

## **SUSTAINABILITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The twentieth century was one in which the social, economic and political debate on environmental sustainability became a world concern. The issues surrounding sustainability were canvassed at local, regional and international fora. The United Nations became a rallying point and an umpire regulating the terms for engaging interest in world summits on sustainability. The debate on sustainability resonated with the world at the precipice of climate change at the turn of the century. The debate has centred on whether there could be economic growth without compromising environmental sustainability. This is the key issue examined in this paper.

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