



ENVIRONMENTAL REFORMS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF U.N.O. DECLARATIONS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

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Abstract

Today, most of the countries are discussing on climate change and environmental conservation at international platform. A lot of conferences were organized by U.N.O. regarding environmental pollution at the international level. The center point of this article is 'Relationship between Environmental Ethics and Environmental Policies'. In this article, the researchers have described the various declarations of U.N.O. regarding climate change and application of environmental ethics. Some suggestions are also included in the article regarding awareness of environmental pollution. From 7th decade of 20th century, environmental issue has been discussed on many platforms at broader level. U.N.O. plays such a role to discuss the environmental issue at the international level. Environmental pollution is a current major problem which is facing by the international community. The temperature of earth is increasing day by day just because of environmental pollution. As a result natural disasters are increasing rapidly in whole world since last seventy years. Flood, Tornado, Tsunami and increasing water level of sea are the symbols of a big danger for the whole mankind on the planet. Globalization, Urbanization and Industrialization are destroying the world to greater extent.

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Introduction

The environment is suffering from these having problems, today. U.N.O. organized a lot of summits and conferences on the environmental subject. Almost all the developed and developing countries participated in the conferences. 113 states participated in 1972 United Nations Conference on the 'Human Environment' in Canada. 172 governments participated at United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

In 2002 world summit on Sustainable Development organized by U.N.O. in Johannesburg. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as 'Rio2012' held

in Brazil. Recently, in Nov. 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) was held in Paris. In which 196 parties attended. (www.ciesin.org/TG/PI/TREATY/unced)

All these conferences show that the developed countries are more responsible to prevent the international community from environmental pollution. Having international perspective, today there is a great need to do some positive change and emphasis on environmental ethics and environmental policies to protect environment from it being polluted. The present time require to establish a link between U.N.O. declarations and treaties with environmental ethics.

Objectives

- To understand the ethics to protect the environment.
- To analyze the various summits organized by U.N.O.
- To describe the relation between environmental ethics and environmental policies.

Environmental Ethics

Ethics are a part of philosophy which determines moral values. ‘As a philosophical determination, environmental ethics show that how and in which way human interact with the earth, natural resources and nonhuman animals’. Environmental ethics involves a consideration of the morality that how human exist in the world. (<https://www.reference.com>)

Environmental Ethics Associated with Governments of States

- Achieving a sustainable economy.
- Promoting good governance.
- Using sound science responsibility.
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society.
- Equitable utilization of natural resources.
- Environmental rights of animal.
- Environmental Education.

Environmental Ethics Related to Citizens of the World

- Living with in environmental limits.
- Keeping the environment neat and clean.
- Use of eco-friendly items.
- Avoid carry bags and plastic items.

(Rajlalakshmi, 2016).

Relationship between Ethical Values and Environmental Declarations

Today we need to make a link between environmental ethics and environmental policies. We should follow all the declarations of U.N.O. through environmental ethics. For this, we should use natural resources, and it's our duty to prevent environment and preserve it. Promotion of social and economic justice enable to achieve a secure and livelihood which is our responsibility regarding nature.

Our prime purpose to next generation the values, traditions and institution that support the long-term flourishing of Earth's human and ecological communities as well as to explain the moral responsibility of the people we know that we are damaging our natural resources, landscape and ecosystem. We also know that we can prevent or remedy our natural resources. So, U.N.O. should be allocated moral responsibility to every citizens of the world (Michael, 2005).

Declarations of Various Conferees Regarding Environment and Human Development:

Almost all the developed and developing countries participated in these conferences, which were associated with environment conservation and climate change. Climate change, sustainable development and human development were the main issues which were discussed in the conferences. Declarations, principles and recommendations of these conferences are significant and accommodating for human development and healthy human environment.

'United Nations Conference on the 'Human Environment' (1972) recommended that the value of individuals and organizations in different fields will shape the world environment of the future. The natural recourses of the earth must be safeguarded through careful planning and management. Man has a morale responsibility to defend and shrewdly deal with the heritage of wildlife and its habitat. Environmental education is essential for younger generation as well as adults. It is essential for protecting and improving the environment in its full human dimension.

States shall lend a hand to develop the international law regarding environmental damage. All the developed and developing countries should b handled international matters concerning the protection of the environment in a cooperate spirit.

International organizations play a coordinated and dynamic role for the protection of the environment (21st plenary meeting, 1972).

In Rio 'United Nations Conference on Environment and Development' (1992) declared that every state has responsibility to make sure that the activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage beyond the limits of natural in jurisdiction. States shall cooperate in spirit global partnership to conserve, protect, and restore the health and integrity

of the Earth's ecosystem. Environmental issues are best handled with the contribution of all concerned citizens at the relevant level. States shall immediately notify other states of any natural disasters or other emergencies that are likely to produce sudden harmful effects on the environment of these states. Women have a constructive role in environmental supervision. Their full contribution is therefore essential to accomplish sustainable development goals. Knowledge and traditional practices of indigenous people and their communities and other local communities have a fundamental role in environmental management and development. (<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/agenda21.html>)

The 'Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable development' (2002) advised that our collective responsibility to advance and strengthen the interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development at local, national, regional and global level. In this conference, declared that the plan of implementation and this declaration our responsibility to one another, to the greater community for life to our children. We should continue to pay special consideration to the developmental need to Small Island, developing states and the least developed countries. We recognize sustainable development necessitates a long-term perspective and broad based participation, decision making and implementation of all levels. (www.earthsummit2002.org/Es2002pdf)

'United Nations Conference on Climate Change' (2015) recognized that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to international community and the planet. We require the possible cooperation of all countries, and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, with a view to accelerating the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions. In COP21 decided that, the financial resources will be provided to developing countries for implementation of their agreements, policies, strategies, regulations and action plans regarding climate change. We need to promote universal access to sustainable energy in developing countries, in particular in Africa, through the deployment of renewable energy. In COP21 decided that to promote regional and international cooperation in order to mobilize stronger and more ambitious climate action by all Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and sub national communities and authorities and local indigenous peoples.

(<https://www.c2es.org/international/negotiations/cop21-paris/summary>)

Suggestions Regarding Environmental Conservation

- U.N.O. should set practices effectively related to environmental conservation for the citizens of the world. These practices should be implemented by government of states.

- Developed countries should be played effective role for environmental conservation. Economy of the developed countries is based on information and technologies. Developed countries should be utilized their information and technology for environmental conservation.
- To promote environmental education in developing countries. An environmental conservation based campaign established by the developing countries to promote environmental education.
- World economy should be based on sustainable development model. Sustainable development model will be supportive for our world's environment.
- All most all the Asian and African countries are under developed. So, Environmental conferences should be organized at the continental level.
- Special campaign should be organized for people awareness regarding environmental conservation. Environmental awareness must be compulsory for the citizens of the world in 21st century.

Conclusion

Environmental reforms and environmental ethics are two aspects of the same coin. Environmental reforms can be made effective by linking with environmental ethics. Correlation of these two aspects can decrease the problems of environment pollution. U.N.O. has been consistently trying to decrease this problem at international platform from 7th decade of 20th century. Every citizen of the world should be played an active role for environment conservation.

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