



Severe complex challenges face our planet. Climate crisis is spinning out of control. Changing weather patterns put land and local livelihoods at risk and many people are already suffering.

Challenges at landscape or ecosystem level – desertification, biodiversity loss and diminishing livelihood for humans and animals – are extraordinary complex and can only be solved through collaboration of all parties involved.

What we need is to bring together the collective heart, soul and mind of all stakeholders and problem owners to find solutions that work for the entire landscape or ecosystem. That’s the key.

Embassy of the Earth designs processes to find common ground between diverse parties leading to **unprecedented collaboration** for a future they all embrace.



WHAT WE DO

To bring back life in a degrading habitat, Embassy of the Earth starts with listening to all parties involved. Restoring a landscape begins with restoring the social ecosystem first! Enabling communities to take life back into their own hands.

Embassy of the Earth ensures that all problem owners are involved in finding common purpose, a shared desirable future, and an effective integrated approach to create a strategy and actions to realize it. Collectively, they will engage in concrete actions to regenerate their natural habitat and livelihood and to restore the social-ecological integrity that underpins it.

This systemic, holistic approach when dealing with complex and interrelated crises, is what few organisations offer, or even are aware of. Embassy of the Earth has practiced and refined this approach across the globe and across social strata. This approach has led to a strong track record of constructive and successful journeys over the past 25 years.



PRINCIPLES & METHODS

The work of Embassy of the Earth and partners evolves around open systems thinking and participative design – people in charge of their own life.

The Search Conference, a large group planning method, with its roots in social ecology, is an often used practical application. It implies that any system – an organization or community – has an open and direct relationship with its larger environment. By looking at the whole, challenged system, people learn to relate to the immense nature of it all, begin to understand the web of relationships and make relevant decisions. Following the systems principle: *the whole organizes the parts*.

Our method is a way to get communities self-organized to realize their future plans based on shared responsibility in coordination and decision-making, cooperation, good governance and what more is needed. Through this process communities regenerate their spirit, creative and adaptive capacity, not just to address immediate challenges, but also to face future challenges, again and again.

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- PROTEIN DIALOGUES – The future of feeding the world (Dutch Ministry of Agriculture 2008)
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- GREEN RIVER – Community-led ecosystem and water cycle restoration (Gundar Basin, Tamil Nadu, India, 2016 – present)
- WHITE MOUNTAIN – Maasai-led land and livelihood regeneration (Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kenya, Tanzania, 2017 – present)
- POINT CALIMERE – Restoring the mangroves in the wetlands of Point Calimere (Tamil Nadu, India, 2020)
- FUTURE DUTCH DELTA – A sustainable and regenerative future for The Netherlands (2021 – present)