Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainability at UPEACE

Earth Charter International Secretariat
New office building for the Earth Charter International Secretariat

Location: UN-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica

Area: 552,85 M2
Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainability
The core competence of the Secretariat lies at the intersection of sustainability-related knowledge, education, and strong ethical framework.
To support the Earth Charter Initiative mission, which is “to promote the transition to sustainable ways of living and a global society founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, economic justice, democracy and a culture of peace”, with a special focus on educational needs.
To promote understanding of the sustainability vision as articulated in the Earth Charter.

To promote the use of the Earth Charter as an ethical guide and the implementation of its principles by civil society, business, and government.

To encourage and support the educational use of the Earth Charter in schools, universities, religious communities, local communities, and many other settings.
Design and deliver transformative learning courses, workshops and materials on ethics and sustainability for various groups.

Work in the research field of education for sustainability and ethics by developing, in coordination with a network of organizations, white-papers, books, essays, and other publications.

Work to enhance the process of incorporating the notion of sustainability into educational settings and into the field of policy making for sustainability.
Courses and Workshops examples

* Ethics and sustainability leadership for business executives and policymakers

* Youth, ethics and leadership for young leaders.

* Education for sustainability with the Earth Charter for teachers

* Sustainability, spirituality and the Earth Charter