

Special Issue

Measuring What Matters: Outcomes of Smart-City Innovation for Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editor

Sustainability commitments require reliable indicators and appropriate data to demonstrate effectiveness, target audience, and conditions. Although SDG-aligned frameworks now guide the measurement of performance across city services, quality of life, digitalization, and resilience, existing indicator sets still differ in terms of coverage, comparability, data quality, and relevance to decision-making. After a decade of pilots and proofs of concept, a pivotal question remains: which smart-city innovations measurably deliver sustainability outcomes at the city level? This Special Issue brings together cutting-edge research on meaningful metrics for governing and investing in sustainable smart city innovations. We invite submissions that demonstrate how data infrastructures, platforms, IoT systems, and urban analytics can lead to decarbonization, climate resilience, social equity, health and well-being, and fiscal value. We are interested in works that go beyond outputs to demonstrate verified outcomes and, where feasible, measurable impacts. We particularly welcome work that bridges project-level interventions and citywide transitions aligned with SDG 11.

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