

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

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The choice of the topic of the paper is relevant and timely in view of the fast-approaching deadlines for the attainment of the SDGs among member states of the United Nations. The paper reviewed the current status of implementation of the SDGs in Nigeria, primarily based on information sourced from Nigeria's report on the SDGs, which was published in 2017. From an academic publishing point of view, the following could be observed from their submission:

1. **Abstract and keywords:** The abstract contains grammatical errors and some sloppy narratives. It does not contain important findings from the study, and no major conclusions and non-generalized recommendations. Is "Nigeria" a keyword? The authors may wish to search for better keywords to populate the paper.
2. **Introduction:** In-text citations are inadequate, as much of the brief background information carries no reference to situate the study in the context of other ones. The authors may need to add references on the ideas/narratives extracted from other sources. Are the authors writing a "chapter" or an article? The article may need further proofreading.
3. **Data visualization tools** could have been used to convey information on the past status of implementation viz-a-viz expectations from Nigeria. It seems there is no single figure, table, or graph to enhance the understanding of the paper. Attainment of SDGs is data-driven and should be narrated with necessary and relevant data and figures.
4. **Looking back and thinking forward:** It seems the authors relied solely on the archival information gleaned from "Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2017" and very few others elsewhere. Unfortunately, the dynamics associated with the attainment of the SDGs in Nigeria and other nations have rendered this information (2017) almost obsolete, as milestones have been recorded during the intervening years between 2017 and 2023. Moreover, under this section, the authors did not proffer solutions or specific strategies that may be adopted by Nigeria to fast-track the attainment of the SDGs. The authors should not simply charge that the identified constraints to the attainment of the SDGs be "addressed." Instead, sustainable strategies should be proffered.
5. With the burgeoning literature available on the subject matter of this paper, it may be concluded that the literature search was insufficient to address the challenges discussed in the paper. Consequently, the authors may need to review newer/current literature, for example, those between 2018 and 2023, for the current situation on the ground with respect to the implementation of SDGs in Nigeria.

