

## SAVING THE MOTHER EARTH

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Every day we hear more bad news about our planet. Reports tell us that wildlife and forests are disappearing at an alarming rate. Newscasts give the latest word on how quickly earth is losing its protective shield and warming up. Newspapers lament the pollution of our air, water, and soil. What can we do in the face of such widespread gloom?

In fact, we do not have to feel helpless. We can do something to save our earth with various practical ways to make our environment better. For all we know, we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors," we borrowed it from our children" as quoted by a Native American proverb.

Countries, developing or developed, should help preserving the environment. This can be done by signing, for example, planting trees. Countries should encourage citizens to be environmentally friendly. Organize environmental campaigns, help in international environmental crisis like oil spills. Demand some rules to be enforced on all countries to help develop without endangering the environment. Countries can also try to replant or plant trees to help the environment.

A question that is being asked often enough is: What can I do? Well there are many things that you as individuals can do alongside your country. A Chinese proverb says that "A water drops when they hit the rock continually over time will create a whole, while a bucket of water if dumped on a rock will not even scratch it!". The same thing applies to every individual. You have to commit yourself to something you will do for the rest of your life. Sorting out trash and recycling them is one step. Another is reusing materials available instead of buying new ones, carpools, using solar or wind power, giving away charity, helping clean your street or block. At your home you can turn off equipment like televisions and stereos when you're not using them, turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, collect the water used to wash vegetables and salad to water your houseplants, In addition, very strict laws should be applied to control and stop excessive hunting and prohibit killing rare animals. If these major problems continue to increase, then our mother earth will no longer be the wonderful planet that we once lived on. But we should not forget that science and scientists have great challenges to limit the magnitude of the three mentioned problems. Increasing the unit of production in agriculture, industry as well as in services will lessen the degree of those problems. The world achievements are great in the present century and for sure will be greater in the century we are approaching. More rational use of resources, more effective remedy of pollution and more scientific family planning will surely change the pessimism to optimism in our beautiful world. To conclude, all nations, rich or poor, have great responsibility to challenge the problems

that confront our world. Indeed it is a healthy sign that nations meet and discuss policies and strategies, but the most important element in the whole process is the implementation of what has been agreed upon. In order for earth to support us, we have to support it first. All these things could only become a reality if one will work hand-in-hand to save our Mother Earth