

Development as Service

A Happiness, Ubuntu and Buen Vivir
interdisciplinary view of the
Sustainable Development Goals

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Drie wereldvisies

- (Zuid) Afrika: Ubuntu- I am because we are / collectivistische levensvisie
- Ecuador: Buen Vivir - inheemse Good Living/ biocentrische levensvisie
- Bhutan: Gross National Happiness –harmonie/ introspectie/empathie - Bhuddistische levensvisie

Perspective on	SDGs	Happiness	Ubuntu	Buen Vivir
SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Universalist</u>: Accepted by all UN member states with consultations of civil society and business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Upbeat</u>: GNH is better, goes beyond and incorporates SDGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Pragmatist</u>: Please the global North while doing your own thing locally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Polemic</u>: SDGs are called mental masturbation Intellectual and <u>pachamamist Buen Vivir</u> against SDGs
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Leave no one behind</u> Goals are integrated, interrelated, indivisible Human rights based approach 5P's: (peace, prosperity, planet, people, partnership) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Respect all beings</u> 'Buddha field': interdependence includes metaphysical Non-duality/Middle path based on Buddhism 8thfold path of self-development & compassion 4 pillars of GNH: 1st culture, identity & spirituality, 2nd socio-economic policies, 3rd harmony with nature, 4th good governance and decentralization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Life is mutual aid</u> '<u>Seriti</u>'(field) - interdependence includes metaphysical Humaneness in action/motion and collective human rights People First (<u>Batho Pele</u>) where people includes past, present and future generations of communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Let mother earth lead</u> '<u>Chakana</u>' - interdependence includes metaphysical=IRCR* <u>Biocentric</u> rights of nature approach Good living in harmony with nature, <u>Plurinationality</u>, <u>Interculturality</u> <p><i>*Integrality, relationality complementarity, reciprocity</i></p>
<u>Develop</u> <u>Ment</u>	<u>Sustainable growth</u> =development/progress	<u>Inner peace & harmony</u> with nature/others (incorporating sustainable development)	<u>Human relations</u> including with past/future generations which are connected to earth/nature as part of community (I am because we are) (replacing sustainable development)	<u>Biocentric intersubjective relations</u> (good living) (alternative to and against sustainable development)
Goals vs Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Goal oriented result based management</u> (with elements of process thinking) Vertical (upward linear progress) <u>Doing</u> what is good for yourself (and the other) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Goal + Process</u> Vertical (progress in developing self) /Horizontal (harmony) <u>Contemplating</u> self and other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Process/ reciprocal</u> Horizontal <u>Feeling</u> engagement with the other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Process/Horizontal/ Reciprocal/Cyclical/ Spiral</u> (<u>Sumak Kawsay</u>)* <u>Being</u> in harmony with universe * (<i>contradiction with government <u>Buen Vivir</u> goal setting</i>)

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Priority Goals	All 17	Climate change (13), protection of nature (esp. 15) and peaceful mind/mental health/wellbeing (3) & <u>General balance</u> : of socio-economic rights, good governance, culture, nature (4 pillars of GNH)	First 5 social goals and inclusive societies (16)* and partnership/means of implementation (17) & <u>general focus</u> on socio-economic rights, people first and restorative justice (absent in goals) * <i>in contradiction to the official South African position</i>	No goal especially not goal 8 (growth) as system is not <u>biocentric</u> ; support goals as <u>intermediary</u> step to prioritize nature as our mother/father on which we depend & <u>General focus</u> on nature rights and socio economic rights
Missing (inter alia)	Many goals did not make it to the final shortlist because of the efforts to come to a consensus	Community vitality Culture/heritage/identity Spirituality/nature of reality Interdependence	Community/collective values; diversity; wholeness	Community including nature; <u>Plurinationality</u> ; <u>Interculturality</u> ; Identity in nature/earth Spiritual nature-culture
Leadership style see 12.3.1.5	<u>King</u> : the one who achieves individual power first and then helps the people (<i>Global Governance systems based on patriarchal power system lead by G7/G8</i>) combined with notions of <u>Servant-leadership</u> enabling others to perform better	<u>Boddhisatva leader</u> <u>shepherding</u> (following behind) his people with wisdom/compassion	<u>Boatman</u> : Leader and followers empower each other (going in front taking the others with)	<u>Seven generation leadership council</u> (collective leadership)