



EMPOWERING YOUTH TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The sustainable development goals are aimed at bringing a better world, and there are 17 sustainable goals associated with the development of the nation, and they can potentially be achieved by today's youth for tomorrow's better world. Likewise, the future lies in the hands of today's young generation which will pass the torch to future generations. According to United Nations statistics, youth are defined as persons aged between 15 and 24 years, without prejudice to any other definition by Member States. Young people's contributions to the process that led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development shaped the entire outcome. Former UN Secretary General Ban-ki Moon described them as "torchbearers of the sustainable development agenda through 2030". This conceptual paper will discuss definitions of youth, sustainable development, a conceptual overview of sustainable development and youth, a historical perspective, theories and models pertaining to sustainable development, youth, and what youth can do to contribute to sustainable development. Based on the conceptual overview, a self-prepared model will be introduced.