

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

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Dear author,

Studying the SDGs is very important, and I consider you bring interesting ideas through your text. However, it seemed to me more of an opinion article than a research paper, and, for the second option, I have some comments and suggestions that might be useful:

Abstract: Please tell us where the SDGs are assessed—do all the countries that committed to the 2030 Agenda participate?

Please comment on what data you analysed, how you collected it, and how you analysed it. Bring some details regarding your method.

Introduction: Please bring references in your second paragraph.

Please check Griggs et al. 2014 to learn more about the synergies among the SDGs.

It would be recommended to make your research problem clear, as well as your research question and objective.

Please elaborate further on the gap you found that motivated this research.

Publicize the contributions of your paper for academia, public policy makers, and practitioners.

A look back...: It isn't clear how you defined progress as significant or limited; please tell more about how you drew this line. It might be important to consider how the COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted the development of the SDGs.

To analyze performance, it is important to consider regional differences.

For the solutions you propose, it would be recommended to bring literature to discuss these possible solutions.