

The Concern Debates Podcast 2024

Motion Three

“Big Business is indifferent to the Sustainable Development Goals”

In episode three of the 2024 ‘Debating Development’ podcast series, Olga chats to Ruth Hegarty, a sustainability and food policy expert. Ruth managed Concern’s Global Goals Business Conversations Project which aimed to engage the private sector with the SDGs and inspire the business community to take leadership on sustainable development.

Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions:



Draw a line between two of the SDGs.

Can you see the connection?

Explain how these two goals are related to each other.

While all the SDGs are important and interconnected, which are most important to you?

Which goals are most important to your country?

Which goals do you want to champion or promote?

List three actions that you could take to help achieve one of the SDGs:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How can businesses help advance the SDGs?	What barriers are there to businesses wanting to support the SDGs?

- List three arguments that **support** the motion based on the interview.

- List three arguments that **oppose** the motion based on the interview.

- How do the topics discussed in the podcast connect to your life, either personally, at school or in your community?

What are your initial thoughts and opinions on the motion based on your listening to the podcast?