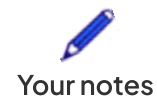




# DP IB Economics: HL



## 4.7 Sustainable Development

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## The Sustainable Development Goals



### Defining Sustainable Development

- **Sustainable development** is **economic development** that meets the needs of the present generations without compromising the ability of **future generations** to meet their own needs
- In 2015 the United Nations Member States committed to a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future
  - This blueprint is called *The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
- Integral to the blueprint are the 17 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** which recognise that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and generate economic growth – while tackling climate change and working to preserve oceans and forests
  - The SDGs build on more than fifty years of work by countries and the United Nations

### The 17 Sustainable Development Goals

- The SDGs provide both a target for sustainable development and also a **metric to measure and gauge the progress** made

#### An Explanation of the 17 SDGs (Source: UN SDGs)

2030 Goal	Explanation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ End all forms of poverty by 2030, including <b>absolute</b> and <b>relative</b> poverty</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</li> </ul>






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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce inequality within and among countries</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</li></ul>

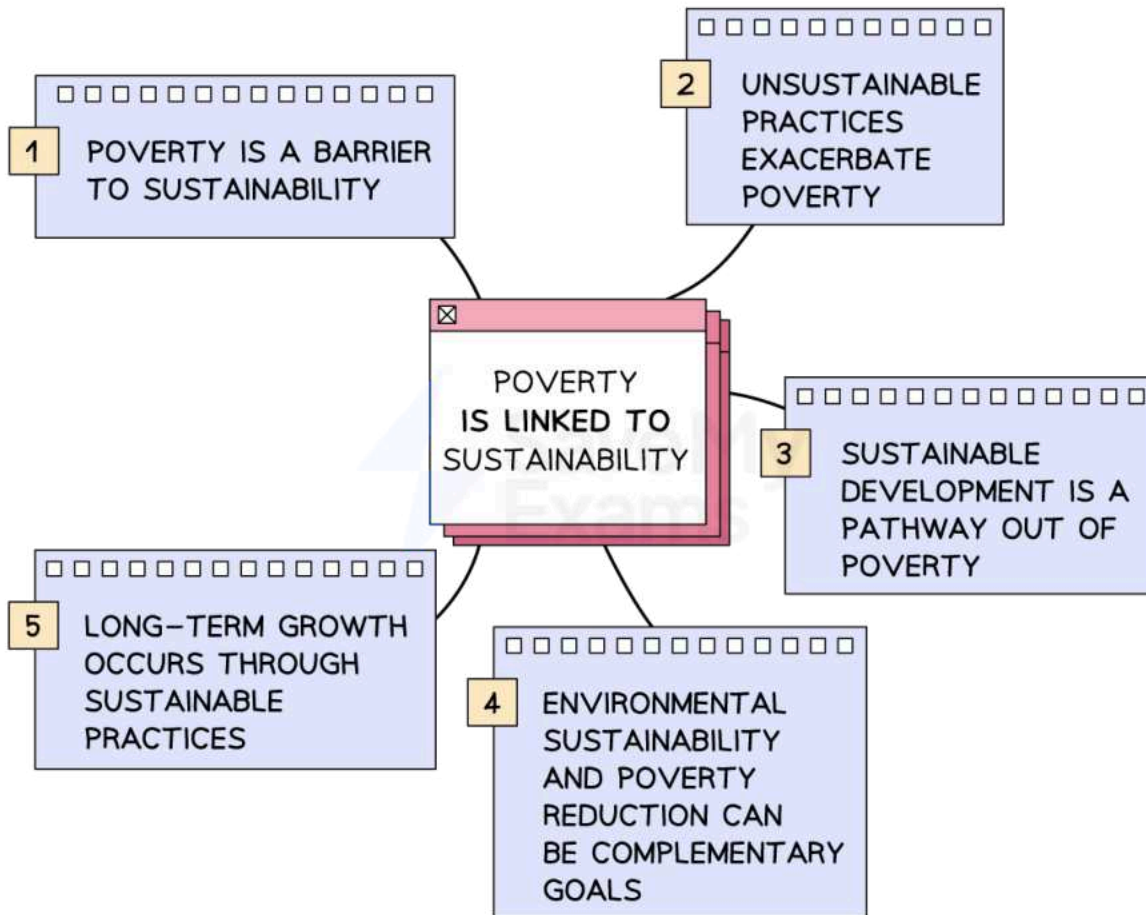


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## The Relationship Between Sustainability & Poverty

# The Relationship Between Sustainability & Poverty

- The **interdependent relationship** between sustainability and poverty emphasises the importance of **integrated approaches** to address both **environmental and social challenges**



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**Poverty and sustainability are not separate concepts but have an interdependent relationship**

- By pursuing sustainable development, societies can **break the poverty cycle**, protect the environment, and build a more **inclusive and prosperous future**
- The interdependent relationship between sustainability and poverty in economics can be understood as follows

### An Explanation of the Interdependent Relationship Between Poverty & Sustainability



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The Link	Explanation
<p><b>Poverty as a barrier to sustainability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When people are trapped in poverty, they may <b>resort to unsustainable practices</b>, such as overexploitation of natural resources to meet their immediate needs</li> <li>E.g. Illegal deforestation in Brazil so as to allow greater stock farming</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unsustainable practices exacerbate poverty</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsustainable economic activities, such as deforestation, pollution, and overfishing deplete natural resources, degrade ecosystems, and <b>disrupt livelihoods</b> that depend on them</li> <li>Impoverished communities bear the brunt of the <b>negative consequences</b>, leading to increased vulnerability and <b>deepening poverty levels</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainable development is a pathway out of poverty</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By integrating economic, social, and environmental considerations, <b>sustainable development aims to address poverty alleviation</b> alongside environmental conservation and social equity</li> <li>It promotes inclusive growth, access to education and healthcare, and the <b>development of sustainable livelihoods</b>, contributing to poverty reduction</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environmental sustainability and poverty reduction as complementary goals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting and restoring ecosystems, <b>managing natural resources sustainably</b>, and mitigating climate change can <b>create opportunities for poverty reduction</b></li> <li>E.g. Investments in renewable energy, <b>eco-tourism</b>, and sustainable agriculture can generate income, create jobs, and <b>enhance the well-being</b> of communities living in poverty</li> </ul>
<p><b>Long-term economic growth through sustainable practices</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embracing sustainability can lead to long-term growth by protecting natural resources and <b>promoting innovation</b></li> <li>Sustainable business practices, <b>responsible consumption</b> and green technologies can drive economic growth while reducing environmental impacts</li> </ul>

- By adopting sustainable practices, societies can secure their future well-being, reduce poverty, and **ensure the availability of resources for future generations**



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