

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Revisiting the Sustainability Timeline

Sustainability has been influenced by various cultures and thinkers beyond the European and American contexts. The traditional sustainability narrative is predominantly Western-focused, overlooking significant non-Western contributions.

1. Sustainability is more than protecting the environment. It encompasses the iterative improvement of our economic systems, socioeconomic development, governance, and more.
2. Sustainability is not static. It varies across cultures, geographies, governance systems, and developmental stages. There is no “one size fits all” approach to sustainability.
3. Ultimately, recognising non-Western perspectives on sustainability is crucial for creating effective global solutions that take into account different perspectives and desired outcomes.