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THE NECESSITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN UKRAINIAN CITIES

The concept of sustainable development takes its origins in the 1970s; its development has led to the creation of international non-governmental scientific organizations on studying the global processes on the Earth. The Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972 established the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and marked the participation of the international community at the national level in solution of environmental problems, which have become the restrictive factor for socio-economic development. Since 1980 the world comes to understand the need to move to the “development without destruction”.

In 1987, in the report “Our Common Future” of the World Commission on Environment and Development “sustainable development” was defined as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

The theme of sustainable development is the subject of discussion at

the meetings and conferences of the highest level. The ideas of sustainable development became the basis for the formation of the Millennium Development Goals. One of the main tasks is the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at the local level and creation of conditions for sustainable development of cities and towns. The importance of cities as centers of cultural, economic, scientific and social life, supported by the influence of rapid urbanization, should be mentioned too.

Ukraine declared the support for the concept of sustainable development by adaptation of the Millennium Development Goals to its own needs. However, the process of implementation of sustainable development tasks at the local level is quite slow.

Therefore, it is necessary to implement the ideas of sustainable development in Ukrainian cities with the active support of local communities, businesses, government and international organizations, in active cooperation and networking with other cities.