

Principles of Sustainable Development

During the years of the author's participation in development and implementation of several (in total about 20) regional and local sustainable development strategies in Belarus, as well as in the course of a lot of trainings, lectures, seminars and presentations, the following set of the principles of sustainable development was developed for use in such activities (both related with the territorial development and education):

1. Orientation to the Vision (desirable future)
2. System / integrated development (a combination of economic, social and environmental objectives and solutions, development of interdisciplinary strategies)
3. Environmental imperative
4. Use of local resources and innovation
5. Partnership
6. Diversity
7. Process (understanding of the sustainable development strategy as a process of active long-term action, and not just development of the document with such name)
8. Effective use of resources
9. Equality of generations (for improving the quality of life for present and future generations)
10. Openness and transparency of plans and actions in the framework of sustainable development activities
11. Use of sustainable development indicators
12. Subsidiarity.

Because of the existed difficulties in understanding and accepting of the concept of sustainable development and the sustainability principles, especially by the early not prepared representatives of local communities, we recommend to start the informational work and introduction of new people into the 'sustainable development movement' with detailed promotion of the first five principles mentioned. Explanation of terms ('scientific slang') it is important at the first steps of work with communities, as well as illustration of presentations with a lot of practical examples from the previous experience, photos, meetings with people from leading (pioneer) communities from Belarus and abroad.

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