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**9th Symposium on Sustainable Development:
Theories, Strategies & Global Governance Systems**

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As in the eight previous Symposia, we shall adhere to the definition of Sustainable Development adopted by the World Commission on Environment and Development in *Our Common Future* (1987) in order to avoid unnecessary confusion. “Sustainable Development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Also, Sustainable Development is “a process of change in which the exploitation of resources, the direction of investment, the orientation of technological development, and institutional change are made consistent with future as well as present needs.”

Also, based on the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, the definition is broadened to read: Sustainable Development is built on three interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars – economic development, social development and environmental protection – which must be established at local, national, regional and global levels. Interpreted consistently, Sustainable Development is a long-term process of balanced socioeconomic development as well as comprehensive human development, harmonious with protection and enhancement of the global environment.

Approaches to Sustainable Development can be related, for example, to the following:

- Our common future
- Culture of peace
- Human ethos
- Modern capitalism
- Market system
- Cultural enrichment and diversity
- Employment
- International trade
- Income distribution
- Personal and spiritual development
- Paradigm shift
- Population explosion
- Roles of mass media, business, government and NGO
- Global governance systems, and so on.

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