

Sustainable Development; a Multi-Facet Approach

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Abstract

A multi-facet approach to understanding sustainable development provides a platform that is used to understand the complex development needs of a continent such as Africa. The continent's vast and distinguishable border territories, split border communities and complex border accessibility continue to be a burden for her border citizens that face the under-fulfilled promotion of human security, human development and the inadequate promotion of human rights. With these three variables identified as necessary to attain human fulfillment, there is the need to understand and investigate their triangular relationship, which is established as crucial in the promotion of human growth and development. This is the multi-facet approach towards understanding sustainable development. Using the case study of Mandera County and Belet Xaawo district, Gedo Region, Somalia it is noted that restricted movement across the border leads to a decline in economic entrepreneurship and infrastructural development. Mechanisms therefore, need to be put in place to cater for the growing nomad, pastoralists and urban settlers that move and settle across both territories. Simply put, stable peace and governance mechanisms coupled with development plans that accord all beneficiaries their human rights lead to the promotion of Sustainable development.

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