

The Impact of Sustainable Development on Higher Education

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ABSTRACT

Higher education institutions bear the responsibility of cultivating human capital that can drive progress toward global sustainable development goals. When we consider development to be sustainable, it encompasses access to respectable employment, high-quality healthcare, and education for all. The utilization of natural resources is conducted with mindfulness toward pollution and the avoidance of irreversible environmental damage. Moreover, public policy choices are crafted to guarantee equality and prevent discrimination or marginalization based on disadvantages or racial biases.

Keywords: generations, higher education, sustainable development.

اثر التنمية المستدامة على التعليم العالي

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المخلص

ان مؤسسات التعليم العالي تحمل مسؤولية صقل راس المال البشري الذي يساهم في التطور نحو تحقيق اهداف التنمية المستدامة العالمية. عندما نعتبر التطور هو تنمية فهذا يشمل الوصول الى التوظيف و عناية صحية بجودة عالية و التعليم للجميع. كما ان استخدام المصادر الطبيعية اجري بتركيز كامل للذهن للابتعاد عن التلوث وتجنب الاضرار بالبيئة. علاوة على ذلك, ان السياسة العامة وضعت لضمان المساواة ومنع التمييز والتهميش العرقي.

الكلمات المفتاحية: اجيال, التعليم العالي, التنمية المستدامة

The Impact of Sustainable Development on Higher Education

Sustainable development is the concept of satisfying the needs of the present without hindering the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The future of our societies and the planet hinges on the creation of a more sustainable existence.

Sustainability is akin to a precise equilibrium, requiring the simultaneous management of economic growth, social equity, and environmental conservation. A misstep in any of these areas can destabilize the entire system. For instance, economic growth that leads to persistent poverty and resource exhaustion is not sustainable.

The goal of sustainable development is to provide everyone with the opportunity for meaningful employment, high-standard healthcare, and education. It involves the careful stewardship of natural resources to reduce pollution and avert lasting damage to the environment, while ensuring that public policies do not lead to the exclusion or discrimination of any community.

Education is crucial in this process as it disseminates knowledge and fosters attitudes that support sustainable habits. This approach to education transcends mere technical know-how, offering a deep appreciation of vibrant communities and ecosystems.

Education is essential in guiding societies toward a sustainable future, especially in terms of caring for the environment. By working together across different sectors, education imparts the necessary skills, ideas, and instruments to diminish or eradicate practices that are not sustainable.

Furthermore, education is a vehicle for personal advancement and the reduction of inequalities, enabling individuals to realize their greatest potential. It lays the groundwork for societal advancement and is a catalyst for sustainable development. For example, a robust education system in Iraq can nurture self-reliance and analytical thinking among

the youth, giving them the power of financial independence and the capacity to make well-informed choices.

Higher education institutions have a profound and lasting influence on shaping mindsets towards sustainability. They play a critical role in molding attitudes. Promoting a culture of sustainability on campuses heightens awareness among faculty and the surrounding community. Higher education prepares the next generation of professionals whose contributions will significantly affect their fields and societal involvement. Demonstrating sustainable practices, such as reducing emissions, fostering biodiversity, and using resources efficiently, can encourage sustainable habits.

Additionally, access to quality higher education opens up new possibilities and provides stability for women and girls, leading to career growth or entrepreneurship. It improves the chances for young people to secure better jobs, pursue new paths, and achieve a stable foundation in life.

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