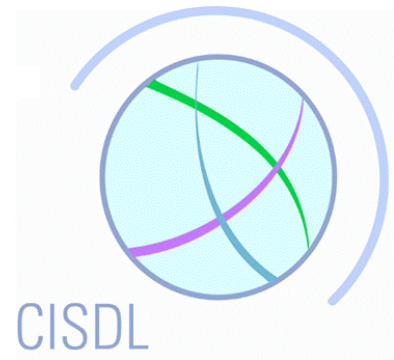


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- 1) 1982: decade after Stockholm Declaration.
 - a) Significance of the Declaration is that it is the foundation of modern international environmental law. The Declaration has served as basis for subsequent legally binding instruments re international environment law
- 2) Since the Declaration, there has been an increasing awareness of economic and environmental development and its interrelatedness
- 3) The 1987 Brundtland Commission projected the concept of sustainable development; that is, to develop without prejudicing future generations. The Brundtland Commission began a principled approach to use of resources and technology for both environmental protection and development.
- 4) 1992: Rio: Global Conference
 - a) Here, the stage was already set to take an integrated view to
 - i) Protect the environment, and
 - ii) Maintain/increase development
 - b) Declaration was adopted by consensus
 - i) Previously, most issues dealing with the global economy were not adopted by consensus; thus, this declaration was a huge step forward
 - c) Main principle of the Declaration:
 - i) Central to development are human beings
 - (1) This principle became the integrating idea: thus, the three pillars of SD: the economic, social and environmental pillars should be developed or implemented with a central focus on human beings
 - ii) Sustainable development also calls for striking a balance between claims of environment and humanity: Sustainable Justice focuses on this balance (and this is the focus of this conference)