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Innovations in Sustainable Entrepreneurship: Engine of Transformative Economic Development

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores how innovations in sustainable entrepreneurship act as catalysts for transformative economic development. We welcome theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented studies that illuminate mechanisms linking entrepreneurial action to inclusive growth, resilience, and environmental stewardship. Priority topics include global entrepreneurship and cross-country comparisons; economic performance and ESG integration; entrepreneurial ecosystem design, governance, and measurement; entrepreneurial background and startup performance; prior entrepreneurial experience and venture success; and digital entrepreneurship, including platform dynamics, Al-enabled business models, and data governance. We particularly encourage research that connects micro-level founder capabilities to mesolevel ecosystems and macro-level outcomes, employs rigorous multi-method designs (e.g., experiments, field data, natural language/ML analytics), and provides actionable implications for investors, policymakers, and educators. Studies addressing emerging economies, mission-driven ventures, and just transition challenges are highly valued.

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