

## **Activity 4: Globalization for a Less Sustainable Future**

In contrast to your findings for Activity 3, share how aspects of globalization can contribute to a less sustainable future.

### **Answer:**

From the article of the Globalization: the rise and fall of an idea that swept the world and the Marshall Talk, I had a different view about the role of Globalization towards reinforcing a Sustainable future. For example, what is clear is that the increasing difficulty of our global society means that sustainable development cannot be addressed from a single standpoint, country or scientific discipline. Planning for sustainable development in the context of globalization is far more complex than most problems that had to be tackled as many scholars believe.

However, What I personally believe that Globalization could have a negative impact on our sustainable future if there is no proper planning. For example, Planning for sustainable development requires new paradigms and innovative methods, balancing the short term and long term, the objective and value-laden, the quantitative and qualitative, the certain and uncertain. Supporting that, we can say that, the effects of globalization on sustainability cannot be solved by individual actors of global governance, but require effective corporations. For example, as civil engineer, the above-mentioned challenges cannot be solved by single actors alone, neither public nor private ones. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as the most mentioned ecological challenge, do not stop at national borders; neither can inflation or unemployment in interdependent markets be controlled by one state alone.

It is our hope that a further analysis of sustainable globalization may help in adjusting and optimizing the process of globalization on every level in the direction of a sustainable development. To this end, extensive experimental work is needed to identify the relevant causal mechanisms underlying the influence of globalization on sustainable development.