



Sustainable Development and the Environment: An agenda for all Canadians

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Summary

The environment is an agenda item that politicians are increasingly unable to avoid. This issue is not a new one and, over the years, it has become one of great international concern. From the Stockholm UN conference on Human Environment held in 1972 to today with the UN's extensive [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and 2030 Agenda, the human population's impact on the environment has become increasingly relevant on the world stage, and now, something that can no longer be ignored. But what is it that has finally forced politicians and the public to take notice? And are they doing so in a meaningful way?

We live in a society where politics mingles with environmental issues and solutions have been muddled by competing voices with opposing claims, conflicting interests, and real-time economic considerations. And with a federal election for Canada looming just around the corner, all parties have something to say about how to broach the issues of climate change and the environment, all while preserving jobs and industry. In this short workshop, Honourable Thomas Mulcair, professor, political commentator and former leader of the New Democratic Party, will take participants on a journey through the evolution of the concept of sustainable development, the opposition such development has faced, and the path forward that will be necessary for true change. On January 25th, join Mr. Mulcair to discuss a real agenda for change and the ways in which Canadians can look ahead to the future for policies and development that will have a more positive and sustainable impact for the environment.

Outline

Sustainable Development

- What is it?
- How has it evolved and where are we now?

Canada's Role and Position

- Changes at home
- The international influence

Proposals for Change

- What has been suggested?
- What can Canada actually do?
- Getting on the agenda



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