

Theme 1: Sustainable development and information-and-memory preservation

Questions

1. Do we agree that making an effort to enable future generations to make their own informed decisions can be a principle for sustainable development?
 - Is this principle already supported in sustainable development literature?
 - If not, which are arguments in favour and against including this principle as one of the principles of sustainable development?
 - Can we cite accepted ethical principles that support this principle?
 - Can we cite practices/agreements of any sort that support this principle?
 - If it has not, why has this principle not been generally recognized as a principle for sustainable development up to now?
2. Should this principle be formalised in legislation?
 - Why yes or no?
 - What are the possibilities to formalise the principle in legislation?)
 - How to open a broader discussion on this issue?
 - How to raise this issue and to whom?
3. In the specific case of environmental safety and (physical) security legacies:
 - Do we agree with the recommendation to maintain oversight of any long-term legacy for as long as practicable?
 - Should the relevant institutions have in their mandate that they do not plan for ending oversight, while planning for the case of oversight being lost? What are the target institutions?
 - What are examples of environmental safety legacies?
 - What are examples of (physical) security legacies?
4. Is it a shared view that:
 - any strategy for the preservation of oversight (records, knowledge and memory, RK&M) should integrate the possibility of discontinuities in the future?
 - when it comes to memory preservation, the reliability of the current “rolling present” approach has a decreasing value with time and other complementary approaches need to be employed if reliability of oversight is to be kept high?
 - varying levels of oversight that can be used for to different time scales?
5. To whom should the results of the discussions and possible recommendations on this theme be communicated?