

Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development



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The world is facing a number of unprecedented challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion. These challenges are threatening our ability to meet the needs of present and future generations. In order to address these challenges, we need to move beyond a focus on traditional economic growth and instead focus on sustainable development.

Sustainable development is a development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is about creating a more just and equitable world, while also protecting the environment.

The Limits to Growth

The traditional view of economic growth is that it is a good thing. However, there are a number of reasons to believe that this view is no longer valid. First, there are physical limits to growth. The Earth's resources are finite, and we cannot continue to grow our economies indefinitely without running into these limits.

Second, there are social and environmental limits to growth. Economic growth can lead to a number of negative social and environmental impacts, such as pollution, poverty, and inequality. These impacts can undermine the well-being of present and future generations.

The Need for a New Economic Paradigm

The traditional view of economic growth is no longer sustainable. We need to move beyond a focus on GDP and instead focus on a broader range of indicators, such as well-being, environmental sustainability, and social justice.

There are a number of different ways to measure well-being. One common approach is to use the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI). The GPI is a measure of economic progress that takes into account a number of social and environmental factors, such as health, education, and environmental quality.

Environmental sustainability is another important indicator of progress. We need to find ways to reduce our impact on the environment, while also ensuring that we have access to the resources we need to meet our needs.

Social justice is also an important indicator of progress. We need to create a more just and equitable world, where everyone has the opportunity to

reach their full potential.

Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development is a book that challenges the traditional view of economic growth as the primary goal of society. The book argues that we need to move beyond a focus on GDP and instead focus on a broader range of indicators, such as well-being, environmental sustainability, and social justice.

The book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in sustainability and the future of our planet.



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