

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

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I thank the author for sharing his work under this open review process. Improvement from the first version is evident, but there is room for further improvement. I detail some specific questions that should/could be further clarified in the text.

Why the literature review includes some specific references to developing countries such as Kenya, Nigeria, India, South Africa...? Maybe an unaddressed claim from other reviewers is still giving a deeper picture of the particular conditions of developing countries, better structuring their analysis, if any analysis is going to be made on them. Anyway, you should justify or somehow preannounce these various references to specific countries that have not a clear purpose... It is particularly striking, for example, that you start section 2.1.3. talking about value chains in India.

Regarding the inclusion of Table 2 with an example of the definition of a IBM in Nigeria, it is not clear why here and how the information was obtained.

It does not remain clear for me if the IBM concept is only restricted to the agriculture sector, as it seems to be settled in Table 3.

An important limitation of the paper is that the objective does not remain clear, despite the various efforts of defining it in the abstract (This paper focuses on three key areas...) and in the beginning of the introduction (This paper seeks to achieve three key things...) and the end of the introduction (This paper hopes to answer the broad research question...). Maybe also due to the absence of a method section, finding in section 4 that the main output or result from the paper is formulating a set of propositions in macro, meso and micro levels comes as a surprise. Moreover, I consider that the author has not offered clear answers to these two questions presented in the introduction:

“What connections exist between sustainable entrepreneurial processes and specific types of outputs?

What connections exist between sustainable entrepreneurial processes and ecosystem outcomes?”

Definitely, as suggested by other reviewers, the proposed conceptual model would benefit from some application or case study in an appropriate setting (country or set of countries) in this paper or in a following one.

Note also that your discussion section is not really such and could be perfectly integrated into the conclusion one.

Overall, I consider that your work is well-founded and can add valuable insights to the research community, but you should try to improve both coherence and clarity and also consider providing a more structured and organized analysis of specific cases in developing countries.