

Governance Charter

WCND 2026 India

Democracy on Earth – Democracy with Earth

Universal Nationality: Beyond Boundaries

14–20 November 2026 | Rajgir & Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India
Organised by World Natural Democracy

This Governance Charter forms the foundational framework of WCND 2026 and operates alongside the WCND Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy, which remain separately binding and applicable.

Charter of Governance, Compliance & Institutional Safeguards

I. Institutional Authority & Legal Protection

1. Institutional Autonomy & Final Authority

World Natural Democracy retains full and final authority over programming, speaker selection, participation approval, scheduling, venue management, policy interpretation, and enforcement. Decisions taken in good faith for legality, safety, or institutional integrity are binding.

2. Event Modification & Cancellation

The Organiser reserves the right to modify, postpone, relocate, convert to hybrid/digital format, restrict access, or cancel the Congress, in whole or in part, where required by law, safety, operational necessity, or force majeure.

3. Force Majeure

The Organiser shall not be liable for disruption, delay, or cancellation caused by natural disasters, pandemics, governmental action, civil unrest, or any circumstance beyond reasonable control.

4. Limitation of Liability

The Organiser shall not be liable for indirect, incidental, reputational, travel, visa, accommodation, or consequential losses arising from participation or event modification.

5. Indemnification

Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless World Natural Democracy, its officers, staff, partners, and volunteers from claims arising from their conduct, statements, negligence, or legal violations.

6. Participant Responsibility

Participants are solely responsible for travel documentation, insurance, personal health, compliance with Indian law, and adherence to venue regulations.

7. Jurisdiction & Governing Law

All disputes shall be governed by the laws of India. Jurisdiction shall lie within the appropriate courts of India.

II. Legal & Regulatory Compliance

8. Constitutional & Statutory Compliance

All proceedings shall comply with the Constitution of India and applicable central and state laws, including regulations issued by the Government of India and the Government of Bihar.

9. International Participation & Protocol

International delegates must comply with visa, immigration, and diplomatic regulations of India. Participation does not imply governmental representation.

10. Institutional Independence & Non-Affiliation

WCND is an independent intellectual platform. References to international bodies or courts do not imply institutional affiliation or endorsement.

III. Ethical Governance & Academic Integrity

11. Code of Conduct

All participants shall act with professionalism, civility, and respect. Disruptive, unlawful, or unethical behaviour may result in removal.

12. Ethical Dialogue & Civil Discourse

Debate must remain reasoned, evidence-based, and non-inflammatory. Hate speech, incitement, or dehumanizing rhetoric is prohibited.

13. Academic Integrity & Plagiarism

Submissions must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, falsification, or fabricated data will result in rejection and potential exclusion.

14. Conflict of Interest

All contributors must disclose financial, institutional, or political interests relevant to their participation.

15. Proceedings & Publication Governance

Official publications shall maintain editorial independence, transparency, and citation standards.

IV. Human Rights, Inclusion & Safeguarding

16. Human Rights Commitment

WCND affirms universal human dignity and equality. Discrimination, incitement to violence, or denial of fundamental rights is incompatible with participation.

17. Inclusion & Non-Discrimination

Participation is open irrespective of nationality, gender, age, culture, ability, or belief, subject to lawful compliance.

18. Women's Rights & Gender Equity

Gender-based discrimination or harassment is prohibited.

19. LGBTQ+ Inclusion

WCND affirms dignity and equal participation for persons of all gender identities and orientations, consistent with applicable law.

20. Child Protection

Participation involving minors requires verified consent and appropriate supervision. Abuse or exploitation will be reported to competent authorities.

21. Safeguarding & Anti-Harassment

Harassment—physical, verbal, digital, or psychological—will not be tolerated. A reporting mechanism shall be maintained.

22. Accessibility & Disability Inclusion

Reasonable efforts shall be made to facilitate accessible participation and barrier-aware venue arrangements.

V. Safety, Security & Public Welfare

23. Health & Emergency

Emergency coordination with local authorities shall be maintained. Participants must comply with public health advisories.

24. Venue Safety & Security

All attendees must follow venue safety rules and lawful instructions issued by organizers or authorities.

25. Cyber Security

Digital platforms and data systems shall be safeguarded against unauthorized access or misuse.

26. Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies

AI-generated content must be disclosed. Deceptive digital manipulation, including deepfakes or synthetic misinformation, is prohibited.

VI. Environmental & Sustainability Commitment

27. Environmental Responsibility

WCND commits to environmentally responsible practices consistent with “Democracy with Earth.”

28. Carbon & Sustainability Awareness

Efforts shall be made to minimize waste, encourage responsible resource use, and align with global sustainability principles.

VII. Financial & Institutional Integrity

29. Financial Transparency & Ethics

All financial operations shall comply with lawful standards and ethical accountability.

30. Ethical Sponsorship

Sponsorship shall not compromise academic independence or institutional neutrality.

VIII. Intellectual Property & Media

31. Intellectual Property

Authors retain ownership of their work. WCND may archive or publish materials with acknowledgment.

32. Data Governance & Archiving

Congress materials, recordings, and documentation shall be securely stored under defined governance standards.

33. Media & Representation

Unauthorized use of the WCND name, logo, or declarations is prohibited. Statements by participants represent their own views unless officially designated.

IX. Reputation & Institutional Protection

34. Reputation Protection

Misrepresentation of the Congress, its resolutions, or affiliations for political or commercial purposes is prohibited.

35. Political Neutrality

Partisan campaigning or electoral advocacy is not permitted within Congress platforms.

X. Cultural & Historical Responsibility

36. Cultural Heritage Respect

Participants shall respect the cultural, historical, and spiritual significance of Rajgir and Bodh Gaya.

37. Institutional Legacy & Record

As the inaugural World Congress of Natural Democracy, official declarations and proceedings shall form part of an enduring institutional archive.

XI. Amendments

38. Policy Amendment Clause

World Natural Democracy reserves the right to amend these policies to ensure legal compliance and institutional integrity.

WCND Volunteer Guidelines Charter

1. Volunteers shall act with integrity, professionalism, and impartiality at all times.
2. Duties shall be performed strictly in accordance with assigned roles and supervisory instructions.
3. Confidential information obtained during service shall not be disclosed or misused.
4. Volunteers shall comply fully with all safety, security, and emergency protocols.
5. Volunteers represent WCND only within expressly authorised limits.

6. Volunteer status does not confer decision-making authority unless expressly authorised in writing.
 7. Volunteers shall disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest affecting their duties.
 8. Non-compliance may result in reassignment, suspension, or withdrawal of volunteer status.
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WCND Operational Guidelines Charter

1. All Congress activities shall be conducted in accordance with the WCND Governance Charter and applicable law.
2. Session scheduling, access control, and venue management remain under organiser authority.
3. Registration, accreditation, and participation procedures must be duly followed.
4. Media, recording, and documentation shall occur only under authorised protocol.
5. Safety, security, and public order instructions are binding on all attendees.
6. The Organiser may issue additional procedural directives as necessary for orderly conduct.
7. Operational directives may be revised as required and shall remain subordinate to the WCND Governance Charter and applicable law.

Final Binding Clause

Participation in WCND 2026 constitutes acceptance of this Charter and all related Terms & Conditions. Non-compliance may result in corrective action, including removal from the Congress.