GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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GLOBALIZATION PROCESSES' IMPACT ON TRAINING IT SPECIALISTS AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF UKRAINE

Nowadays it's hard to believe how people used to live without the Internet, mobile connection and even television in the time when the distance between countries seemed overwhelming. Now everyone can visit another country and come back home in a couple of weeks. All borders are open and governments are trying to live in piece, communicate with each other. It became possible due to globalization because it affects almost every sphere of public life, including the economy, policy, ideology, social sphere, culture, ecology, security, lifestyle as well as the very conditions of the mankind existence [1].

Globalization is currently one of the most important processes of the modern world economy system and one of the most influential forces determining the development of all countries in the world. Due to prevailing point of view about globalization, no process and no act in society can't be considered limitedly only as such [2].

Researchers believe that all fundamental turning points have already happened and the modern society can be truly considered global. Therefore, the main signs of globalization are:

- dimensional and language barriers have disappeared;
- instant spread of information and its availability;
- exchange of scientific achievements and ideas;
- smoothing out the cultural differences;

– interconnectedness of resources and the processes between countries.

The main reasons of globalization are international trade, the appearance of cheap transport and modern ways of communication, the united information space and the way how traditions and customs had weakened. Any government is interested in the opportunity to have access in the international market and nowadays all the economies of the world are linked. They depend on each other and due to this connection any published information immediately becomes available to the whole world. Today anyone can get in touch with someone who is located on the opposite side of the planet. And 20 years ago this opportunity seemed simply fantastic and impossible. Over the last century people's perceptions have also changed. National traditions and holidays are becoming a thing of the past, people no longer wear national clothes and do not follow customs. Today an ordinary resident of China dresses in the same way as an ordinary resident of France or Germany [3].

As the main and obvious globalization processes' impact such consequences can be named:

- global economic and political space has been formed where each country can't be independent;
 - transnational companies' role has intensified;
- traditions and customs are becoming forgettable and some cultures are even disappearing;
 - international terrorism has emerged;
- in response to global market needs' the waste of natural resources has increased which in turn led to ecological degradation;
- society has stratified and due to this fact unemployment on one side and qualified specialists' scarcity on the other side have appeared.

Obviously, the impact of globalization has been both positive and negative in education. In the second half of the 20th century a fundamentally new economic model, called the informational economy, has appeared and nowadays one of the key directions of human development is to build the knowledge society based on the principles of speech freedom, free access to information and cultural diversity promotion [4].

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The emerging economy is based on knowledge as a key factor of production and the industries demand for employees remain highly trained in science and technology [5]. Since Ukraine's course towards European integration, our society has been automatically involved in globalization processes which create and support information technologists because they can rethink the process of education and help with sharing their ideas and experiences in the use of educational technologies.

The potential disadvantage of globalization in education can be the increased technological gaps and digital divides between advanced countries and less developed countries. Due to the availability of free transfer specialists have to travel for global sharing of knowledge, skills that are necessary to multiple developments. In Ukraine there are a lot of companies which can provide you career with business trips.

A new system of education should apply a wide range of interactive activities. More and more advanced teachers who can break boundaries of space and time using forward information and communication technologies appear in Ukraine.

There are also a lot of exchange programs which can provide specialists with capacity to master new skills and get new experience as knowledge-based businesses often complain about their absence.

Globalization is the most important historical process of the present time which certainly has both disadvantages and advantages. But this can't be a reason to resist it because the process will undoubtedly continue. First of all, the human task is to learn how to minimize the negative effects and get the maximum benefit from globalization.

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