

Sustainable Development

Chapter 18: Development · Topic 2

Key Concept

Sustainable development balances economic growth with environmental protection and social equity, recognising that these three aspects are interconnected.

Practices supporting sustainability include using renewable energy, conserving natural resources, reducing pollution, and promoting responsible consumption and production.

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted in 2015, provide a global framework with 17 goals addressing poverty, education, health, and environmental protection.

Achieving sustainable development requires cooperation between governments, businesses, and individuals, as unsustainable practices today can create serious problems for future generations.

Quick Revision Notes

- Sustainable development meets present needs without harming the future.
- It balances economic growth, environment and social equity.
- These three aspects are interconnected.
- Renewable energy use supports sustainability.
- Conserving resources and reducing pollution also help.
- The UN's SDGs were adopted in 2015.
- SDGs have 17 goals covering poverty, education and environment.
- Achieving sustainability needs cooperation across society.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2 Discuss one practice that supports sustainability.
- 3 Explain why economic growth alone isn't sustainable development.
- 4 Research a country's effort toward sustainable development.
- 5 Discuss how you could contribute to sustainability.
- 6 Debate why cooperation is needed for sustainable development.