

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

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Peer Review of Nigeria's Sustainable Development Goals

The manuscript is a comprehensive review of Nigeria's progress in implementing the SDGs.

My comments focus mainly, but not entirely, on industry-related SDG 9 targets and indicators:

1. The manuscript needs summary tables for the data discussed.
2. The authors need to address data availability and quality issues. They should expand their review beyond the data in the two Nigerian VNRs. The UNIDO Statistics Portal for SDGs has data on industry-related SDG 9 indicators. I suspect, but I do not know, that other specialized agencies have similar portals. For data quality, see the article by Luken et al (2019) **Sustainable Development**. I have attached the article.
3. The authors need to compare the extent of reporting on the various SDGs in the two VNRs. See the attached UNIDO (2022) that compares the extent of reporting among all countries, which could be a model for comparing reporting on the 17 goals in the two VNRs.
4. The authors need to state earlier in the article that there is no discussion of several SDGs (10, 11, 12, 13, 15).
5. The manuscript is well written for the most part. However, a careful reading is needed to catch small mistakes—3, 5. Furthermore, for women in (delete) the same. 5.2 is getting. Also, use VNR in the entire manuscript. Two confusing to use NVR.
6. There is considerable literature on progress in meeting the SDGs. See Luken et al (2021) **Environmental Development**. Attached. Suggestions on reporting. Also, articles by Kynclova et al and Saieed.
7. Publish with some of the changes suggested above.