

**“EDUCATION IS A KEY FORM OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS”**

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**Abstract:** *Education is widely acknowledged as a key form of sustainable development, as it has the potential to bring about long-lasting positive changes in individuals, communities, and society as a whole. Sustainable development is a concept that recognizes the interdependence of environmental, economic, and social issues, and it emphasizes the need to balance these three pillars of development for the long-term benefit of current and future generations.*

During the process of our research, we have found out what is, actually Sustainable development goals as well as fascinating information and facts about role of education in society. Furthermore, information about one of teaching method was investigated.

## **INTRODUCTION**

One of the fundamental ways education contributes to sustainable development is by creating awareness and understanding among individuals about the importance of sustainable development and its various aspects. Education reinforces people's knowledge of environmental conservation and protection, social justice, economic opportunities, and responsible governance, among others. By raising awareness education enables individuals to identify and appreciate the interconnectedness of different SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), and take appropriate action towards achieving them. Through education, individuals are empowered to become active members of their communities, participate in decision-making processes, and advocate for sustainable practices.

The importance of education in achieving sustainable development goals is not limited to SDG 4 (Quality Education). The other 16 SDGs have an interdependent relationship with education. For example, SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) emphasizes the importance of health education to prevent diseases, SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) highlights the need for education on water conservation, and SDG 7 (Clean Energy) outlines the importance of training and education in renewable energy production.

### **•What is The Sustainable Development Goals?**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 goals and 169 targets adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. One of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN in September 2015 is Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4 or Global Goal 4), which is about high-quality education. They are a blueprint for achieving a more sustainable and equitable

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world, covering a wide range of economic, social, and environmental issues. The SDGs aim to end poverty and hunger, promote sustainable economic growth, reduce inequality, protect the planet, and create peaceful and just societies. They build upon the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and integrate economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The 17 SDGs are interlinked and interdependent, and achieving them requires collaborative and integrated efforts from governments, civil society, the private sector, and individuals at local, national, regional, and global levels. Most UN nations have agreed to adopt the new set of objectives and measures to guide their agendas and actions for the next 15 years. In 2020, there were about 12 million pre-primary schoolteachers, 33 million primary school teachers and 38 million secondary school teachers working in classrooms around the world, and 83 per cent of primary and secondary school teachers were trained.

## • **Essential role of education:**

Education enables individuals to acquire skills and knowledge that are necessary for creating more sustainable livelihoods and expanding economic opportunities. Moreover, education helps to promote social equity, reduce inequality, and enhance the quality of life for all members of society. Education fosters critical thinking, creativity, and innovation, which are essential for addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequality. Sustainable development education equips individuals with the ability to understand the interconnectedness of environmental, social, and economic systems, and to identify and evaluate strategies for achieving sustainable development goals. By promoting education as a key form of sustainable development, societies can ensure that future generations are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to create a more sustainable and just world.

Education also plays a key role in equipping individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to promote sustainable development. Education provides individuals with technical skills such as green energy production, climate data analysis, and resource-efficient agriculture, which can enable them to contribute to a more sustainable world. Moreover, education is critical in creating opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. It provides individuals with the tools and training needed to start new businesses, develop community-based projects, and foster innovation and entrepreneurship. Role of education is really important in promoting social inclusion, gender equality, and reduction in social inequalities, all critical in achieving a sustainable and equitable world.

## • **Type of learning method: blended learning:**

As well as having an important role in sustainable development, education has also teaching and learning methods. One of them is blended learning which is described as a mixture of online and offline (attending classes) learning. Blended teaching and learning, which combines traditional classroom instruction with online

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learning activities, has become increasingly popular in education. This approach provides a flexible and personalized learning experience that can enhance student engagement, improve learning outcomes, and promote more effective teaching practices. Blended learning also allows for more efficient use of classroom time, as online activities can be used for homework, self-paced learning, and formative assessment, while face-to-face instruction can be used for more interactive and collaborative learning experiences. Blended learning helps to address some of the difficulties facing traditional classroom instruction, such as limited resources, access to technology, and the need for individualized instruction.

However, successful implementation of blended learning requires careful planning, support, and training for both teachers and students. Teachers must develop new skills and strategies for online teaching, while students must be motivated and self-directed learners. Additionally, technology infrastructure and support must be in place to ensure reliable and effective online learning. Despite these challenges, the role of blended teaching and learning in education is increasingly important, as it has the potential to provide a more flexible, personalized, and effective approach to teaching and learning that can improve student outcomes and prepare them for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, education is a key driver of sustainable development. By creating awareness, imparting skills and knowledge, and promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, education contributes to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable world. Therefore, efforts must be made by governments, the private sector, and civil society to increase access to quality education, especially among marginalized communities, and integrate sustainable development goals into the education sector. This can be achieved through the establishment of sustainable development education policies, curriculum reform, teacher training, and engagement with the private sector and civil society. With the right approaches, education can become a powerful tool in promoting sustainable development around the world.

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