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## Why there is a need of Sustainable Development?

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### Abstract

Sustainable development is a technique to do progress without harming any natural resources and it is also a need of an hour. It could be considered as a new technique to handle an environmental problems and development. Modern era is an era of Modernization, Urbanization and Globalization. There is a lot of factors which reflect growth of Sustainable development i.e. Social, Economic, Political etc. No doubt every aspect has its own impact and role to play but political aspect of sustainable development can't be ignored. There is a political argument that must be made to invest in a sustainable future through a portfolio of federal, state, and local policies and programs. The politics behind passing needed policies and implementing important programs are complicated, require long-term thinking and tough choices. We need public support to maintain sustainability and for that policies are needed to be made upon political levels so that support could be attained.

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### Introduction



### Why there is a need of Sustainable Development?

Sustainable Development is a technique to handle the natural resources with care and for the future. No doubt everyone is using natural resources like hot cakes without considering about its result. Development is a process which happens with the time and according to the position or how the person used its resources. Sustainable development whether it is possible or not was a huge question after the Second World War. As there are hardly chances to maintain a development sustained. But somehow it is maintained and now the Sustainable Development Goals have their to put some major efforts so that development can be maintained and poverty should get abolished from the countries. The Sustainable Development Goals are bold and its main or universal agreement is just to end poverty in all its dimension and to secure the world from poverty and bring equality among all by 2030.

### Objective of the Paper

1. This paper mainly put focus on how and when term has been recognized.
2. This paper also tries to analysis the major areas where the need of sustainable development is more.
3. This paper also try to find out what and how the problem has emerged.
4. It also aims to forge a better understanding and assist to overlook at the alarming issue.
5. It also focus on the problems that occur on political level to implement certain principles and norms to maintain sustainability.

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## Methodology

To write this paper, the data has mainly concentrated on textual approach. Books written by eminent scholars and articles and papers written on various national and international journals has been considered to do the framework of this paper. Thus, secondary data has been used to write this paper.

## Review of Literature

Randall S. Abate, (2019)<sup>1</sup> in his book used the term 'voiceless' to indicate those who are less in number or who need more protection. The author tried to highlight the population which is going to be most affected due to the global change. The author also explain how this change need to be protected by the authorities. New laws and rules has been used to protect these 'voiceless' creatures. He further explained that no doubt new rules has been made yet it need strict policy for implementation. Abate also identified the common vulnerabilities of voiceless and try to overcome this problem. In brief, it can be said that his work basically considered upon the measurements that is required in a law to mitigate the impact of climate change on those who are less in number.

Julia Walker, Alma Pekmezovic, Gordon Walker<sup>2</sup> highlight the ways to achieve Sustainable Development Goals with the help of finance, technology and Reforms in law. The authors emphasis to make such structures, so that all the ambitions and goals could be achieved across the globe. For attaining the goal, authors of this book try to do some case studies of the real-world and also try to highlight how direct investments into existing financial resources can change the whole scenario. To conclude, it is vivid from the book that to attain the 'World We Want' requires plethora of efforts and things. Basically, the recommendation in the book tried to support a fundamental shift in thinking from business and government of the globe and for building a more prosperous future.

Zyaad Boodo (2014)<sup>3</sup>, in his paper talk about the contribution of Sustainable Development to overcome the problem of climate change worldwide. He tried to generalise the idea and the concepts by using Human - nature-mind - map. Along with that, he also highlight about 'Weak' and 'Strong' sustainability. Further, he tries to put his focus on three different and important aspect such as economy, society and environment, require to make a place to live in and resulted in strong sustainability. Boodo not only explain how sustainable development could be assessed but also attempted to unlock the theoretical requirements to attain that approach which would help to attain the benefits from it. The method that author used in his paper totally based on the comparative study of different approaches.

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Sustainable development has its impact in almost every

aspect like social, Economic, historical, political etc. The impact which played a great role is its political criteria. As both domestic and foreign policies of each state presuppose a certain ideologies as a foundation to be based on. This also depend upon the realization of the country's place in regional and global context, the clear understanding of national interest of national interest, goals and resources.

Our world is becoming more interdependent and at present not a single country can develop being isolated, and how this affects the political philosophy of a country, relate to international sustainable development objectives.

## What is Sustainable Development?

Sustainability can be broadly defined as *"meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"*. When it comes to describing sustainability in our world, we need to be concerned about three main areas of influence. There are three interconnected spheres of sustainability that describe the relationships between the environmental, economic, and social aspects of our world. These spheres are a related set of concepts that, when taken together, can form a solid ground from which major decisions and actions can be made. Examples of such decisions could include land use planning, surface water management, building design and construction, and even law making.

Sustainable development is, thus, a desired direction of change and provides a framework to decide developmental actions by nation's communities and individuals<sup>4</sup>.

## Why there is a need of Sustainable Development?

The planet has been changing rapidly. Fortunately, this threat had been recognised by scientists in early years. However, nothing has been implemented to tackle this situation in early times. Consequently, the concept of Sustainable development has come into existence. Faced with the over-exploitation of natural resources that accompanied economic and demographic growth, the think tank known as the Club of Rome, created in 1968, advocated zero growth. In 1971, this private international association sounded an urgent alarm by publishing 'The Limits to Growth'. Broadly speaking, it presents current economic development as being incompatible with the long-term protection of the planet. It was none other than United Nations who held their conference in 1972 and gave birth to the concept of eco-friendly means, which later known as the Sustainable Development.

## A person behind the term 'Sustainable Development'

The term 'sustainable development' remained virtually unnoticed until its revival in the Gro Harlem Brundtland report 'Our common future'<sup>5</sup>, published in 1987. As the Prime Minister of Norway and the chair of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) at the time, she aimed to clarify this concept of sustainable development as 'development that fulfils the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to fulfil their needs. Since then, the concept of

<sup>1</sup> Randall S. Abate "Climate Change and the Voiceless" protecting future Generations, Wildlife and Natural Resources, 2019

<sup>2</sup> Julia Walker, Alma Pekmezovic, Gordon Walker, "Sustainable Development Goal" Harnessing Business to achieve the SDGs through Finance, Technology and Law Reforms, 2019, Wiley.

<sup>3</sup> Boodo Z. (2014). A review of Sustainable Development assessment literature that could be applied to NAMAs, published in International mitigation activities into the development priorities and approaches of developing countries.

<sup>4</sup> Sushinmayee Rachna, "Gender, human rights and Environment", 2008, Nice Printing Press, Delhi. pp 131-132

<sup>5</sup> Brundtland (1987). Report of the world Commission on Environment and Development: Our common Future.

sustainable development has been accepted all over the world.

### How the planet has been changing?

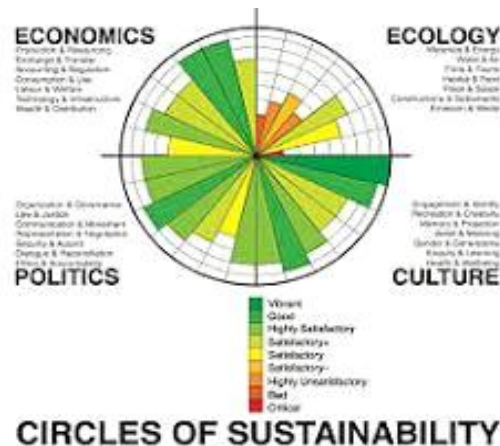
"The world today is economically richer and environmentally poorer than ever." - Lester R. Brown

The only living planet of our solar system is also losing its charm, due to the excess usage of the minerals and natural resources. The Earth, which is also considered as the 'Blue Planet' due to the water it has; is also becoming barren and brown, as land is being degraded by the actions of human and natural disaster. Due to the inhumane ways, the frequency of occurring natural disasters is also inclined. The perfect example of it is the increase in temperature and

the fire extinguish in the Forest of Australia, which resulted the killing of 500 million animals. Along with that, the usage of Nuclear weapons, and conflicts of two nations are also major reasons of polluting the environment. So, the need of sustainability of things and resources has become mandatory to tackle the situations.

### Sustainable Development and Politics:

Sustainable development has a great impact upon every aspect of one's life. But politically it is more concerned. The main objective of sustainable development is to end poverty in all forms from everywhere and this goal could only be accomplished if political support and policies could be framed.



### Problems occurred politically while implementing Sustainability Development:

The main issue is to provide quality of life to the people, the indicators of which are: life expectancy, employment rate, healthy environment, educational level, exercise of human rights.

**Decision - Making Process:** One of the main problems which arises while working out sustainable development strategy and policy programs is the problem of the criteria

for decisions- making process and indicators of sustainability. At the first stage of the transition towards sustainable development the framework for balanced functioning of the economy is to be created. Then the policies has to be framed. Not every state has equal growth and need. So it get difficult sometimes to frame policies and make decisions. Sustainability is permanent adaptation to alter the conditions. This adaptive property is natural to all ecosystem.

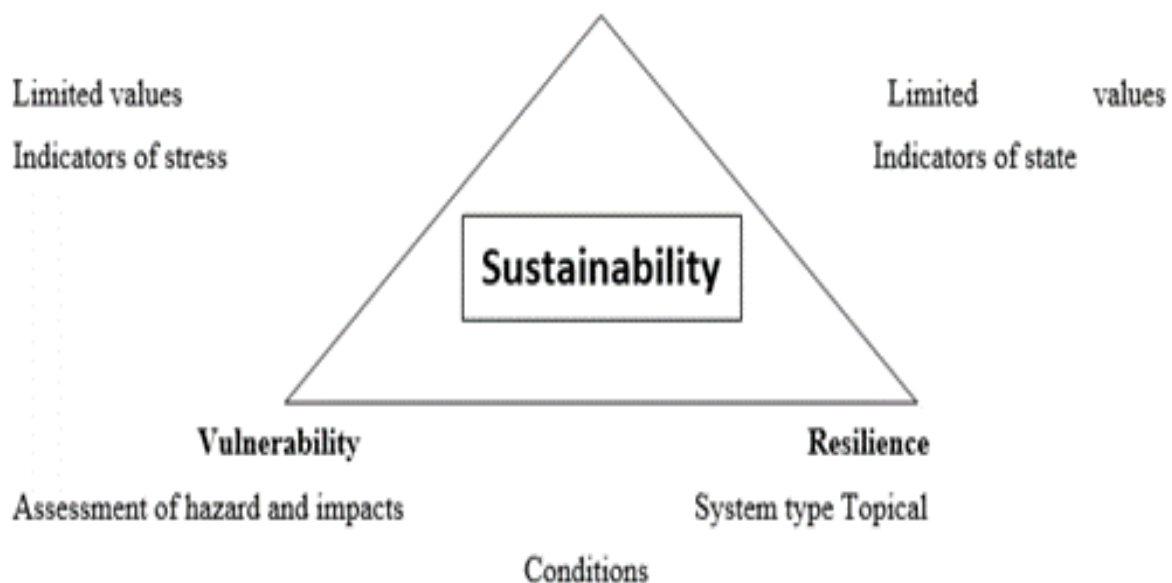


Fig. 1: Process and Relation among sustainability, vulnerability and resilience

**To calculate the Development:** The next question which rises is how much development is needed and how it could be reached towards its goal. Like India the phase of development is different than that of the phase of development is there in Russia, China etc. So if we say that the all countries have same problem and to solve the problem solution is also same than it would not be appropriate.

**Difficulty in bringing equality:** the major objective of sustainability development goal is to bring equality among all. And without including political policies and frame work it is difficult to achieve this goal. And for bringing equality, a lot of financial and major activities and decisions are needed to be taken. The problem of equality is here not only to deal with the social equality, but also deal with economic as well as political equality.

**Hard to bring sustainability with development:** the big question rises whether it is possible to bring development and sustainability together. If yes than how much and how it can be possible. For this, a lot of strategies, policies and framework needed.

**Measure the growth:** the very next difficult task is to how the growth of the sustainability development can be measured. Because to measure the growth scientific methods, resources and some other important financial resources are needed to deal with this problem.

**Difficult to cater need of everyone:** In sustainability development, we talk about to bring equality, bring harmony and peace. It is very difficult has different needs and different problems. And to tackle everyone is not a cup of tea for everyone.

Thus, to deal with all the major goals of sustainability development one need to have its political establishment and political policy frame work to achieve its goal as well as to maintain peace, equality, harmony among all nation.

**What an Individual can do to save the resources for its future Generation?**

Well, it is a very common talk which can be heard from anyone what an individual could do to save the resources. The question also arises many times that could a solo person bring any change. The simple answer of these questions is 'Yes'. The only need to do is just to realize the importance of securing the resources and to recognize the capability of individual. Undoubtedly, it is a difficult part but if it is being done with full dedication than no one could stop anyone to achieve its goal and save our precious Planet.

**Spread Awareness:** The first thing that can be done by individual is to aware others. A person always imitate others. So one should do its best to conserve the environment. In normal talks, these kind of matters should need to be discussed. Not only by conversing but through social networking sites, these methods and awareness regarding such alarming issues can be imbibed among the citizens of the world.

**Through Education:** Education is the key of every problem and situation. So through education such issues

can be resolved. By adding some concepts in academic curriculum and through teaching method, knowledge regarding this lost can be inculcated among millions of young children of the world. One can prepare them for using these minerals in limit. As a result, since childhood, they become responsible and aware as well.

**By Planting Trees:** The other beautiful method to overcome from this situation is by planting more and more tree. It will not only help in conserving the natural resources but also help in making the earth beautiful and wonderful.

**By Conserving Nature and Natural Resources:** If a person knows, he has less money than he would use it according to that. So, why same thing cannot be happened in case of natural resources and for nature. Almost 60% people in the world are aware about the depletion of resources<sup>6</sup>, even though these are being used in excess. People can conserve these resources by doing certain simple things.

**By Being Responsible:** The most prominent thing which an individual can do is realization. Now the question may arise what a person needs to realize. The answer is simple and at the same time complex. As a person needs to realize its responsibility towards environment, towards its society and so on.

The above such thing can be followed by individuals and through it they can help in making the world beautiful place to live in.

**How the Goal can achieve collectively?**

No doubt, if the sustainable development and politics come together than achieving the goal become easy and also helpful to attain the framework and policies. One of the main reasons, we have not developed a politics of Sustainable Development, that is, a cohesive constituency, is simply because of the fragmentation within key sectors involved in its promulgation- the development, environmental, health, peace and women's movements, to name but a few. What would normally be a driving force for implementation, the interest of so many sectors of civil society, effectively prevents an overall cohesive coalition of many interests. So for solving this problem is essential. There are different indicators which can help to know more about the sustainability. Some National and International indicators which reflects the percentage and inequality factors.

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<sup>6</sup>UN General Assembly (2015). Transforming our world : the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Available

	HUMAN RESOURCES	SOCIAL RESOURCE S	NATURAL RESOURCES	ECONOMIC RESOURCE S	GOVERNANC E FOR SD	FINANCING FOR SD
<b>SDGs indicators (241)</b>	43 (18%)	60 (25%)	29 (12%)	35 (14%)	43 (18%)	31 (13%)
<b>National indicators (273)</b>	58	65	52	67	9	-
<b>International indicators (33)</b>	2	7	8	3	7	4
<b>Cumulative indicators (10)</b>	Human Developm ent Index (NHDl)	Gender Inequalit y Index  Social Progress Index	Ecological Footprint  DMC  Land Consumpti on	Resource Productiv ity  Genuine Progress Indicator	Environment al Democracy Index  Environment al Policy Index	None

**Civil society:** The trend of today is where people live together and dreaming of the society which is ideal one and wanted to bring back the time of 'Ram Rajya' : where everyone is equal and have equal status and also perform equal status. So if there is a need of development than a civil society must be there to cooperate with all the needs.

**Globalisation:** Now the era is of globalization, where no one could live isolated. Advanced technology, interdependence and connection is necessary to live happily and for making profit as well as development. In spite of these, the world is shrinking and the whole world is becoming global world. And if sustainable development goal needed to accomplish than it is necessary for everyone to be a global and support the new technologies and with that use it with care and protection.

**Need of an hour:** Sustainable development is need of an hour. The natural resources are using recklessly. It is believed that if the usage will go like this tan the time is not far that we need to buy even oxygen and water from other countries or has to be depend upon each other. And these resources would not be able for future generation.

**Demand of Environment:** Environment in which we live is the major factor which effects our life the most. but it is every very shameful and with that it is also astonish to think that how environment is getting worst and also destroying day by day. So we need to think that how environment could be prevented and how natural resources should be used so that it could be saved for the future use.

### Conclusion

It is apparent that Sustainability Development can be achieved only when all the factors come together and make vulnerable decisions to form a civil society. To achieve Sustainable Development goal, hands should be joined to support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning. With this, all the developed countries should support least developed countries, including through financial and technical assistance.

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