



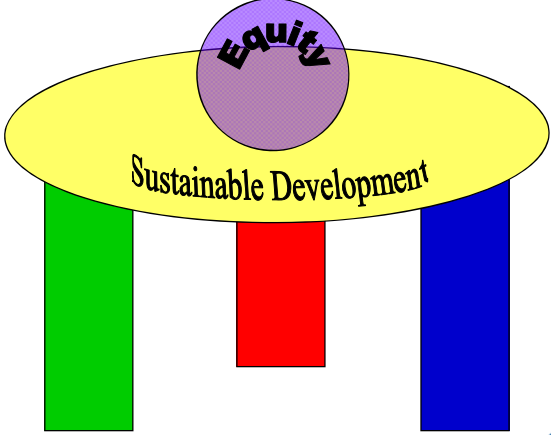
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## Sustainable Development – reconceptualising a changed concept

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## 3 columns of Sustainable Development

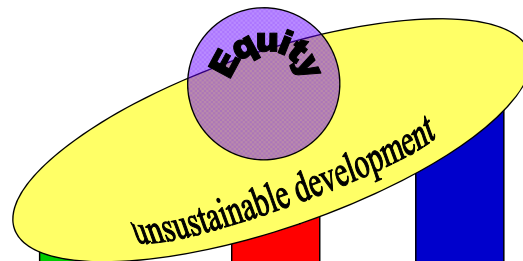


The diagram illustrates the three pillars of sustainable development. It features a yellow oval at the top containing the word "Sustainable Development". A purple circle with the word "Equity" is positioned above the oval. Three vertical bars, colored green, red, and blue from left to right, support the oval from below.

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*"Sustainable development is a development that meets the **needs** of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own **needs**."*

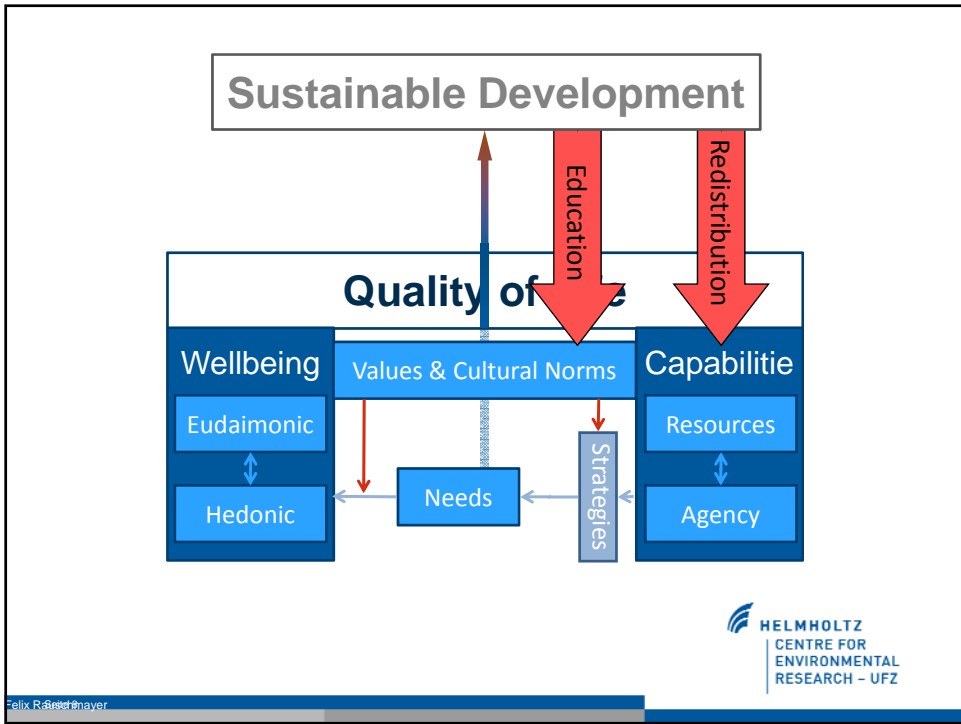
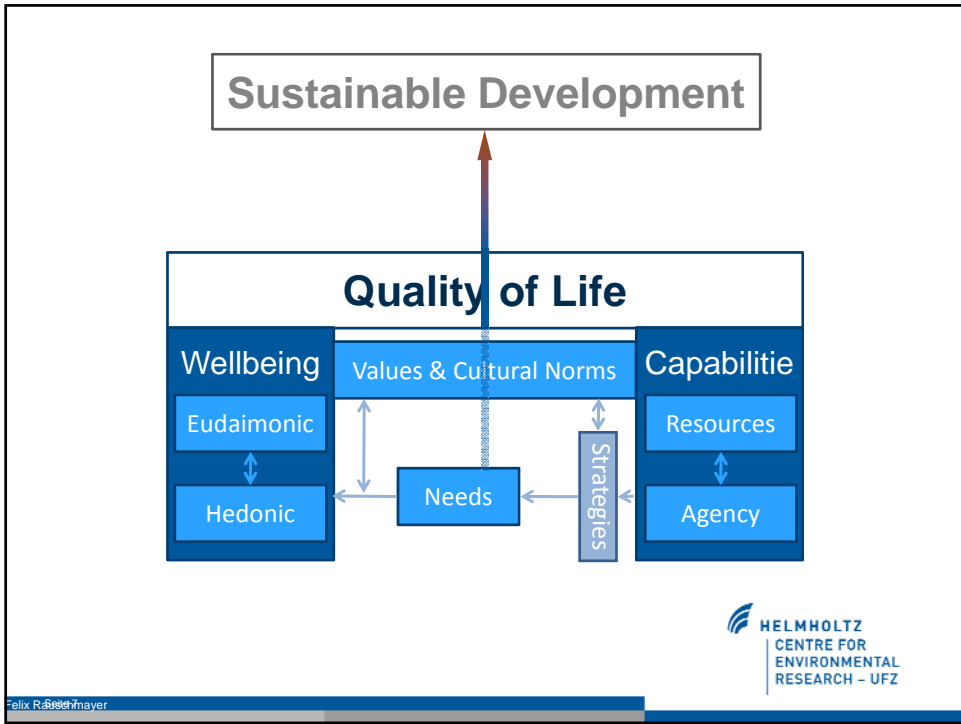
- What are needs?
- What is their link to social justice?
- Where can the state play a role?

## Concept of needs

- Most fundamental dimension of human flourishing (= given end)
- Actions to fulfill needs require no further reasoning
- Increase in needs' fulfillment is accompanied by positive emotions
- Internal driving force:
  - Non-negotiable
  - Essential for health of individual
- Needs are universal in type, but the **strategies** employed for fulfilling the needs are contingent on culture, environment, preferences.

## Max-Neef's list of needs and strategies (1993)

NEEDS	Being (Qualities)	Having (Things)	Doing (Actions)	Interacting (Settings)
<b>Subsistence</b>	Physical and mental health	Food shelter, work	Feed, clothes, rest, work	Living environment, social setting
<b>Protection</b>	Care, adaptability, autonomy	Social security, health systems, work	Co-operate, plan, take care of, help	Social environment
<b>Affection</b>				
<b>Understanding</b>				
<b>Participation</b>	Receptiveness, dedication, sense of humour	Responsibilities, duties, work, rights	Cooperate, dissent, express opinions	Associations, parties, churches, neighbourhoods
<b>Freedom</b>	Autonomy, passion, self-esteem	Equal rights	Dissent, choose, run risks, develop awareness	anywhere
<b>Leisure</b>				
<b>Creation</b>				
<b>Identity</b>				



## Conclusion

- Refocus on needs
- Separate needs from strategies to fulfil them
- Identify capabilities to execute strategies

## Way forward

- Focussing on needs creates dynamics
- Using these dynamics in a bottom-up process
- Define state interventions towards social justice to
  - Guarantee minimum capabilities
  - Improve effectiveness of capabilities
  - Improve effectiveness of needs fulfilment