

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

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Dear Editor,

I have gone through the Manuscript titled: "Determinants of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sustainable Development in Africa" and have the following observations that will help in adding value to the submitted manuscript for the authors:

1. In the abstract, the author (s) need to provide the problem (s) of the study, the general objectives of the study, some few reasons behind the adoption of the selected methodology, some few disaggregated findings from the study, the impacts and implications of the findings of the study to the case study area(s) and to existing or future policy issues on the case study and finally some few lines of recommendations. The way the current abstract was designed need to be revisited to create some possibilities of attracting readers to develop interest in reading the article. The authors should also note that there is no need of paragraphing in Abstract and that is the global standard.
- I. Ensure the existence of a strong linkage between the literature reviewed with the objective(s) of the study and so also with the empirical model of the study.
- II. Provide the sources of data used for all the variables used in the study and establish the theoretical linkages of these variables with empirical model applied in the study. Careful explanations on the reasons behind the selection and applications of variables should also be provided with adequate citations. In addition to that the linkages between the variables, the theories so to be identified and their nexus with the literature and the study objectives should be established.
3. Please provide the limitations of the study if any, and convince the readers and reviewers why is the study limited on that aspect.
- I. In the manuscript there are too many subheadings and too many disjointed paragraphing. This is very wrong in academic writing because it distorts the readers mind and this indicates that there are no free flows of ideas in the writing style of the authors so also in the manuscript.
- II. Please, provide the Empirical model of the study.
- III. Provide a separate Table with the list of SME's used in the study
- IV. A Table for the definitions of variables and their respective sources of data should also be provided.
- V. The study should provide adequate comparison and discussions of result. This is very necessary in order to expose

the novelty of the current findings in the study. The study have failed to provide an objective comparison of results on why and how things exist or went the way they were discovered from the trail of comparative analysis that is very necessary to be made (particularly on major variables of the study), how realistically positive or otherwise has the model applied in the study impacted negatively or positively on the case study area(s). The comparison of results should also expose the superiority of the current findings with past studies or otherwise and where possible the study should try to provide a glimpse of key happening in the individual case study as disaggregated.

- VI. The authors should identify the strength or weakness of their findings to policy makers bearing in mind the comparison of results provided. The authors should also provide within the framework of the comparison made on how to mitigate the identified level of weakness etc.
- VII. Conclusion of a study should portray some philosophical bearings from what was obtained or discovered in the empirical findings of the study i.e. it should not be a restatement of already mention facts but it should be an exposure of some hidden facts from the study with an overall philosophical thought on how the study logically uncovered a key area of knowledge that was earlier not having attention or is a meretricious fact. From this development the author(s) should establish the implications of that and what are the advantages of that to the case study areas under investigation. This should be provided in a philosophically convincing argument. In addition to that, the authors should assess the position of their new findings in relation to the end purpose of the research objective, research problem and other past studies and verify accordingly is this development attributable to the method, data, samples, or techniques used. This should be presented in a professional, logical and convincing way to convey some key scientific thoughts to the readers. The present conclusion provided in the manuscript should be improved to have a reflection of scientific realities and the novelty of the research findings of the study.