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Over the last two decades, the world has been shifting towards sustainable development that takes into account the relationship between nature, the economy and society. This concept emerged at the end of the 20th century, during an ongoing ecological crisis, acute environmental problems, an energy trap, and various social problems. Today, sustainable development is an intrinsic element not only of environmental policy, but also socioeconomic policy and various socioeconomic development strategies, on the global, national, regional, and local scales. Sustainable development is supported primarily by the awareness of future problems related to nature and its resources, the economy, and society. Its implementation raises many questions: for example, the emergence of the concept of sustainable energy. A broad explanation of this concept is hard to identify. Sustainable energy is usually identified by the use of renewable energy sources (RES), but this approach should be considered an oversimplification.

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