

Nations diversity, consistency of sustainable development

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Our discussion continues in our journey regarding sustainability, focusing on how it is viewed within the humanitarian sector and how we can leverage global literature, documents, and activities to activate values of sustainability that align with our own principles. We've reached the point of discussing the United Nations' adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the mechanisms and indicators used to measure their achievement.

Our discussion today is about how countries or organizations achieve these goals and objectives set by the United Nations. According to paragraph 55 of the resolution adopting the goals, the United Nations left this matter to the capacity and capabilities of each country. The document states that 'the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets are integrated and indivisible, and they are global in nature and universally applicable, considering different national realities, capacities, and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities... Each government sets its own national targets guided by the global level of ambition, but considering national circumstances. Each government also decides on the ways to incorporate these ambitious global targets into national planning processes, policies, and strategies. It is important to consider the link between sustainable development and other ongoing processes in the economic, social, and environmental fields. The third point is that there are many organizations con-



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cerned with monitoring the achievement of these goals, whether they are affiliated with the United Nations, such as the Economic and Social Council, or regional organizations, which we will discuss later.

Dear reader, know that these seventeen Sustainable Development Goals are relevant to and fall within the scope of work and responsibilities of all sectors in the state, whether the governmental, private, or third sector. Thus, working towards achieving these goals, bearing in mind their purposes, is an important objective for the charitable and humanitarian sector. Another important point to keep in mind, dear reader, is a very crucial observation: some involved in the humanitarian and charitable sector focus on the concept of sustainability only in terms of financial sustainability for the sector. While financial sustainability is indeed of great importance to the sector, understanding the broader issues of sustainability and its other dimensions, as well as their impact on one another, remains essential. This awareness must be present in the minds of decision-makers in the charitable and humanitarian sectors. Therefore, it is crucial to promote education on sustainability, raise awareness about it, and adapt and align projects and initiatives to fulfill these goals.

Therefore, charitable organizations, for example, should adopt these goals in their entirety and strive to achieve them as much as they can, given their capacity as voluntary humanitarian institutions. This should be done considering our community's values and guidelines, alongside reviewing and reflecting on certain aspects of these goals through the lens of our Islamic understanding of sustainability, and this will be the subject of our next discussion.

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