



Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities

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Message from the Guest Editors

The implementation of the sustainable development concept remains the greatest challenge to mankind. The general sustainable development goal is meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. The global agenda includes:

- The effects of global climate change
- Loss of biodiversity
- The effects of toxic and plastic waste
- Resource use
- Pandemics
- Inter- and intragenerational equity
- Demographic change
- Consumers and consumerism
- Neoclassical economics

The research may address, but is not confined to, the following areas of the sustainable development debate:

- Identification and assessment of smart cities
- Determinants for the development of innovation, digitization, and virtualization of the economy
- Spatial diversity covering poverty, social exclusion, wealth, and social inequalities
- Analysis of sustainable development threats, such as adverse climate, environmental, and epidemic changes (COVID-19); population aging and the resulting dependency ratio
- Location attractiveness of countries, regions, and cities; foreign direct investment (FDI); sustainable development success indicators





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