

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AN ECONOMY IN TRANSFORMATION

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ABSTRACT

This study examines pathways toward sustainable development in the context of a transforming economy, focusing on the role of public policies, institutional governance, and social factors. The analysis is based on empirical data collected through a questionnaire and processed using statistical methods, with the aim of assessing the relationships between sustainable development and selected variables. The results indicate that individual and demographic factors have a limited impact, whereas the effective implementation of environmental policies and institutional performance emerge as the main determinants of sustainable development. The study emphasizes that social awareness, although important, is insufficient without strong enforcement and monitoring mechanisms. In this context, sustainable development is defined as a process that requires integrated policies, inter-institutional coordination, and sustained public and private engagement. The findings offer valuable implications for policymakers and contribute to the literature on sustainable development in transition economies.

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