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LECTURE 4: Concept of Sustainable Development

The concept of sustainable development is the result of an integrated approach of political and decisional factors, in which environmental protection and long-term economic growth are considered to be complementary and interdependent.

The central principles behind sustainable development are:

- Equity and fairness among countries and generations,
- The long-term vision on the development process,
- Systemic thinking and interconnection between economy, society and the environment.

Key objectives have been established based on the major principles of sustainable development:

(a) Environmental protection through measures that allow the separation of economic growth from negative environmental impacts;

(b) Social equity and cohesion through observance of fundamental human rights, cultural diversity, equal chances and elimination of all forms of discrimination;

(c) Economic prosperity through the promotion of knowledge, innovation and competitiveness with an aim to ensure higher living standards and full high-quality employment;

(d) Meeting EU's international responsibilities through the promotion of democratic institutions in the interest of peace, security and freedom and of the principles and practices of sustainable development.

STOCKHOLM DECLARATION 1972

This declaration has enumerated certain principles about sustainable development.

Principle 3: states that the Earth's capacity to produce vital renewable resources be preserved and wherever practical, restored.

Principle 5: states that Non-renewable resources must be used in such a way that they are protected against the danger of their future exhaustion.

Principle 11: it demand that the environmental protection policies of all countries should support and not to have detrimental effect on the present or future development potential of developing countries.

BRUNDTLAND COMMISSION 1987

The term “sustainable development” was brought into common use by the commission in its report “our common future”.

According to this commission the concept of Sustainable development contains within it 2 key concepts.

- a. The concepts of needs in particular the essential needs of the world’s poor, to which overriding priority should be and
- b. The idea of limitation imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment ability to meet present and future needs.

EARTH SUMMIT

This conference forced the people world-wide to re-think how their lives affect natural environment and resources and to confront a new what determines the surroundings in which they live.

It was the largest U.N. Conference ever held and it put the world on a path of sustainable development which aim at meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generation to meets their own needs.

Some of the major achievements of Earth Summit lie in the form of following documents which it produced.

- a. Rio-declaration on environment and development
- b. Agenda 21
- c. Forest principles
- d. Two legally binding conventions
- e. Convention on climate change

f. Convention on biodiversity

Brundtland Commission defines “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”

(a) The concepts of needs, in particular the essential needs of the worlds poor, to which overriding priority should be given, and:

(b) The idea of limitations imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environments ability to meet present and future needs.

BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Understanding the sustainable in its basic essence will help to think in the broader perspective. Multidisciplinary approach on the said topic will suffice the interest of the study, following diagram will give us the clarity on sustainable development.

