

# Review of: "A Review of Informal Employment Research"

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1. This is a well thought out paper that delves into some of the important aspects of informal sector and informal employment relationship. It is a well-structured paper, especially attempting to tease out the distinction between, but at the same time the similarities among terms such informal sector, informal economy, and informal employment. Although, more clarity and depth is perhaps needed here.
2. Another general observation is that it would be necessary to stress the context-specific nature of informal sector characteristics. For instance, in the second sentence in the abstract, the assertion that “governments have introduced policies to protect the rights of informal workers” tend to give the impression that this is the case in all regions of the world. Also, the observation that “Formal or multinational firms also outsource their operations to the informal sector to save costs”, is not reflective of the reality experienced by informal sector operators in every region. As an example, in Sub Sharan Nigeria, it was found that firms in the informal sector shy away from such linkages with firms in the informal sector with the excuse of unmet quality expectations.
3. A few more areas that corrective action may be required to generally improve the quality of the paper have already been identified by other reviewers, therefore, I will only limit my observations to the above ones.