

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

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The global trend towards achieving sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals has been spreading worldwide since 2015, when the Global Compact was adopted and 193 countries approved the implementation of the 17 SDGs by 2030. The implementation of the principles of sustainable development began first in the regulatory acts of states, and later it was embodied in real measures and achievements. However, while developed countries have sufficient financial resources to overcome socio-economic challenges and implement the SDGs in social development, least developed countries, including African countries, suffer from a lack of funding and cannot even address the problems that the public in highly developed countries has already forgotten: poverty, hunger, gender inequality, low levels of education and health care, lack/absence of clean drinking water and electricity, and so on. Therefore, drawing attention to the problems of Nigeria, as the most populous country in the African continent, and studying its efforts to implement and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to overcome societal issues, is extremely important and relevant today. The authors of the peer-reviewed article have examined and described all the problems of Nigeria through the prism of the SDGs and their achievements.

However, it is worth noting some weaknesses in the study. Despite the relevance of the research, the authors mainly rely on data from the report of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for 2017, which unfortunately has already become obsolete. In addition, most of the data from the reports requires comparison with indicators from 2022, such as GDP, unemployment rate, poverty rate, and the number of children receiving primary education, which would allow tracking the country's development dynamics toward SDG achievement, its trend. On the contrary, the data is at times contradictory and repetitive across different sections of the article, thus increasing its length and depriving it of conciseness. Moreover, the study lacks adequate critical analysis and the author's perspective on the existing problems. These shortcomings affect the scientific value of the research.

Overall, the authors of the presented article have conducted a thorough investigation of the implementation status of all SDGs in Nigeria, making the article deeply informative and enlightening for a wide range of readers. It effectively highlights the current critical issues in Nigeria, such as poverty, hunger, education, and healthcare. In fact, the study serves as a call to the global community to pay attention to the state of development in Nigeria. Without achieving sustainable development in the world's seventh most populous country, positive progress in this direction on a global scale is unattainable.

