



Human Development in the Anthropocene: Rethinking Sustainability

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Dear Colleagues,

We live a moment of deep changes in our Earth systems and social systems. The impact of human activities on the Earth is such that a new geological epoch – the Anthropocene – has been proposed to recognise the massive changes we are inflicting on our planet. Climate change, biodiversity loss and ocean acidification point to an unprecedented moment in our 200,000 years as a species and in the 4.6 billion years of the Earth. A moment when human activity is becoming a dominant force shaping key processes of our planet. These human-led impacts are already eroding opportunities for many, deepening existing cleavages across groups of people, and, on current paths and without decisive action, will curtail opportunities for future generations. Both our notions of human development and sustainability must be recasted looking forward.

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