

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

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The author presents an excellent theoretical contribution on SEE and a conceptual model to assess SEE and CAS in rural areas in developing countries.

However, more empirical examples should be presented to relate the theory to specific cases in developing countries. That could justify the application of the Complex Adaptive Systems (CAS) approach. In this sense, Table 2. *Assessment of an inclusive business in Nigeria against IBM benchmarks* is very illustrative; however, more cases could enrich the paper. In section 2.1.3, the cases of India and South Africa are mentioned, which can be further explored. Social entrepreneurs (SEs) often face various challenges whereby they rely on the support of others to realize their objectives. In this context, ecosystem thinking is very helpful to understand how various stakeholders can assist SEs.

More discussion is needed in the "Discussion" section, including propositions 1, 2 (a,b,c,d), and 3 (a,b). In general, throughout the text, the results of the literature review should be reinforced with the opinions and analysis of the author.

The conclusions should be more specific, relate SEE to CAS, present the limitations of the study, and be more precise on future research areas.

Some suggested papers to add case studies and explore the enabling environment:

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