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**Title:** *Towards Sustainable Development in the Arctic*

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The challenges faced by and in the Arctic have increased significantly and have become more visible over the years. Greater knowledge has been accumulated about the impact of globalisation and climate change as well as of the opportunities they bring for the Arctic region.

The standard approach to a background document to a meeting of Arctic country might have been to survey sustainable development. But is the Arctic need sustainable development? First, this paper examines the paradigm of sustainable development in some detail. Second, it suggests that, in the Arctic Inuit People live with their traditional way. The concept of sustainable development is not opposite to their culture.

It further suggests that a key test of sustainability as a principle to guide public and private decision making lies in what it means for and delivers to Inuit People, and it notes the agenda of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS) task force on sustainability with this in mind

Finally, it proposes that the long planned action by International Organization should reinforce the impressive work on sustainability being conducted under AEPS