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Sustainable development continues to be the key idea around which environment and development are structured. This extensively revised third edition continues to provide a concise, accessible introduction to the ideas behind, and the practices flowing from the notion of sustainable development with a particular focus on the developing world.

The new edition has been extensively updated to highlight recent developments in both theory and practice. In particular, the theoretical framework underpinning the book has been strengthened, and recent activity regarding the developing indicators of sustainable development is comprehensively reviewed. Specific attention is now given to the significance of geography and place.

Containing a wealth of new case studies from across the globe, discussion questions, guides for further reading and a detailed glossary, this text provides an invaluable introduction to the characteristics, challenges and opportunities of sustainable development.