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# Modern technology as part of sustainable development

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### Sustainable development =

- Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- Balancing of economic, social, environmental, and technological considerations as well as the incorporation of a set of ethical values.



- Local, regional and global environmental degradations
  - Loss of biodiversity
  - Greenhouse gas emissions
  - Worldwide deforestation
  - Urban air pollution
  - Acid rain
  - Shortage of water
- Great uncertainties about the causes and effects of global environmental changes
- Severe consequences for national economies, human health, and quality of life



#### Opportunities offered by rapid technological change

- Accelerating and monitoring progress towards sustainable development
- Improving food security, nutrition and agricultural development
- Promoting energy access and efficiency
- Enabling economic diversification and transformation, productivity and competitiveness
- Promoting social inclusion
- Confronting disease and improving health
- Improving access to educational learning and resources



## Transformation and disruptive potential of rapid technological change

- Automation, labour markets and employment
- Socioeconomic divides
- Normative considerations



### Directing rapid technological change to support sustainable development

- Global technology foresight and assessment for rapid technological change
- Inclusive discourse on the normative dimension of rapid technological change



## Technological innovation and sustainability = challenging task

- Calls for: Changes in attitude of the scientific community
  - Increased awareness in the population
  - Development of monitoring and forecasting
  - Value placed on ethics and social responsibility