

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Mentioned for the first time in a 1987 report prepared by the World Commission on Environment and Development, the concept of sustainable development is defended by a variety of players: international and supra-national bodies, civil society, public authorities and businesses. This extremely broad notion, aimed at meeting present needs without compromising the survival of future generations, touches on economics, public and private management, environmental protection, health, education, agriculture, tourism and international development, among others.

Players in the political, economic and social domains have to take sustainable development into account in their strategies. This means that there are ever more numerous and specialised professionals in areas such as environmental risk management, eco-counselling, professional codes of ethics, social or environmental audits and ratings, financial communications, governance or sustainable strategy consulting. As a result, training provision is also expanding and diversifying from year to year. The jobs being created are to be found in the major companies, corporate foundations, consulting firms, rating agencies, banks, NGOs or international, national and regional organisations. (See the "Environment" data sheet as well.)

Sustainable development professionals are responsible above all for long-term forecasting. Before beginning studies in this area, it is therefore necessary to have skills in fields such as economics, management, law, engineering or land-use planning.

Sustainable development programmes are aimed at individuals who have completed their undergraduate studies in traditional disciplines and are generally at Masters level or beyond.

► Websites

- Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development
<http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/>
- Information portal on sustainable development
<http://www.agora21.org>
- List of UNESCO chairs - UNITWIN Network
<http://portal.unesco.org/education/fr>
- Directory of distance learning in environment and sustainable development
<http://www.e-formation-environnement.com>
- College of Advanced Studies in Environment and Sustainable Development
<http://www.cheedd.net>
- French-English technical dictionary
http://www.dictionnaire-environnement.com/dico_env_en.php

► Keywords

administration, agronomy, land-use planning, anthropology, indigenous peoples, biodiversity, biotechnologies, fair trade, communication, decision, demography, local development, law, economic, ecosystems, ethics, ethnology, finances, geography, management, governance, history, islands, environmental engineering, coast, sea, mountain, NGOs (nongovernmental organizations), organizations, poverty, health, food security, soil, territory, tourism, urban studies.



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