael J. Bracken

USA [Chair]



Jane Kilonzo

Kenya



Song Li

PR China



Paul Lubbers

The Netherlands



Akpezi Ogbuigwe



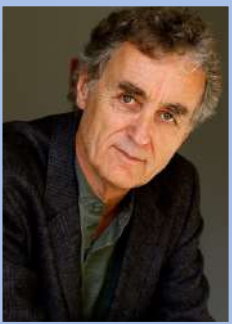


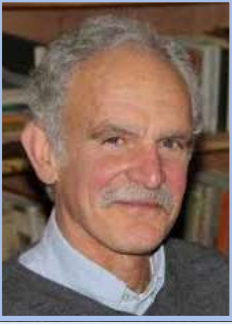









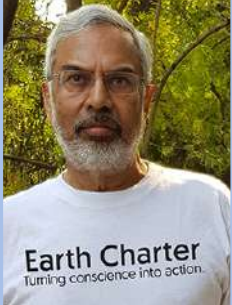




Nigeria



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Brazil

ECI Council

 <p>Chloe Bernardino France</p>	 <p>Michael J. Bracken USA</p>	 <p>Fritjof Capra USA/Austria</p>	 <p>Mateo A. Castillo Mexico</p>	 <p>Utak Chung South Korea</p>
 <p>Rick Clugston USA</p>	 <p>Sam Crowell USA [Chair]</p>	 <p>Phil Eke-Okocha Nigeria</p>	 <p>Jane Kilonzo Kenya</p>	 <p>Song Li China / USA</p>
 <p>Paul Lubbers The Netherlands</p>	 <p>Brendan Mackey Australia</p>	 <p>Akpezi Ogbuigwe Nigeria</p>	 <p>Laura Restrepo Alameda Colombia</p>	 <p>Alide Roerink The Netherlands</p>
 <p>Kartikeya V. Sarabhai India</p>	 <p>Olivia Tyler Australia</p>	 <p>Mirian Vilela Brazil</p>	 <p>Atsufumi Yokoi Japan</p>	 <p>Ricardo Young Brazil</p>

ECI Secretariat



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Executive Director



Alicia Jiménez

Director of Programmes



María Sosa-Segnini

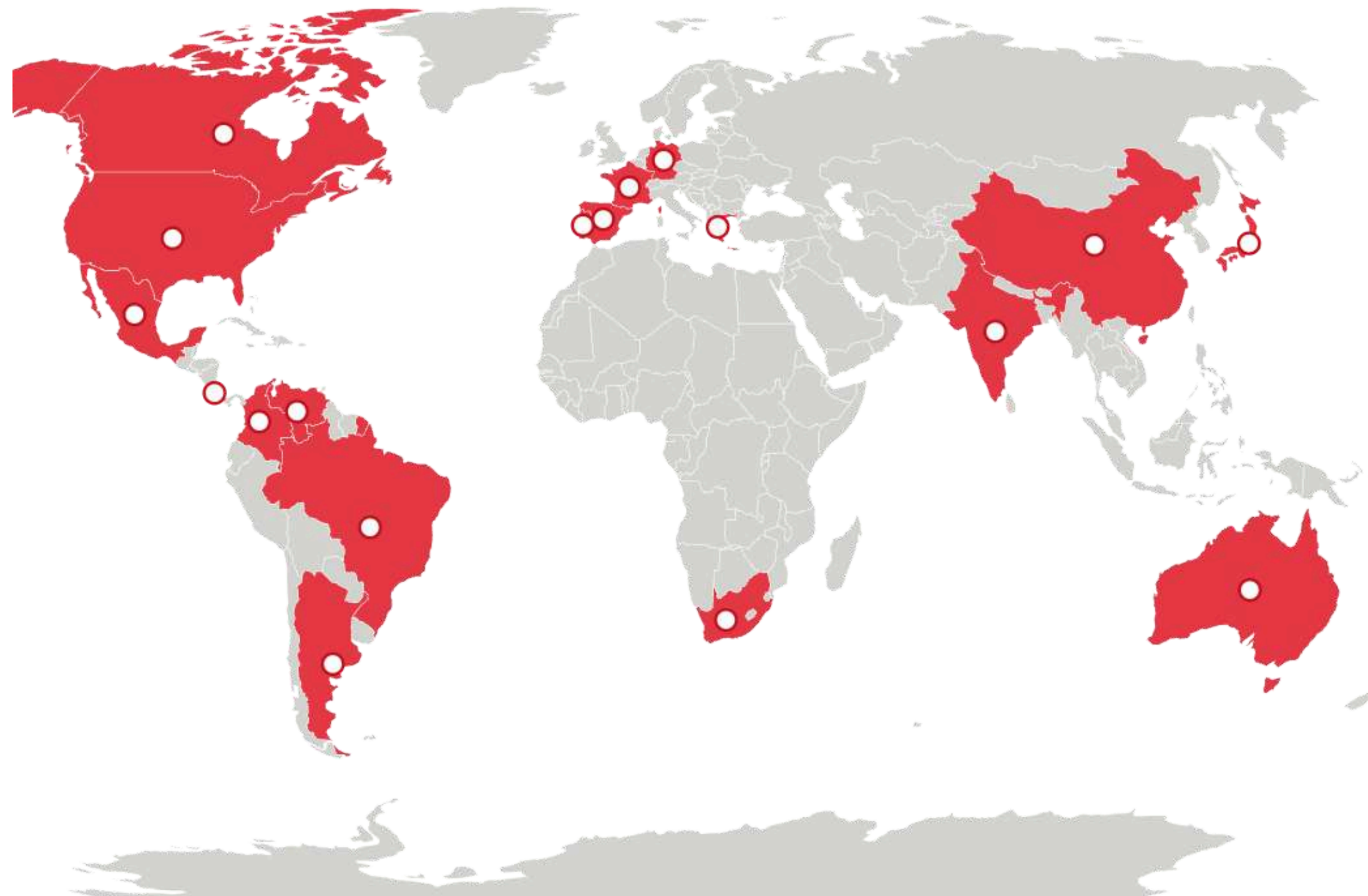
Youth Programme Coordinator
and Communications Manager



Paula Díaz

Administrative Officer

Partner and Affiliated Organizations (partial list)



Argentina

Programa de Educacion para la Sustentabilidad de la Univ. de San Andres (UdeSA), Universidad Austral, Universidad de San Andres

Australia

Australia Earth Laws Alliance, UN Association

Bahrain

Bahrain Women Association for Human Development

Brazil

Earth Charter International Brazil, Alternativa Terrazul, Instituto Soka Amazonia, UMAPAZ

Canada

York University, Martin Luther University College

China

Liaoning University, Zhude/ECI China

Colombia

Universidad EAFIT, Universidad de Santander

Costa Rica

University for Peace, Universidad de Costa Rica, Universidad Nacional de CR, Universidad Tecnica Nacional

France

Tahitian Historical Society, Tahiti

Germany

Earth Charter Germany, Heidelberg University of Education, Leuphana University

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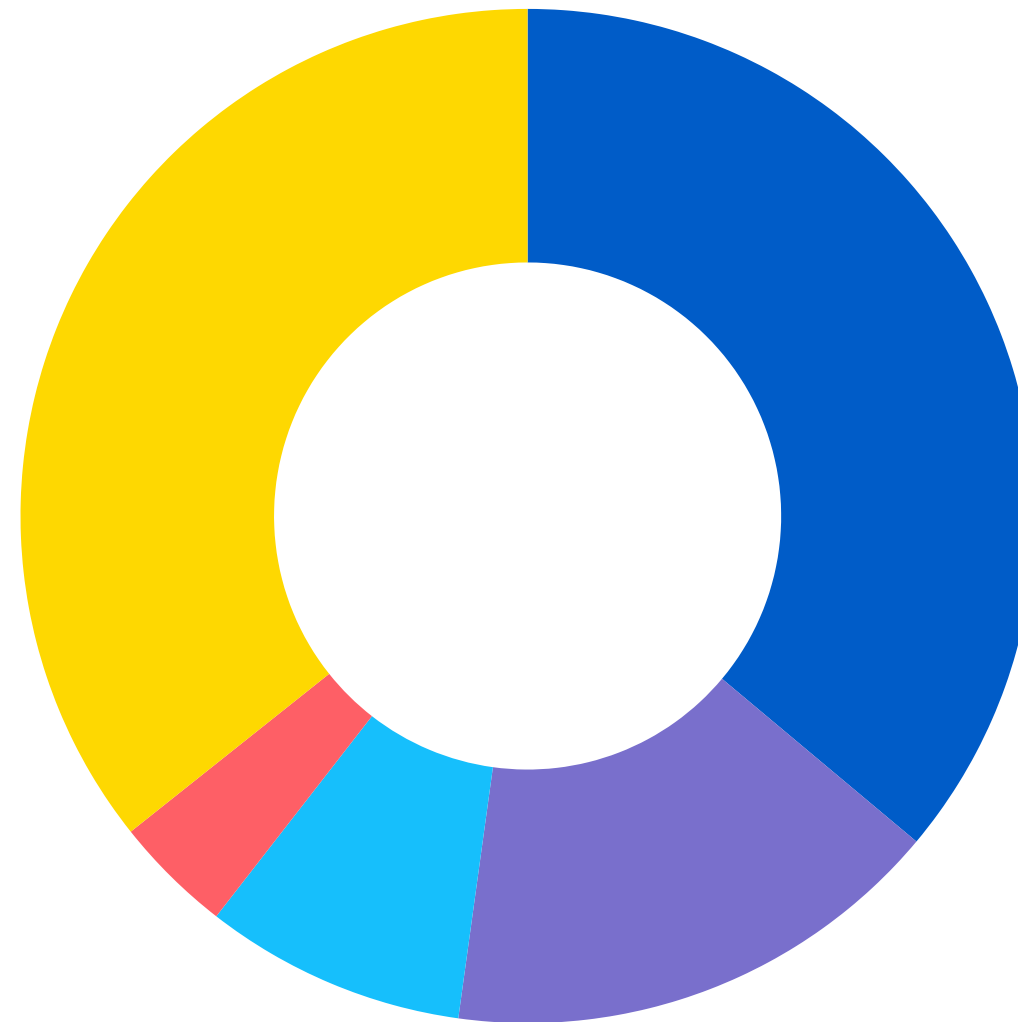
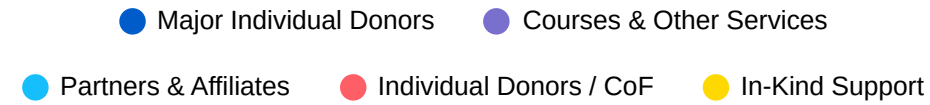
Greece	University of Crete
India	Center for Environment Education
Japan	Earth Charter Committee Japan, Okayama University, Soka Gakkai International, Soka University
Mexico	Red Mexicana de la Carta de la Tierra, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo
Norway	Earth Charter Norway
Portugal	ASPEA -- Associacao Portuguesa de Educacao Ambiental
Spain	The Avalon Project, Implicate+
South Africa	Midgard Expedition/Integral Climate Change Solutions, Rhodes University
USA	Medcom Solutions, Soka University of America, Rollins College, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology
Venezuela	El Grupo de Investigacion Vida Urbana y Ambiente - Universidad Simon Bolivar

The Netherlands (19 organizations)

- Earth Charter Netherlands / DeelGenootschap Earth Charter Nederland
- Worldconnectors
- One World Citizens
- Tierrafino
- Esse Atfmosfeer
- JeFeCo
- Museum of Humanity
- Lab Toekomstige Generaties (Future Generations)
- Bos dat van zichzelf is (Wood that owns itself)
- True Price Foundation
- Inheems Kennis Centrum Internationaal (IKC)
- DIIF (Donor Impact Invest Fund)
- Wereldburgerschap.Community
- InnerPact
- Tamatta Foundation
- Quilts Business Consulting and Services
- Miranda Willems Weaving Generations
- iearthnl
- Commonland
- Impact Institute
- The Conscious Office
- Meindersma Mediation
- The Hague Centre for Global Governance, Innovation and Emergence

Statement of Income and Expenditures 2025

Earth Charter International -- All Activity Centers -- January 1 - December 31, 2025



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\$516,396

Total Income
(including In-Kind contributions)

\$514,727

Total Expenses
(including In-Kind)

\$1,670

Operating Surplus

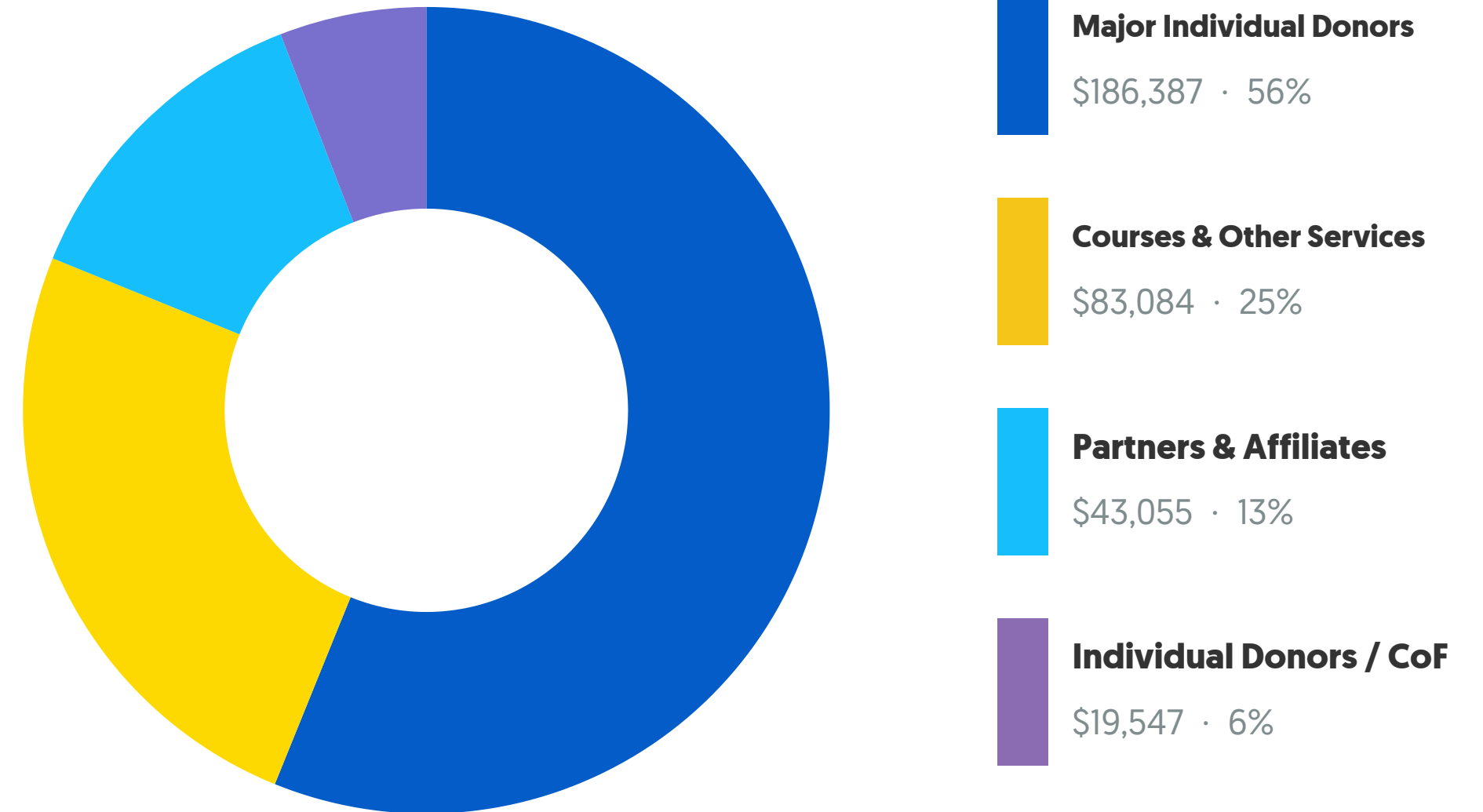
\$37,630

Fund Balance (Dec 31)

Statement of Income and Expenditures 2025

[without in-kind contributions]

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\$332,072

Total Income

\$330,403

Total Expenses

\$1,670

Operating Surplus

\$37,630

Fund Balance [Dec 31]

Looking Ahead

Earth Charter Youth Summit

11-13 July 2026 · Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, California

Building on the momentum of EC+25, ECI and Soka University of America are organizing, in collaboration with other partner organizations, the Earth Charter Youth Summit as the next major milestone for the next generation of global leaders.

Greening Education Partnership

January - February 2026

ECI is advancing a capacity-building collaboration with the UNESCO Santiago Office under the Greening Education Partnership. This initiative will involve diverse stakeholders from Latin America and the Caribbean.



How to Support

Support from donors and partners enables ECI to strengthen its institutional capacity to deliver high-level work and achieve significant impact, expand access to education and convenings, strengthen youth leadership, and amplify the Earth Charter as an ethical framework for sustainability and peace.

Invest in educator professional development and multilingual open-access resources.

Sponsor youth leadership programmes and the Earth Charter Youth Summit (July 2026).

Strengthen global networks through convenings and strategic partnerships.

Educator Development

Invest in educator professional development and multilingual open-access resources.

Youth Leadership

Sponsor youth leadership programmes and the Earth Charter Youth Summit (July 2026, California).

Network Strengthening

Strengthen global networks through convenings and strategic partnerships.

Education Access

Fund online courses and webinars to expand access in underserved regions.

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