

## Special Issue

# Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in SMEs and Entrepreneurship

### Message from the Guest Editors

Entrepreneurs and managers of SMEs face many challenges to improve their performance, lack proper guidance, have inadequate facilities and infrastructure, and need educational and technical skills. It is surprising to know that most SMEs do not survive more than a few years. Therefore, it is necessary to analyze which management practices, such as knowledge management, human resources, innovation, etc., play an important role in the development and growth of small and medium-sized enterprises. Although numerous studies have explored the fundamental role of knowledge management practices in the performance and economic growth of SMEs, we believe that there are different topics that can be addressed, such as:

- Sustainable innovation in SMEs
- Different practices and benefits of ecological and environmental management in SMEs
- Sustainable and regenerative development in SMEs
- Sustainable human resource management in SMEs
- Sustainable leadership in SMEs
- Digitalization, Technology, and Sustainable Solutions in SMEs
- Sustainable Knowledge Management in SMEs.
- Sustainable entrepreneurship
- Sustainable business models
- Sustainable Performance in SMEs

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