

# The Earth Charter in Action: Toward a Sustainable World

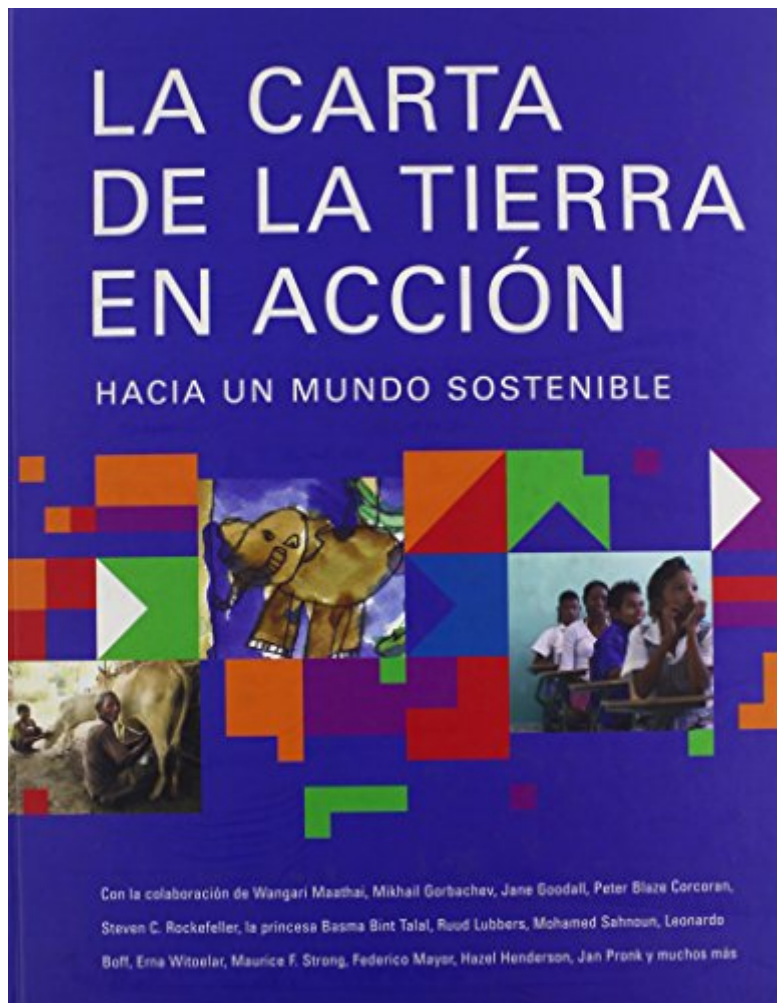
## Synopsis

The Earth Charter is an inspiring declaration of shared ethical principles. It arises from diverse sources - the wisdom of indigenous peoples, international law, contemporary science, and philosophical and faith traditions. It is an integrated vision of caring for all life, of universal human rights, of economic justice, and of the creation of a culture of peace. "The Earth Charter in Action" is a collection of over 70 thematic and descriptive essays inspired by the Earth Charter, and demonstrating the rich diversity of its uses. It points toward the many possibilities of future utilization; including its ability to build bridges between the Islamic and Christian worlds, and to work across the divide between the northern and southern hemispheres. Well-known contributors include Homero Aridjis, A. T. Ariyaratne, Leonardo Boff, Kamla Chowdhry, Jane Goodall, Yolanda Kakabadse, Ruud Lubbers, Federico Mayor, Steven C. Rockefeller, and Erna Witoelar. Contributors are practitioners, experts, and Earth Charter activists from around the world. There is a special emphasis on contributions from youth.

## From the Inside Flap

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful world. It is an inclusive ethical vision which seeks to inspire in all peoples a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the human family and the larger living world. This book demonstrates the rich diversity of uses of the Earth Charter and points toward its many future possibilities. Thematic and descriptive essays and artwork from around the world inspired by the Earth Charter demonstrate its utility in diverse cultural contexts. They show its promise in working across the divide between the northern and southern hemispheres, across the faith traditions, the nations, and the generations. Acknowledging the role of early well-known key contributors, this volume also celebrates five years of accomplishments by unsung Earth Charter activists since its launch at the start of the new millennium.

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