

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

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## Abstract Section Feedback:

The abstract covers the background of the study, objective and significance of the study. However, the conclusions should be briefly discussed to neatly tie in with the significance/contribution of the study.

## Introduction Section Feedback:

The background is supported with relatively recent literature.

To improve it, see the below comments:

- Enrich the introduction/background of the study, a significant section of the abstract has been pasted into the introduction section/vice versa
- Check on your citation style i.e .....comprehend not only how entrepreneurs are affected by their broader context (Gnyawali & Fogel, 1994)
- Simplify the language used and reduce the length of sentences e.g:
  - i) The use of the ecosystems concept as a metaphor to map interrelationships between actors and components within an entrepreneurial space without referencing real-world phenomena, limits our ability to understand the structure and complexities of entrepreneurial ecosystems (Roundy et al., 2018).
  - ii) Developing a robust theory to study complex systems using a complex adaptive systems approach requires defining systems boundaries, establishing the context or controls, and identifying the fundamental dimensions of an ecosystem research design (Phillips & Ritala, 2019). Boundaries define ecosystem types and scope (Phillips & Ritala, 2019).
- Under conceptual design- the conceptual dimensions of the paper; including implications, justify the researcher's thought process and approach to the research questions.

## Literature Review Section Feedback:

This section has covered extant review of literature on entrepreneurial ecosystems, sustainable entrepreneurial

ecosystems and complex adaptive systems. IB, IBM and SBM, are also well discussed concepts, models anchor the study.

To improve it, consider the comments below:

- “It” has been repeated severally in the article, review if possible. Although it is acceptable in APA style, the sentences are punning out to be too wordy.

#### **Conceptual Model Feedback:**

- Prior discussions took into consideration the areas of convergence, divergence and SEEs process & activity outputs.
- The model is well outlined and shows how the gaps are addressed.
- The classifications and model aspects have been broken down, to allow the scholar to integrate the research propositions and close out with the integrative model of socially productive entrepreneurship.

#### **Results and Discussion:**

- To demonstrate empirical rigor, consider bringing forth the counter arguments for existing frameworks and propositions in the discussion.

#### **Overall Feedback:**

The paper addresses timely academic research interests. Clearly, significant work has gone into putting the concepts, issues in developing economies and conceptualizing the framework. Since the key objective of the study was to develop a conceptual framework, more rigor might be needed, even though the presented framework is well laid out. Therefore, it is a great contribution to existing studies and opens doors to future studies that are more focussed on unique characteristics of each developing country.

Context/landscape of mentioned developing countries, have been checked against the IBM benchmarks to address the concerns around unique/country specific advantages, disadvantages/ macro-economic issues and statistical data, given that the paper is focussing on productive entrepreneurship.

#### **Citation and References:**

The references are well laid out and relevant to the study.