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Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Sustainable Development

Perspectives on Georgia's Environment (publication of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia)

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2015 witnessed the publication of three documents that address humanity's impact on the world's climate. Pope Francis' encyclical “Praise Be to You (Laudato Si'); On Care for Our Common Home,” the United Nation's “Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and the Paris Agreement adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change discuss the issue of climate change from different perspectives, but common themes are present in the documents. Two of the most prevalent, and perhaps most important, themes are eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development. The three documents build on one another in discussing these themes. Laudato Si presents the moral/philosophical case of eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable development, the 2030 Agenda turns those moral/philosophical arguments into goals, and the Paris Agreement provides the mechanism for achieving those goals.