



Global Solutions Conversations

Session 2: Sustainability & Design Thinking
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Session Overview

In Session 2, participants will continue their binational dialogue from Session 1 and dive deeper into understanding sustainability and design thinking.

- ❖ By the end of this session participants will be able to:
- ✓ Describe sustainability and explain the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ Describe the five steps of the design thinking process and how it is used today.

Note: All ideas are welcome as this is a time for us to learn from one another and create a safe space for dialogue. If you don't feel you can share, that is ok. Share only what you are comfortable sharing. Also, make sure to be appropriate, respectful, and professional in our discussions.



Pre-Session Assignment?

- Watch the video “We the People’ for The Global Goals’ (2:58) (English) or ‘An Introduction to Goals’ (2:15) (Arabic)
- Watch the video ‘What is Design Thinking?’ (1:54)



Group Discussion – Ice Breaker

ACTIVITY 1: Cultural Icebreaker Activity – The Story of Your Name

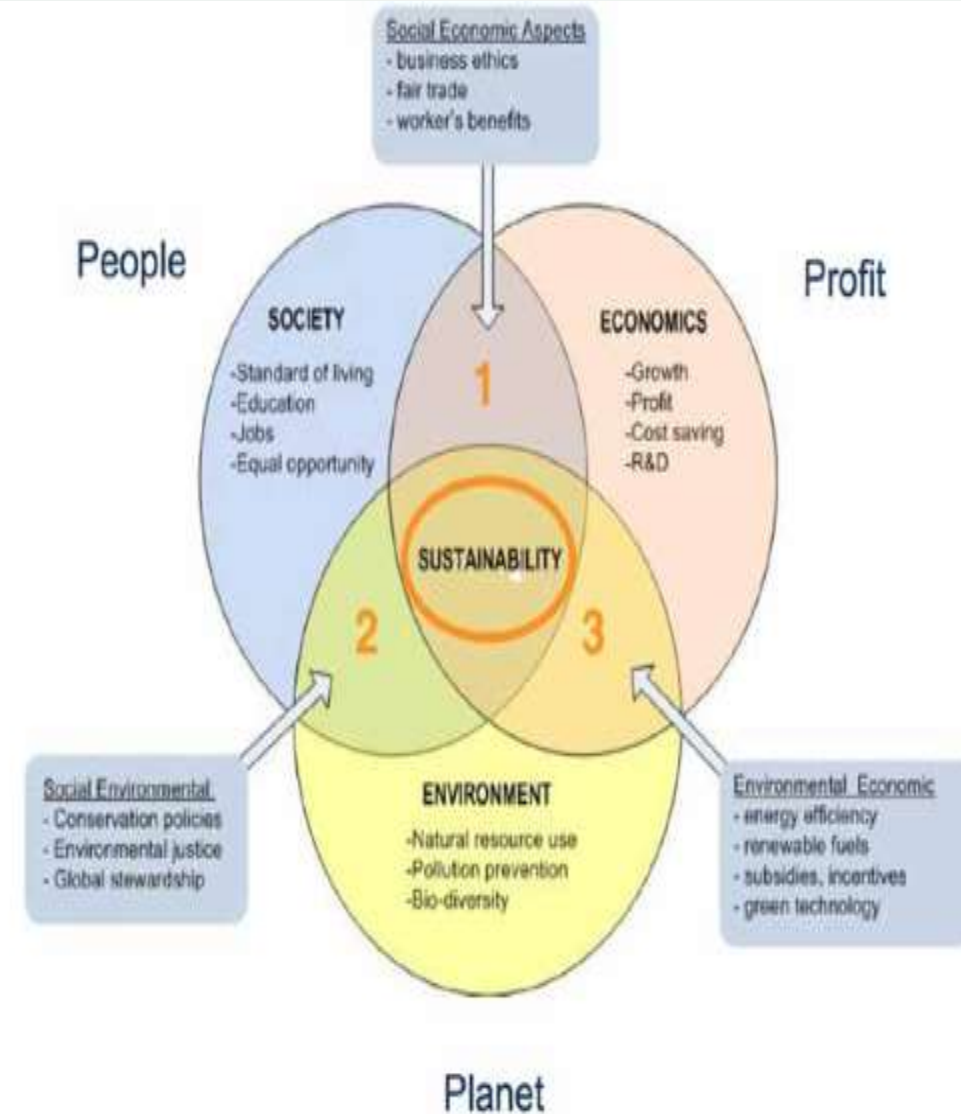
It is time to get to know your group members! Each of us has a unique name, often with a story of how we were given that name, or a special meaning for that name.

- Volunteer to share the following (either verbally or in the chat box):
 - What is the story of your name?
 - What does your name mean?



ACTIVITY 2: The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

During Session 1, you discussed sustainability and the three pillars. The image provides examples of sustainable actions related to the different pillars. To achieve true sustainability, we need to balance economic, social, and environmental sustainability factors in equal harmony.



The UN Global Compact defines a sustainable business as “operating in ways that meet fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption.”² Sustainable businesses contribute to sustainable development, a mode of economic growth defined by the UN. The UN’s 17 SDGs are depicted in the graphic³ below. Over the next several weeks, you will brainstorm an idea to meet a need in your community related to one of the SDGs.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Watch the video: “We the People’ for The Global Goals’ (2:58)



Question 1: Why do you think sustainability is important today in your community and the world?

ACTIVITY 3: The Design Thinking Process

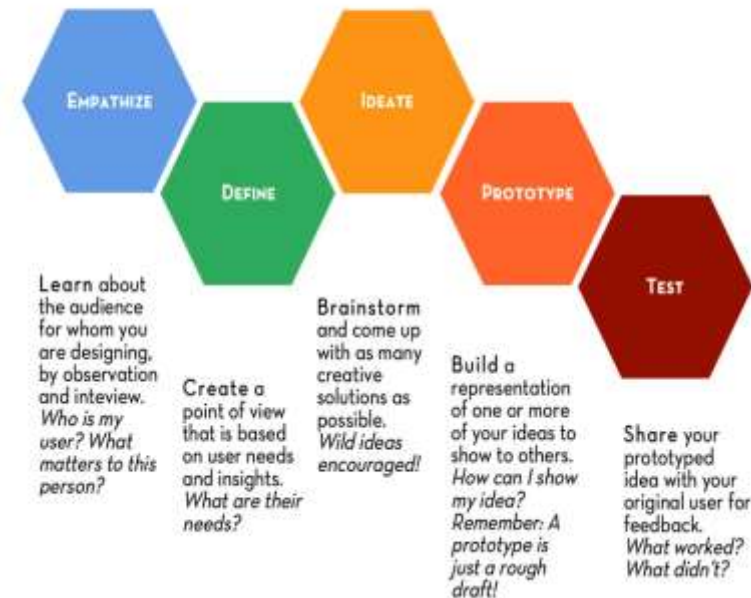
- Design thinking is, at its core, a human-centered process. It is a way of thinking that ensures that new solutions to current problems truly meet the needs of the people for whom they are created. This leads to better products and services that are desirable, feasible, and viable.
- When you sit down to create a solution for a need, the first question should always be, 'What is the human need?'
- Watch the video: 'What is Design Thinking?' (1:54)



Questions?

- Question 1: Why do you think design thinking is an important skill to develop?
- Question 2: Is it important for the workforce? How could it be used in the field you are studying?

We are all DESIGNERS!



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WRAP UP – Thoughts?

- Were these ideas challenging at all?
- Were they new to you?

Word Cloud:

- What was a highlight of this session? (ie. One thing you learned?)
- Go to [mentimeter.com](https://www.mentimeter.com) and enter the code

- Or use the QR code to the right

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