

COURSE OVERVIEW

Concept of sustainable development was formulated by the U.N. Commission on Environment and Development in 1987 and broadly accepted by political leaders in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 (178 member states of the U.N. participated). In this course principles of sustainable development will be discussed, as well as key pillars: human values compatible with sustainable living, economic instruments, technologies for sustainable development, institutions. Another issue covered in this course will be relations between key sectors of economy and sustainable development (energy, transport, agriculture). In the end also some examples of implementing principles of sustainable development will be demonstrated (Local Agenda 21, national strategies of sustainable development) as well as indicators measuring our progress towards sustainable development.