



## What we do:

The Global signature campaign “Rights of Mother Earth” is asking the United Nations to adopt the “Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth” as one of the key documents besides the Human Rights Declaration. We propose adopting the “Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth” that was issued at the Peoples Conference in Cochabamba, Bolivia in 2010, which was organized by the government of Bolivia and took place after the UN climate conference in Copenhagen in 2009.

We are also asking world leaders to acknowledge nature as a living being, honoring her as the source of all life on Earth, and all nations to include nature in their domestic legal systems as a rights-bearing entity.

See the declaration here: <http://www.rightsofmotherearth.com/declaration-of-the-rights-of-mother-earth>

As one of the key documents of the UN, this declaration would provide the global commitment and spur the paradigm shift needed from a human-centered world view, treating Earth as a resource to be exploited, to an Earth-centered approach, prioritizing the well-being of nature and recognizing the interconnectedness between nature and humans. Failing to do so will leave the Earth uninhabitable and render the Human Rights Declaration moot.

We started the Rights of Mother Earth signature campaign in 2011 to “be the voice for Mother Earth” at the Earth Summit Rio+20, since then we have delivered two intermediary accounts of signatures to the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon; first over 117, 000 at the Earth Summit Rio+20 in 2012, second almost 828, 000 at the Climate Conference in Paris in 2015. As of June 2017 we have 848,961 signatures.

## Why a second declaration?

The United Nation’s programs are mainly based on the protection and well being of humans – hence the Declaration of Human Rights as one of the key documents. What is missing today is a declaration that acknowledges Nature as a living being, with the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles, rather than being seen as property or a resource to be consumed. The declaration in its self is not legally binding but can serve as an aspiration for all nations and point the way to align our laws with the laws of nature and include nature in the legal systems as a rights bearing entity. Today this is not the case; our legal systems give rights only to people and institutions created by people, such as corporations.

## Planned actions:

December 10th 2018 will be the 70th anniversary of the Human Rights Declaration. In honor of that we will deliver one million signatures for the adoption of the Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth to the United Nations. (details tbc)

Parallel to this civil society project, we are asking UN representatives to form a group that will propose to the UN General Assembly to engage in the formal drafting of a Declaration of Rights of Nature, (we propose “The Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth” as mentioned above, or to use it as reference for the draft.)

We welcome your participation.

Say yes to Rights of Nature  
Please sign our petition and share it widely, thank you.  
<http://petition.rightsofmotherearth.com>

See our video with the petition at the end: <http://www.rightsofmotherearth.com/she-is-alive>

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