

Review of: "Sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems in developing economies: A conceptualisation of complex adaptive systems approach"

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A reviewer's comment on the manuscript entitled:

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General

In general, the paper presents useful information to the body of knowledge and practice. It presents a conceptualization of sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems (SEEs) in developing economies, using a complex adaptive systems approach. It reviews the literature on value chains, inclusive business models, and sustainable business models, and identifies the areas of convergence and divergence with SEEs. It proposes a set of propositions that link the micro, meso, and macro level processes and outcomes of SEEs, and suggests directions for future research. The paper will have a significant theoretical and practical contribution by incorporating the following comments in the relevant sections of the manuscript as indicated below.

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1. Literature Review:

The literature review section of this manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of the relevant concepts and theories related to sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems, inclusive business models, value chains, and complex adaptive systems. However, there are some possible gaps or areas for improvement that could be addressed, such as:

- The paper relies mostly on secondary sources and literature reviews to support its arguments. It would be beneficial to include some empirical evidence or case studies from developing countries.
- The paper focuses on the specific context of sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems in developing countries, but it does not compare or contrast this context with other types of entrepreneurial ecosystems or other regions. It would be interesting to explore how the complex adaptive systems processes differ or are similar across different settings and how contextual factors influence the outcomes and impacts of sustainable entrepreneurship.

3. Methodology

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4. The Conceptual Model

This section provides a clear and logical overview of the proposed conceptual model of sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems (SEEs) in developing economies. The section uses figures to illustrate the key components and develops several propositions based on the model, which can guide further empirical testing and validation. However, the section does not provide enough empirical evidence or examples to support the propositions and assumptions of the model.

5. Discussion

This section provides a clear and comprehensive summary of the main findings and contributions of the paper. However, this section does not compare or contrast the paper's findings with existing literature or how it confirms, challenges, or extends previous knowledge. It does not provide any practical recommendations or guidelines for entrepreneurs, managers, policymakers, or other stakeholders who are interested in fostering sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems (SEEs). It does not discuss the potential challenges, risks, or trade-offs involved in implementing or sustaining sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems.

6. Conclusion

This section synthesizes the main findings of the paper, identifies the theoretical and practical implications of the paper for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers, and suggests directions for future research to address them. However, the author doesn't acknowledge the limitations of the paper.