

Review of: "Nigeria's Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals"

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Thanks for inviting me to review this paper. The paper puts together the state of play as far as the various SDGs are concerned. The decision that needs to be taken is whether to present this assessment of the current state of play in tabular form or in a more analytical way. At this point, the analysis provided by the paper on each of the SDGs is not substantive enough to be useful. Each SDG is the outcome of a vast gamut of policies and institutional frameworks. As currently written, the paper does not do justice to the complexity of these policies, regulations, and institutional frameworks, but rather provides points/factoids that are somehow related to the indicators. Instead of its current format, I would suggest writing a succinct summary saying that at the current rate of progress, Nigeria will not achieve most of the SDGs, or rather, fall behind most of them. Then say a few words where this is most apparent and also name the areas where there is some progress. Then highlight whether this relative progress is due to a particular set of policies or reflects factors that are exogenous to government intervention. Then a table or a set of charts, possibly arranged in a traffic light system with red being the worst.

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