

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

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This was a thorough and somewhat repetitive review of the trajectory of Nigeria with respect to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs do provide a useful framework for assessing development, and this review provides a good example of that. My takeaway from reading this review is that Nigeria is very likely to fail in achieving the SDGs and that large fractions of the population of Nigeria will live in poverty, not have access to clean water, and lack educational opportunities. The review was thin on the SDGs related to the environment (Life on Water, Life on Land, Climate Action). Nigeria's population is projected to double within 25-30 years. How that could possibly be 'sustainable' is beyond me and seems to be a topic that is danced around without direct comment. In addition, Nigeria's GDP is highly dependent on oil extraction, which exacerbates climate change and increases the likelihood that large numbers of people will experience dangerous wet bulb temperatures as the climate continues to change. Human civilization is facing a polycrisis of climate change, loss of biodiversity, land degradation, pollution, economic inequality, and failure of governance. Sadly, the Nigerian people are suffering now and will likely suffer more in the future because our collective global civilization is utterly failing to address the polycrisis in a serious and effective way.