

Shared vision for a long-term a cooperative action
The need of a Universal Mother Earth's Rights Declaration

The global warming affects not only human being, but also to all natural beings, ecosystems and for the planet in its entirety. The increase of the Earth's temperature is producing irreversibly the destabilization of different ecosystems and, as a consequence the extinction of a variety of species. Tropical forests, that host 70 % of the planet's biodiversity, are threatened by the climate change and deforestation. The choral reefs are disappearing in many regions of the world. The arctic glacier is losing its ice, threatening severely the existence of the polar bear, the walrus and other species. The disappearance of the glaciers in high mountains affects water sources, species, ecosystems, and food security in those regions.

Because we, human beings, didn't recognise that we form part of a major system with which we have to live in harmony and balance, we now suffer severe consequences. Mankind is only a part of a large community of beings, and the wellbeing of each member of this community depends on the fact that all of us recognise and respect the rights of each component and of the socio-ecological system, which is interdependent. Hence, in order to live in harmony with nature we must recognize that not only human beings have rights, but also the planet, the animals, the plants, the rivers, the forests, the glaciers, and all the components of this system that is our Mother Earth.

The 20th century has been the century of the human rights. First, with the approval of the civil and political rights in 1948, and second, with the approval of the economical, social and cultural rights in 1966. Now, the 21th century has to become the century of the Rights of Mother Earth and all natural beings.

Therefore, in the context of a Shared Vision for a long term cooperative action we consider necessary to include the following proposal in the document FCCC/AWGLCA/2009:

The global warming is affecting not only human beings, but also all natural beings and Mother Earth. We are now inheriting the consequences of Climate Change because up till now we never respected the rights of our Mother Earth. A shared vision for a long-term cooperative action requires the recognition of the rights of not only the human beings, but also of the rights of Mother Earth and of all its beings. In this framework, it is essential to count with a Universal Declaration of Mother Earth's Rights to be developed within United Nations