

Review of: "Determinants of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sustainable Development in Africa"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper.

Some of my observations

1. The Key words need to be revisited and ideally would be relevant to the research paper.
2. 'MSMEs account for the majority of businesses in most countries and are responsible for a significant proportion of employment and output in most countries.' 'When it comes to Africa, many MSMEs were failing to operate because of different factors.' 'Currently, there is a lack of empirical evidence on the conditions that are necessary for MSMEs to survive and thrive in Africa, as well as how these conditions interact with each other.' 'n addition, the impact of external factors such as government policies, access to finance, and the role of technology is still not fully understood.' These points lack a citation.
3. The objective of this research paper was to identify factors that affect the sustainable development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Africa. Replace 'was' with 'is' as research papers are ideally written in present active tense.
4. The word 'sustainable' is being referred to in the sense of SDGs which is what the MSMEs are supposed to achieve. The hypotheses are related to the sustainable development of the MSMEs which has nothing to do with SDGs.
5. The SDG framework is not a research-based framework or model and hence are not considered as a very good framework to be referred in research papers. The sustainability model usually refers to the economic, societal and environmental factors that lead to sustainability.
6. H5: There is a positive relationship between government support and the success of MSMEs, sustainable development. In Table 2, please rectify the spelling of Cronbach. Please check for grammatical and spelling errors.
7. In point 3.4, 54*10 for 54 countries has been shown as 450 MSMEs. Also how the data was collected from the 54 countries needs to be explained in more detail
8. In point 4.2 how were academic staff appropriate for checking entrepreneurship based questions and was an exploratory analysis run on the questionnaire for computing the Cronbach alpha and on what sample size was it conducted?
9. In point 4.4 a perfect correlation would always exist between the factor with itself. If you observe each factor is perfectly correlated only to itself, i.e. 1 is perfectly correlated to 1, and 2 is perfectly correlated to factor 2 and so on....Also a high correlation among factor reveals that you are studying very similar variables. This is not appreciated in research

as it mans the explanatory power of your model is less....

10. All the factors studied in your model have been studied world over and it has been found that in every country these factors are important to the development of MSMEs, irrespective of whether they are developed or developing countries
11. Please use more research papers from highly ranked entrepreneurship journals
12. A lot more work is required to bring this up to publication level. All the best