

The Human Rights Principle for Sustainable Development Governance

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Sustainable development is impossible without a continuous respect and care for the implementation of human rights

as made explicit in

- the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- the human rights-related principles of the Rio Declaration and acknowledges the many other rights-related declarations that have emerged since then.

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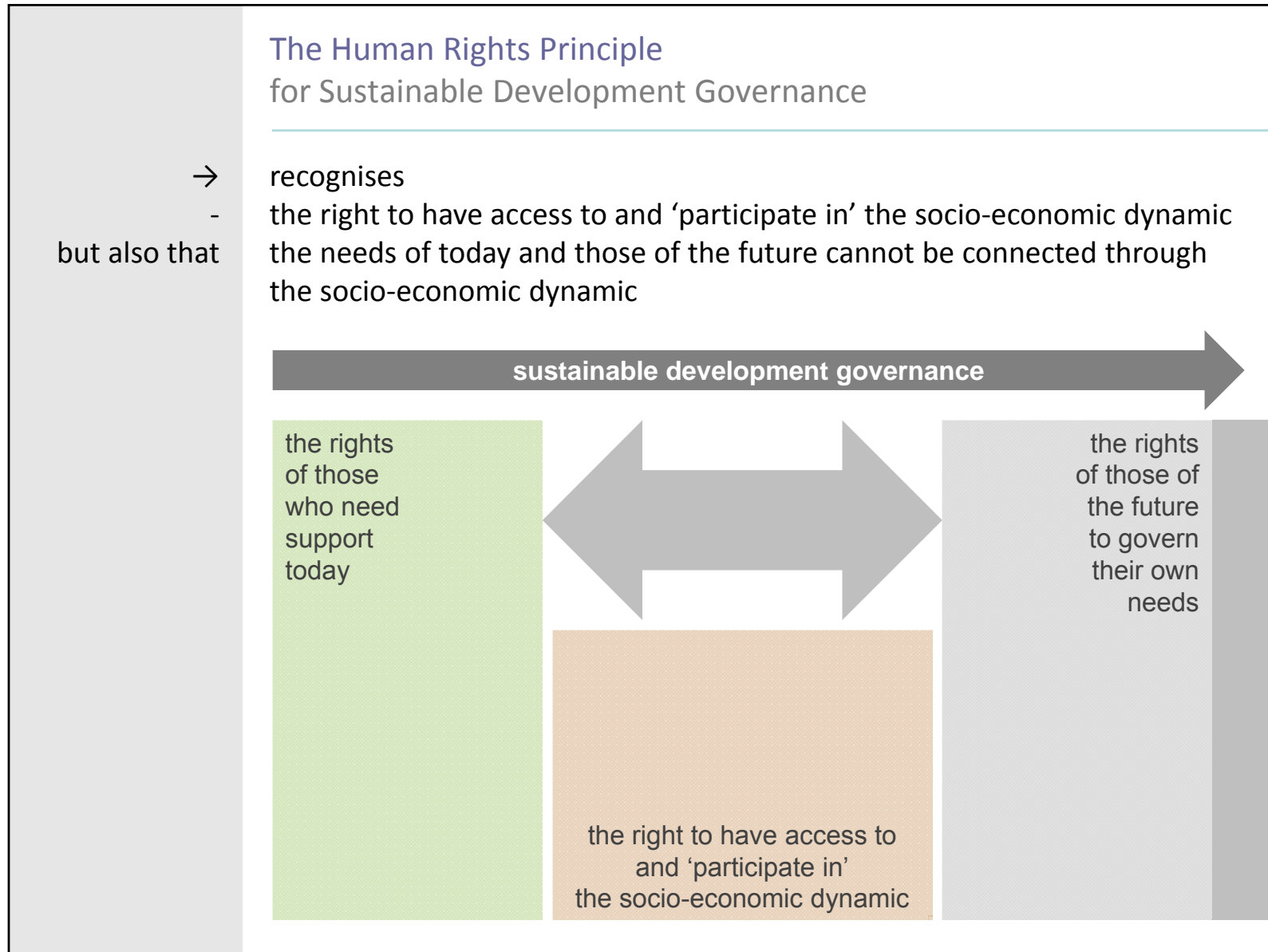
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These considerations are the basis for the formulation of a **human rights principle for sustainable development governance**





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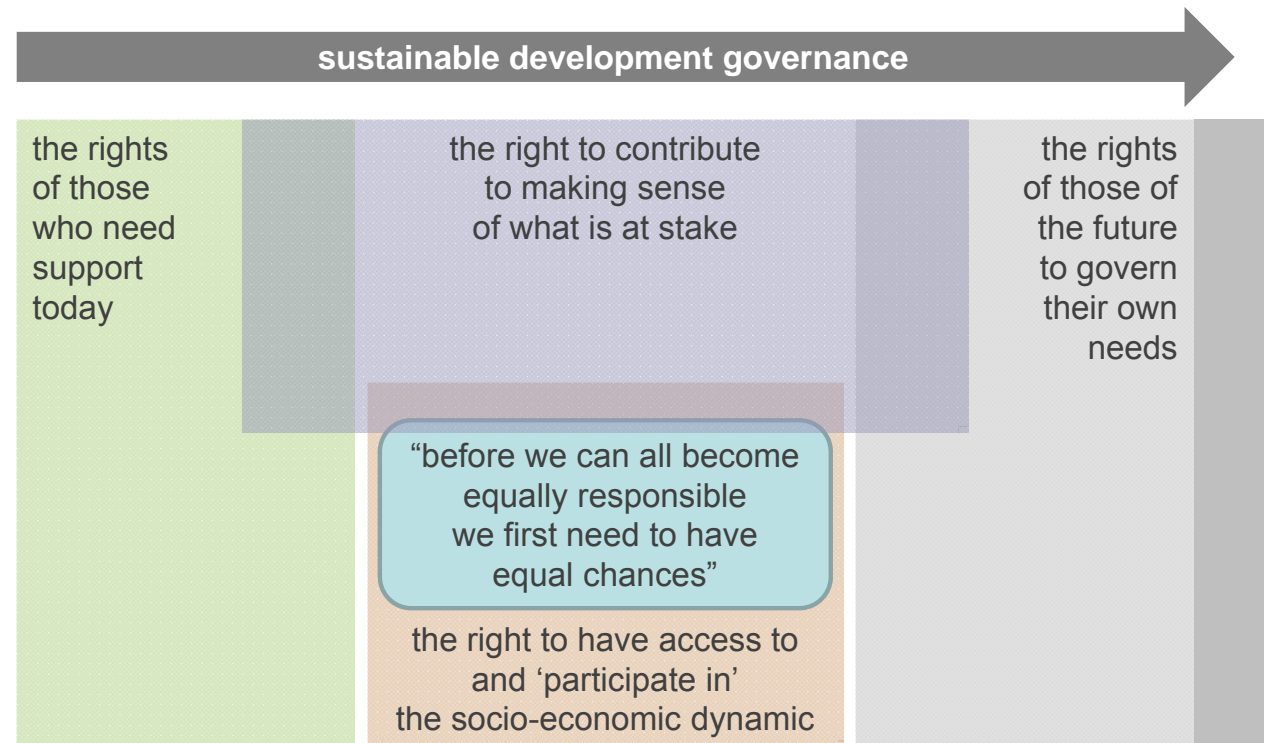
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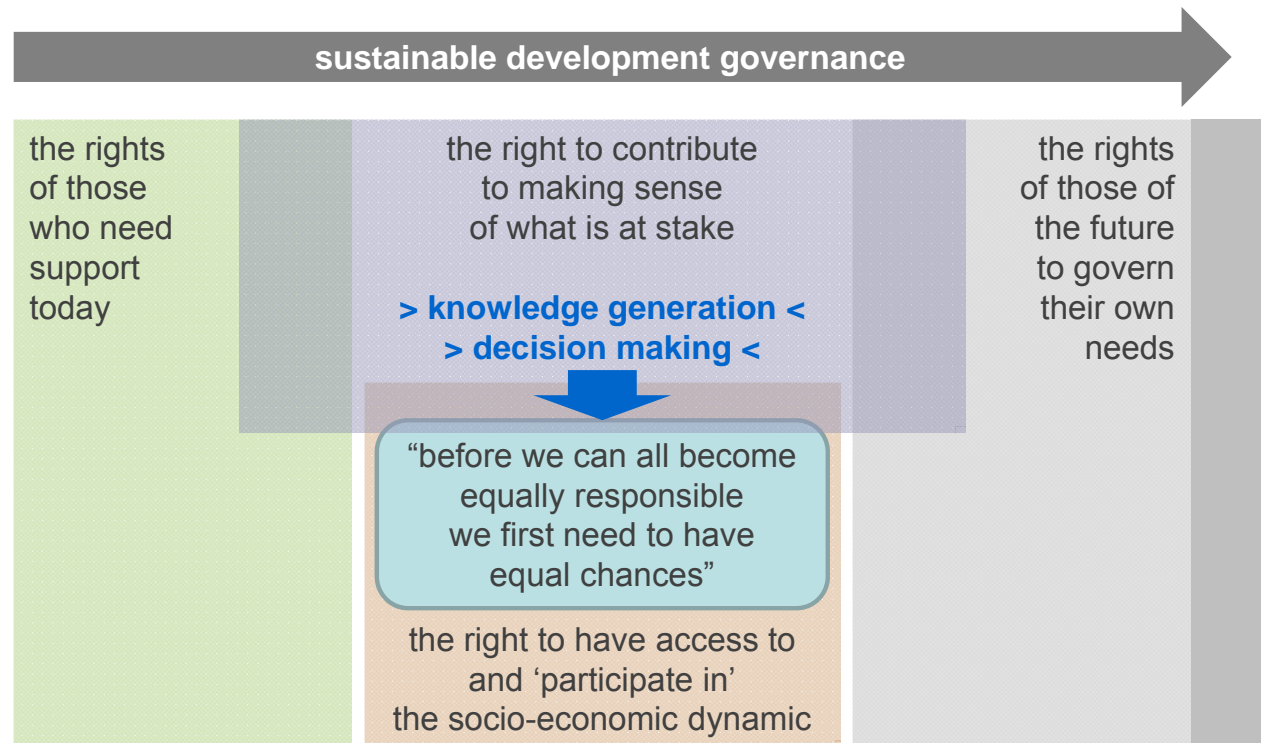
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The principles that underpin
a human rights based approach to sustainable development governance

relate to the possibility to protect, enable and stimulate
the full potential of the human being for sustainable development
governance.

This implies

Principle 1 the right **to be protected from** unjust excrescences of the global socio-economic dynamic and the right **to have access to** and participate in the global socio-economic dynamic;

Principle 2 the right **to participate in** policy-supportive knowledge generation and deliberation for sustainable development governance;

Principle 3 the right of future generations **to enjoy** own freedoms of choice in deliberating sustainable development governance.

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... or thus the need to enable, organise and foster

- free, open and pluralist education
- transdisciplinary and inclusive research
- inclusive decision making

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a way	to meaningfully approach the following discussion points
<u>1</u>	the meaning of the right to have equal access to basic needs (water, food, energy, shelter, ...)
tension	solidary social support ↔ the dynamic of an open and fair market
<u>2</u>	the meaning of shared but differentiated responsibilities between N and S
<u>3</u>	the meaning of the 'rights of nature' and the relation with human rights
tension tension	idea of 'rights of nature' dillutes ↔ strenghtens human rights connecting rights to responsibilities
→	human well-being →← the well-being of nature and our earth as such”
<u>4</u>	the meaning of the rights of future generations
tension	protecting future generations ↔ enabling future generations to take of themselves