

just about science and technology. Human skills like creativity, leadership and empathy will be in demand.

- Take action. There is no one future-proof career, only better options for you. Determine how to get to the ‘next better thing’.

- Make decisions based on purpose and values. Build a future-looking understanding of how humans and machines might collaborate to deliver your corporate purpose.

Thus, one can say that the development of automation enabled by technologies including robotics and artificial intelligence brings the promise of higher productivity (and with productivity, economic growth), increased efficiencies, safety, and convenience. But these technologies also raise difficult questions about the broader impact of automation on jobs, skills, wages, and the nature of work itself.

No one can predict exactly what's in store for business in the future. However, by monitoring current trends, it's possible to prepare your business now for possibilities that will very likely become realities in the near future.

SECTION 2. MODERN TRENDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY IN BELARUS

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REALIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY THE CUSTOMS BODIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

The existence of man in the modern world is characterized by the desire of constant economic growth and the consecutive destruction of the ecological system. In pursuit of benefits, aspects that play more important role than well-being are lost. Blindly following the path of building productive capacities, mankind does not rise to a new stage of development, but overgrows with problems that are global in nature and require an integrated approach to the solution. Such a solution is the implementation of the concept of sustainable development.

Sustainable development is a complex of three fundamental spheres of functioning of the world economy as a whole, and the organization of the life of a single person: economic, social and environmental. This becomes clear if one takes a simple example such as the relationship between the spheres in organization of the enterprise. The main goal of any producer is to obtain maximum profit, which contributes to the replenishment of the revenue side of the state budget of the country (realization of the

economic component) and allows increasing the incomes of workers, helping to improve the living standards and providing employment (social sphere), that allows, for example, creating a technologically closed production cycle, using facilities for capturing harmful emissions into the atmosphere, treatment facilities (environmental dimension). However, in the case of an unbalanced approach when one of these elements is not implemented, the enterprise will be either unprofitable, or not socially-oriented, or not environmentally-friendly. Thus, qualitative development is possible only with the combined approach, the presence of qualitative changes in all spheres.

The application of the principles of sustainable development is important to realize not only at all levels of the national economy, but also between states. Effective activities of international organizations indicate that integration for achieving the goals is an essential element which is necessary for the sustainable development of the world.

Their contribution to the implementation of the concept of sustainable development is made by the customs services of states (figure). The main function of the customs bodies of the Republic of Belarus is to ensure, within the limits of its competence, the economic security of the country as the main condition for the effective and stable life of the society in the globalization of the world economy, when the interdependence of economies of different countries of the world increases due to the growing international movement of goods and services, capital export, information and technology. According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus No. 181 of May 25, 2017, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus is included in the list of state bodies and other organizations that determines the individuals responsible for implementing the Agenda for Sustainable Development for the period until 2030 by achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals development. The customs bodies of the Republic of Belarus participate in the program of the World Customs Organization "Green Customs".

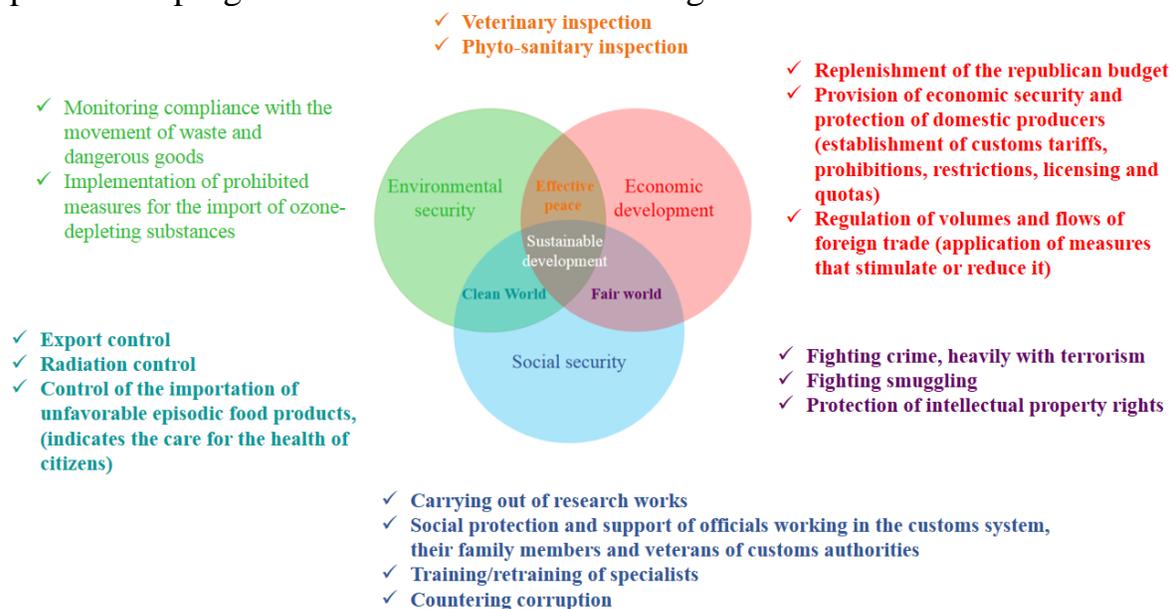


Figure – Implementation of the concept of sustainable development in the activities of customs authorities

Note - Source: author's own development.

The customs bodies of the Republic of Belarus carry out activities to maintain economic stability through the implementation of an effective customs and tariff policy, the promotion of foreign trade, the protection of domestic producers, the replenishment of the republican budget, whose expenditures are largely directed to the social and environmental spheres, combat smuggling and other offenses, stand on the protection of intellectual property rights.

Export, radiation, phytosanitary and other types of control (implementation of the Montreal Protocol, the provisions of the Basel Convention, etc.) are carried out within the framework of the directions of environmental safety and social protection, favorable conditions for the work and career of employees are created, continuous professional development of personnel, works aimed at the development and modernization of the customs service.

Thus, it is obvious that for the future prosperity, mankind must reflect on the solution of socio-ecological and economic problems in the present. Implementation of the concept of sustainable development should become an imperative in the modern world. An integral part of ensuring the sustainable development of any state is the activity of customs authorities, which are oriented towards ensuring economic security, achieving high results in terms of contributions to the development of the economic, social and environmental spheres.

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Globalization makes modern countries far more dependent on world economic relationships. Our world has changed greatly over last two hundred years; however, likewise then, sea transport plays an important role in today's transport of goods.