Common principles

Despite differences, a number of common principles are embedded
in most charters or action programmes to achieve sustainable development,
sustainability or sustainable prosperity.
These include (Hargroves & Smith 2005, see bibliography) :

1: **Engage**
transparently and systemically with risk, uncertainty and irreversibility.

2: **Ensure**
appropriate valuation, appreciation and restoration of nature.

3: **Integrate**
environmental, social, human and economic goals in policies and activities.

4: **Support**
equal opportunity and community participation.

5: **Conserve**
biodiversity and ecological integrity.

6: **Confirm**
inter-generational equity.

7: **Recognize**
the global integration of localities.

8: **Make**
a commitment to best practice.

9: **Guarantee**
no net loss of human capital or natural capital.

10: **Endorse**
the principle of continuous improvement.

11: **Demonstrate**
the need for good governance.

Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

The United Nations has declared a Decade of Education for Sustainable Development starting in
January of 2005. A non-partisan multi-sector response to the decade has formed within the U.S.
via the U.S. Partnership for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.[8] Active sectors
teams have formed for youth, higher education, business, religion, the arts, and more.
Organizations and individuals can join in sharing resources and success stories, and creating

a sustainable future.