

## Review of: "Appraisal of the UN Sustainable Development Goals: A Look Back and a Way Forward"

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The examination of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) holds significant importance in today's global context, as these goals serve as a framework for addressing pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. I find that your text presents intriguing concepts that contribute to the ongoing discourse surrounding sustainable development. However, upon closer inspection, it appears to resemble an opinion piece more than a scholarly research paper. This observation leads me to believe that there are opportunities for refinement that could elevate the work to a more academic standard.

- 1. Kindly provide a more detailed explanation of the gap you identified that served as the impetus for this research.
- 2. The author has not presented any empirical data to suggest which of the three scenarios is likely to prevail ultimately.
- 3. It is advisable to incorporate additional data sources beyond solely the UN DESA 2023 report to substantiate certain observations and articulate personal viewpoints, thereby enhancing the objectivity of the contribution.
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