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## A public actor awareness for sustainable development

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### Abstract

Algeria, a developing country, introduced the concept of sustainable development into its urban policy since 2001, as a culture and a way of thinking and acting, also by taking into account human, economic and environmental balances. More than fourteen years ago, the law related to sustainable development was officially promulgated, one of the major stakes is to adapt the public actors and their skills to this new concept, to make them understand to well apply and practice it with an adequate behavior. The modes of action of these public actors are fundamentally conditioned by the legal and regulatory texts and the directives of policy makers, but what is their own understanding of this concept?

The integration of sustainable development in government, requires a great degree of consciousness, we are trying to measure in order to know its effect on sustainable development implementation in Algeria. Indeed, in this article we try to propose solutions and develop appropriate tools to implement them in the service of the effective and efficient integration of sustainable development in public action.

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## 1. Introduction

Sustainable development finds its birth in the Algerian policy of the planning of the cities and the regional planning at the time of the second Summit of the ground in 2000. Several legislative texts integrate new urban principals founded on the concepts of equity, environmental durability, and economic efficiency.

This policy was translated in the creation of a new ministry devoted to the Regional planning and the Environment and new services decentralized (various directions of the environment of Province, the regional inspection of the environment) as well as many intermediate authorities (Coast Commission, National agency of the climate changes, Fund of Control of Energy, Funds of Management Integrated of Water resources..... etc).

The omnipresent of these political actors requires the ecological awareness in their development policy for the possible most rational use of the natural resources.

Before approaching the solutions and the necessary tools with the realization of the environmental policy, it is useful to follow the following stages:

- To define two concepts essential to our work, Awareness and sustainable development;
- To point out some historical reference marks of the Algerian policy as regards sustainable development like identifying the public actors concerned by environmental management;
- To start talks near some public administrations with an aim of knowing the level of awareness of these actors.

### Nomenclature

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| A | Introduction   |
| B | Awareness and sustainable development                                  |
| C | Public actors of the environment and the legislative aspect in Algeria |
| D | Survey and results   |
| E | Analysis, Conclusion and Recommendations                               |

## 2. Awareness and sustainable development:

The sustainable development term was created by the UICN in its world strategy of conservation (1980) to indicate a form of development which respects the environment<sup>†</sup>, it is a development which aims at improving the standard of living of the man, without compromising natural environment.

<sup>†</sup> PR.Ewa Berezowska-Azzag (2011). Urban project, knowing the context of sustainable development (1<sup>st</sup>ed). Algeria: urban collection, 14-155.

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