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Message from the Guest Editor

Nearly two billion people earn a living in the informal economy, according to ILO estimates. This represents close to 60% of the world's workers. Informal work is present in high- and low-income countries and across regions, industries and sectors, and a significant proportion of urban informal employment falls into four occupations: domestic workers, home-based workers, street vendors and market traders, and waste pickers. Informal workers are people who work without legal protection, social security, or employment benefits. Most of these workers are in informal employment situations without access to social protection where, on average, earnings are low and risks are high. They often work in poor conditions, with limited access to personal protective equipment, healthcare, and health insurance. For this Special Issue, we invite the submission of papers addressing these topics, especially those combining quantitative and qualitative methods for providing working, environmental, and policy solutions to help these workers around the world.

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