

Definitiveness of Ethical Human Conduct

The definitiveness of Ethical Human Conduct is in terms of values, policies and character. Ethical conduct is the foundation of professional ethics.

Depends on three things, namely-

- 1) Values
- 2) Policies
- 3) Character

Values- Values are a part of our ethical conduct. They are the outcome of reason and understanding which are always definite. Human beings should participate in the fulfilment of these universal human values.

Policies- In order to have an ethical sense and work towards harmony, we must adopt policies for human welfare and for the enrichment and protection and right utilisation of mind, body and wealth.

Character- The definitiveness of character is the outcome of the definiteness of your behaviour and work. It incorporates humane behaviour and work with society and also the right production and utilisation of wealth.

Sustainability and Resources-

Triple Bottom Line -This refers to people, planet and profit. It is related to social responsibility. By people, we refer to the employees and communities. Planet refers to the environment and profit refers to the economic value and wealth creation. The triple bottom line (TBL) is a framework or theory that recommends that companies commit to focus on social and environmental concerns just as they do on profits. The TBL posits that instead of one bottom line, there should be three: profit, people, and the planet. This phrase was coined in 1994 by John Elkington with reference to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Sustainable Development- Loss of biodiversity, desertification, climate change and the disruption of a number of natural cycles are among the costs of our disregard for Nature and the integrity of its ecosystems and life-supporting processes.

Sustainable Development in this context is to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. (Please refer to the sustainable goals listed by UN here- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/resources/sd21>)

A step in this direction was further reaffirmed in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (2012), entitled '*The future we want*':

"We recognise that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our home and that "Mother Earth" is a common expression in a number of countries and regions, and we note that some countries recognise the rights of nature in the context of the promotion of sustainable development."

Relationship between Resources and Sustainability

When more natural resources are used than required, there is degradation. When we use the amount of natural resources which are needed, there is sustainability. When we use less natural resources than required, there is conservation and renewal.

