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The Sustainable Development Goals –group 1

The Human focus

1   Poverty - End poverty in all its forms everywhere

2   Food - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

3   Health - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

4   Education - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all Women

5   Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

6   Water - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

7   Energy - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

The Sustainable Development Goals –group 2

Economic and environmental priorities

8 Economy - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

9 Inequality - Reduce inequality within and among countries

10 Habitation - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

11 Consumption - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

12 Climate - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

13 Marine-ecosystems - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

14 Ecosystems - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

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Peace, institutions and international links

15 Infrastructure - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable **and inclusive institutions** at all levels

17 Sustainability - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Development –can Sri Lanka be a model for implementing the SDGs?

The Foundations five areas for research

1. **The role of the state in development, income distribution and reduction of inequality**

2. **The sources of economic growth and Sri Lanka in the global value chain.**

3. **Human capital for very high human development-the Sri Lanka model for higher education**

4. **The Sri Lankan model of urban development and empowerment at the local level**

5. **The social and demographic dimension- female participation, gender equality, role of family and aging.**

What is Human Development?

A paradigm focused on

● Putting people at the centre of development

● More analytically, "Broadening human choices and strengthening human capabilities"

See A.K.Sen *Development as Democracy* & *The Idea of Justice*

   Sakiko Fukuda Parr & Shiva Kumar(ed), *Readings in Human Development*

   Severine Deneulin (ed) *An Introduction to the Human Development and Capability Approach*(Earthscan) 2009

More specifically HD means

- Well-being: expanding people's real freedoms
    - so that people can flourish

- Empowerment and agency: enabling people and groups to act and drive valuable outcomes

- Justice and Human Rights–expanding equity, diminishing inequalities, sustaining outcomes over time and respecting human rights and other social goals

See *HDR 2010*, p22

Actions to reduce inequality

Economic structure and growth
- – Alter direction of technological change
- – Strengthen competition policy to control monopolies
- – Set unemployment target and guarantee public employment

Redistribution with Growth strategy
- – Establish income policy and minimum wage
- – Tax policy – progressive income tax and property taxes
- – Very rich should pay inheritance tax

Social policy for children and poorest
- – Establish child benefits, with incentives for attending clinics and school
- – Social benefits for poorest and older persons.

Thank you

– I look forward to reactions!

The Sustainable Development Goals –group 2