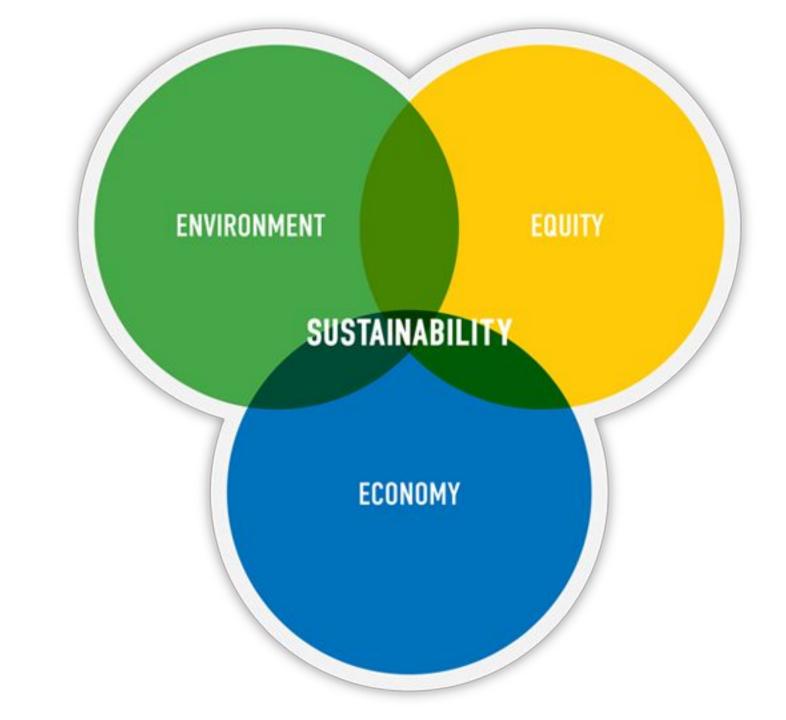
Sustainable Development

"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

 from the World Commission on Environment and Development's (the Brundtland Commission) report Our Common Future (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987).

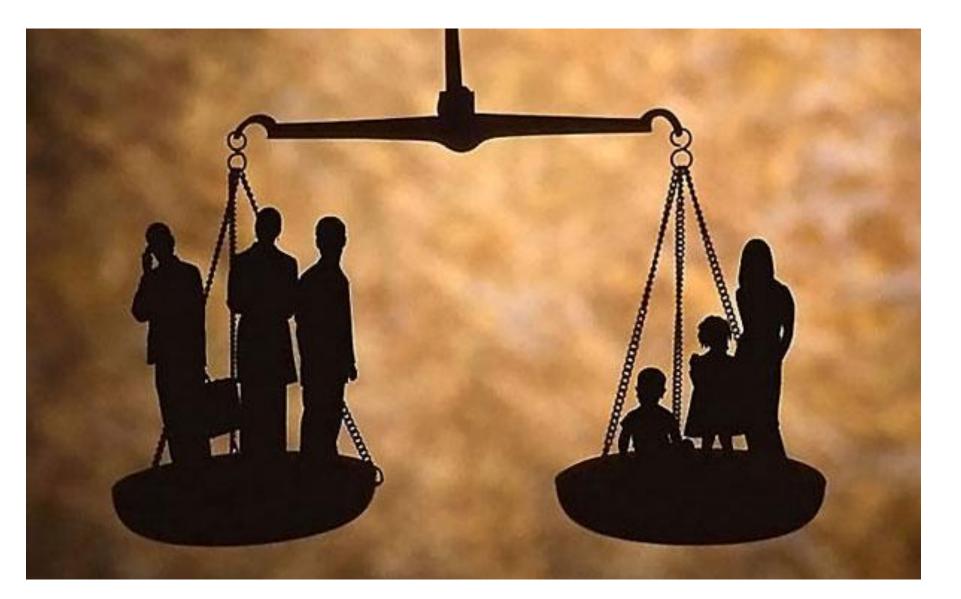


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development is a term that economists, politicians, and others have used frequently in the 20th century. The concept, however, has been in existence in the West for centuries. <u>Modernization</u>, <u>Westernization</u>, and especially <u>Industrialization</u> are other terms people have used while discussing economic development. Economic development has a direct relationship with the <u>environment</u> and <u>environmental issues</u>.



SOCIAL EQUITY



There are multiple definitions of **social equity** as it is a new term; each industry has seemed to take on a different connotation. The following provides for examples of each connotation.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The **natural environment** encompasses all living and non-living things occurring naturally on Earth or some region thereof. It is an environment that encompasses the interaction of all living species. Climate, weather, and natural resources that affect human survival and economic activity.



Actually **the definition of sustainability** emerged from the premise that "*sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*" At the 2005 World Summit it was noted that this requires the reconciliation of <u>environmental</u>, <u>social</u> equity and <u>economic</u> demands – the "three pillars" of sustainability or (the 3 E's).This view has been expressed as a <u>Venn diagram</u> of three overlapping ellipses indicating that the three pillars of sustainability are not mutually exclusive and can be mutually reinforcing. Sustainability is the capacity to endure. For humans, sustainability is the long-term maintenance of responsibility, which has environmental, economic, and social dimensions, and encompasses the concept of <u>stewardship</u> (or in New Zealand<u>Kaitiakitanga</u>) and the responsible management of <u>resource use</u>.



REFERENCES

https://greenfishbluefish.wordpress.com/2012/02/20/rio20-united-nations-conference-on-sustainable-development/

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_development

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_equity

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_environment