# One Planet One Habitation

A Bahá'í Perspective on Recasting Humanity's Relationship with the Natural World

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## One Homeland

This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation.

It behooveth you to abandon vainglory which causeth alienation and to set your hearts on whatever will ensure harmony.

— Bahá'u'lláh

#### Our Planet Homeland

A habitation is a home, a place where we live, and we all live in the same place, our planet homeland



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The natural world, in all its wonder, shows us the meaning of interdependence. From the biosphere as a whole to the smallest microorganism, it demonstrates how dependent any one life-form is on numerous others—and how imbalances in one system affect the interconnected whole.

Humanity is dependent on this greater system, but while the human race has never had more power to shape the physical world on planetary scales, this very power, when not considered carefully and ignoring the present and future common good, is having worldwide and potentially irreversible consequences.

As the grave effects of overshooting planetary limits become increasingly apparent, from climate change to biodiversity loss to environmental degradation and pollution, humanity must develop more collaborative and constructive relationships between its peoples and with the natural environment.

Today we need action far more rapidly and on much wider scales, changing the organization and operation of human affairs. The question before the nations and leaders of the world is whether the needed action will be taken as a matter of conscious choice and prevention, or whether it will be caused by destruction and suffering from environmental breakdown.