

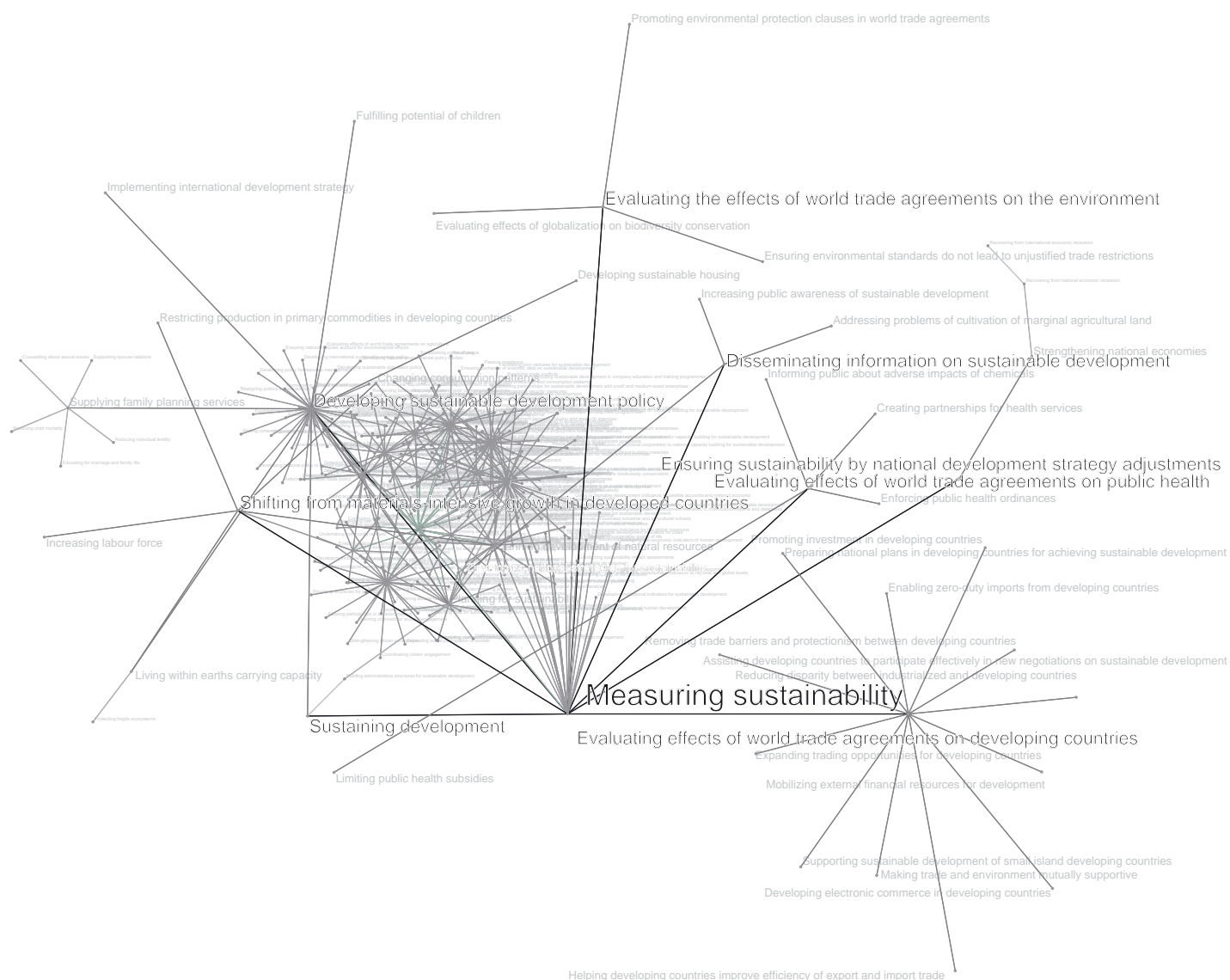
## Figure 10.3.8. Measuring sustainability

**Database:** Global Strategies and Solutions

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Developing systems for monitoring and evaluation of progress towards achieving sustainable development using indicators that measure changes across economic, social and environmental dimensions. Indicators are statistics directed specifically towards policy concerns and which point towards successful outcomes and conclusions for policy. They are usually highly aggregated and have easily recognizable purposes. Classic indicators include the unemployment rate or GDP growth, numbers so powerful and recognizable as indicators of performance that they may cause governments to fall. At the highest level are indices, such as the consumer price index or human development index, which combine different indicators into a single number useful for comparison over time and space.