Environmental problem-solving has become a priority in advanced countries for long time. As far as life on earth depends on our transition from exploitative treatment of Mother Earth to conservation, rational and, of course, respectful, such global problems should be solved at the state level.

Environmental policy is the basis of sustainable development and problem-solving in the short and long terms. It should have some extremely important priorities. The first one is **economic transformation.** Economy and environment are closely connected with each other. Historical experience shows that it is impossible to develop the economy, not fulfilling the requirements of environmental protection. At the same time we cannot meet the claims of environment without developing the economy. Competent governance should balance this scales and make economy more resource-saving, reasonable and oriented to the long-term outlook. We must not forget about the frugal using of natural resources and searching for alternative energy sources.

Another priority is upbringing of **ecological thinking.** We should start from ourselves and change our way of thinking, lifestyle and behavior. Government programs should be developed in such way as to affect both children and adults and deal with each sphere of life: family, education, entertainment and so on. Little by little we can change our values , “think green” and put first nature, and only after - ourselves.

Next priority is that concept of **environmental management should not be just conservation, but** **warning.** It ensures the prevention of pollution of ecosystems, their irreversible changes and especially destruction. Our actions shouldn’t cause new problems. It’s high time to work on mistakes!

I think there are many government priorities, such as developing safety standards at all industrial facilities, monitoring the state of environment etc., but listed above are the most important and fundamental. Government plays a huge role in addressing the issues of the environment, however first of all we have to rely on ourselves and start to change.