

# Review of: "Determinants of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sustainable Development in Africa"

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This is a very interesting and insightful article. The selected topic is relevant given the important role of MSME's in the development of economies in Africa in particular. The introduction provides for sound justification for the study - *The objective of this research paper was to identify factors that affect the sustainable development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Africa.* When considering this against some of the statements in the discussion around development of the hypothesis, the reference to Ethiopia in particular could be viewed as somewhat limiting, given the indication of a study focusing on 54 countries.

The use of an illustration to indicate the variables is particularly insightful, as it provides a clear and simple view of the different aspects considered, and is to be commended.

The research methodology discussion is clear and to the point, and provides sound justification for the method used and the results obtained. The comparison of their result against previous studies is particularly valuable to validate results, and adds additional value.

This study has successfully identified the various contributing factors to MSME success in Africa, and even though the study did not set out to make recommendations, adding such could elevate the study to an even higher level. Overall a valid contribution to a very important contemporary topic.