

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATIONS

A Declaration of the Right to Imagine, Articulate, and Share Principles for Humanity

Introducing the [Universal Declarations Machine](#) (The UDM)

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PREAMBLE

We, the people of the world,

Recognizing that human beings have always sought to express shared aspirations through principles, promises, charters, covenants, declarations, and visions of a better world;

Recognizing that every generation faces circumstances that call for new expressions of what ought to be protected, respected, cultivated, and shared;

Affirming that the power to articulate universal principles should not belong exclusively to governments, institutions, experts, or established authorities;

Believing that people everywhere should have the opportunity to identify matters of common concern, listen across differences, formulate principles, and declare the future they wish to help create;

Respecting the profound diversity of cultures, histories, philosophies, religions, communities, identities, and ways of understanding the human condition;

Affirming that universality need not mean uniformity, and that principles capable of speaking to humanity as a whole may arise from many different experiences and perspectives;

Recognizing that a declaration becomes meaningful not merely through words, but through reflection, dialogue, implementation, accountability, and continued revision;

And recognizing the emerging capacity of digital tools and artificial intelligence to assist people in thinking, organizing, expressing, translating, and sharing their aspirations;

We proclaim this Universal Declaration of Universal Declarations.

ARTICLE 1

THE RIGHT TO DECLARE

Every person has the right to formulate and express a Universal Declaration concerning matters they believe to be of significance to humanity, present or future.

No person shall be required to possess official status, institutional authority, wealth, nationality, academic credentials, or political power in order to propose universal principles.

ARTICLE 2

THE PURPOSE OF A UNIVERSAL DECLARATION

A Universal Declaration is an invitation to articulate principles, aspirations, responsibilities, rights, commitments, or possibilities that may be meaningful beyond the boundaries of a single person, community, institution, or nation.

A Universal Declaration may concern any subject capable of affecting human life, human dignity, society, culture, technology, the natural world, or the future.

ARTICLE 3

UNIVERSALITY AND DIVERSITY

Universality shall not require sameness.

Universal Declarations should seek principles that can be understood, considered, challenged, adapted, or embraced across differences while respecting the legitimate plurality of human experience.

No declaration should claim universality merely by excluding those who disagree with it.

ARTICLE 4

THE INCLUSION OF VOICES

The creation of Universal Declarations should strive to include voices that have historically been unheard, marginalized, excluded, or underrepresented.

Children and future generations, where appropriate, should be considered.

People shall be encouraged to contribute according to their circumstances, abilities, languages, cultures, and forms of knowledge.

ARTICLE 5

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION

The creation of Universal Declarations is an exercise of imagination, conscience, thought, dialogue, and expression.

People shall remain free to propose, support, question, amend, reject, reinterpret, or create alternatives to any Universal Declaration, subject to applicable rights and responsibilities.

No Universal Declaration shall acquire legitimacy solely through repetition or assertion.

ARTICLE 6

DIALOGUE BEFORE DOGMA

Universal Declarations should invite reflection rather than demand unquestioning obedience.

Those who create declarations are encouraged to ask:

- Who is included?
- Who might be excluded?
- Whose experience is missing?
- What assumptions are being made?
- What responsibilities accompany the proposed rights or principles?
- What consequences might follow from implementation?
- How might people from different cultures understand these principles?

A declaration should remain open to good-faith examination.

ARTICLE 7

HUMAN DIGNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Universal Declarations should recognize the inherent dignity of every person.

The assertion of rights should be accompanied, where appropriate, by consideration of responsibilities toward other people, communities, future generations, and the living world.

Freedom to declare carries a responsibility to consider the effects of what is declared.

ARTICLE 8

PEACEFUL CREATION AND CHANGE

Universal Declarations should be developed and advanced through peaceful means.

Disagreement with an existing declaration is not, in itself, a failure of universality. Constructive disagreement may strengthen understanding and reveal principles that require clarification.

The peaceful creation of new declarations is itself a legitimate form of participation in humanity's ongoing conversation about its future.

ARTICLE 9

CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC PLURALITY

Universal Declarations should be capable of crossing linguistic and cultural boundaries without erasing them.

Translation, interpretation, storytelling, artistic expression, oral tradition, and other forms of communication may all contribute to the creation and understanding of universal principles.

No single language or cultural tradition shall be presumed to possess a monopoly on universal insight.

ARTICLE 10

THE RIGHT TO IMAGINE THE FUTURE

Humanity has the capacity to imagine futures that do not yet exist.

Universal Declarations may therefore address emerging realities, technologies, relationships, institutions, environments, and possibilities before they are fully understood or widely recognized.

The absence of precedent shall not prevent humanity from declaring an aspiration.

ARTICLE 11

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATIONS MACHINE

Recognizing the potential of accessible artificial intelligence to assist people in developing and expressing their ideas, the **Universal Declarations Machine (UDM)** is offered as a tool for this purpose.

The UDM may assist a person or group in exploring a subject, identifying principles, considering audiences and consequences, incorporating cultural and ethical perspectives, and drafting a Universal Declaration.

The UDM does not confer official status, legal authority, or universal legitimacy upon any declaration.

Its purpose is to help people articulate their own visions.

ACCESS THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATIONS MACHINE

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ARTICLE 12

HUMAN AGENCY

Tools may assist in creating declarations, but responsibility for their meaning remains with the people who propose, adopt, share, or act upon them.

Artificial intelligence, software, institutions, or other instruments shall not be treated as substitutes for human judgment, lived experience, ethical deliberation, or democratic participation.

The machine may help formulate the words. Human beings decide what they mean.

ARTICLE 13

TRANSPARENCY AND REVISION

Universal Declarations should, where practical, make their origins, purposes, assumptions, and significant limitations understandable.

A declaration may be revised when experience, evidence, dialogue, or changing circumstances reveal a need for change.

Revision does not necessarily invalidate an aspiration. It may be evidence that humanity continues to learn.

ARTICLE 14

DECLARATIONS AS SEEDS OF ACTION

A Universal Declaration should not be regarded solely as a literary or symbolic object.

Its principles may inspire education, research, art, community action, institutional change, public discussion, policy, technology, cooperation, or personal conduct.

Those who invoke a declaration are encouraged to consider how its principles might become practices.

ARTICLE 15

THE RIGHT TO CREATE FURTHER DECLARATIONS

Every person and every community retains the right to create new Universal Declarations.

There shall be no final Universal Declaration of everything.

Humanity's circumstances change. Its knowledge expands. Its challenges evolve. Its moral imagination develops.

The creation of one declaration therefore does not close the conversation.

It opens another.

ARTICLE 16

A LIVING LIBRARY OF HUMAN ASPIRATIONS

Universal Declarations may be shared so that people can discover, compare, translate, challenge, improve, and build upon one another's ideas.

Together, such declarations may form a living record of humanity's attempts to answer a fundamental question:

What kind of world do we believe is worth creating?

This library should preserve both agreement and difference.

ARTICLE 17

THE FUTURE IS NOT YET DECLARED

No generation can speak with absolute authority for all generations that follow.

Universal Declarations should therefore leave room for future people to reconsider what the present generation believes to be universal.

We may declare our aspirations.

We may not declare that humanity's thinking is finished.

ARTICLE 18

OUR COMMON INVITATION

We invite every person, community, organization, school, movement, institution, and generation to consider what principle they believe deserves to be articulated for humanity as a whole.

If something important has not yet been declared, let it be proposed.

If something has been declared inadequately, let it be improved.

If a declaration excludes those whom it should include, let it be challenged.

If a new possibility has emerged, let humanity find words for it.

And if no existing declaration adequately expresses the world we seek to build, **let us create another.**

FINAL PROCLAMATION

We therefore affirm the **right to imagine, articulate, question, refine, and share universal principles.**

We affirm that declarations belong not only to history, but to the living imagination of humanity.

We affirm that universality is an ongoing conversation.

And we invite everyone to participate in that conversation.

DECLARE

Declare what you believe humanity should remember.

Declare what humanity should protect.

Declare what humanity should become.

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATIONS MACHINE

An open invitation to begin.

Create your Universal Declaration:

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Universal declarations are not the end of the conversation.

They are an invitation to begin it.

Signed

Queen Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry