

DOMINANT FORCES BEHIND WORLD ISSUES

- world issues are shaped by two significant themes (forces), *globalization* and *sustainable development*

1) GLOBALIZATION

- common word, but meaning is ambiguous and consequences are not fully understood

- often associated with Marshall McLuhan's _____ – improved communication and transportation technology have caused distances to become smaller, as if it were a *village*

- _____

- not a new concept, however, it has become the dominant global framework since the cold war

Types:

- i. _____: gradual harmonization of world's culture, creating a global culture
- ii. _____: integrated market operations and economies including factors of production, consumption, and trade
- iii. _____: integration of international policies and regulation and institutions
- iv. _____: integrated financial systems (stock markets)
- v. _____: communications and computer technology increasing speed of information and idea flows

- vi. _____: belief in a global society with common standards and behaviours (universal values – e.g. human rights)

- vii. _____: interconnection of environment and ecological systems

- viii. _____: increasingly borderless world with common economic, political, cultural and environmental problems

2) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- associated in terms of the relationship between _____ and _____
- in response to global environmental problems, (1987) Bruntland Commission defined it as development that “ _____

_____”
- narrowly interpreted as economic development that does not degrade the functional integrity of the natural environment
- however, it is so broadly defined, that it is open to different interpretations – for example, it is used to justify actions of both economic growth and environmental protection

Reason for ambiguity:

Sustainable: ‘preserving over time’; what are we preserving?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Development: process of change for the better; what are we trying to change?

- _____ (e.g. economic growth)
- _____ (e.g. quality of life)

- In order for development to be sustainable, it must be consistent with the following four interdependent principles:

1. _____: protecting the material and process resources that support life and human activity
(E.g. _____)

2. _____: meet both material and non-material human needs
(E.g. _____)

3. _____: greater self-reliance; emphasis on local economy and community, and democratic processes

4. _____: equitable distribution of costs and benefits of development; inter and intra-generational equity; and equal opportunity in the pursuit of individual well-being