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Social Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals: Social Enterprises and the Role of the Supply Chain in Creating Dual Value

Message from the Guest Editors

Social enterprises (SEs) engage with innovations that serve unmet social needs through the adoption of context-specific ideas that unblock capabilities such as the power to cooperate for common purpose goals, the empowerment of localities and groups of people, and the transformation of local institutions. Nevertheless, in many cases, achieving self-sustenance requires an equal emphasis on creating economic value. The creation of dual value, encompassing both social and economic aspects, becomes an essential requirement for ensuring the long-term viability of a social enterprise. The performance of the supply chain plays a crucial role in enabling a social enterprise to deliver dual value. The scope of this SI is broad and involves both the analysis and the design of all types of activities related to the 17 integrated SDGs and the assessment of progress in their achievement through operation research-based techniques, such as optimization, multicriteria and multi-objective methods among others. The purpose of this Special Issue is to enrich our impact assessment ability with respect to initiatives that are promoted under various SDGs plans.

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