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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript, titled "<i>An Overview of the Role of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Nigeria</i>," provides critical insights into the challenges and progress of sustainable development in one of Africa's most pivotal countries. By highlighting the role of international partnerships, the paper adds valuable perspectives on how global frameworks like the SDGs have been applied in the Nigerian context. The discussion on the interplay between governance, environmental degradation, and socio-economic issues offers a comprehensive view that can inform future policy and research. The manuscript's focus on gaps such as corruption and inadequate infrastructure brings attention to areas that require urgent international and national attention. Its publication will benefit the scientific community by contributing to the ongoing dialogue on sustainable development in developing nations.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The manuscript titled "<i>An Overview of the Role of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Nigeria</i>" VERY SUITABLE as it offers a well-researched and comprehensive analysis of Nigeria's efforts toward sustainable development. It effectively outlines the crucial role that international cooperation has played in addressing key challenges such as environmental degradation, poverty, and infrastructure deficits. The paper also highlights the adoption of global frameworks like the SDGs, making it highly relevant to current global development discussions. By exploring both the successes and persistent challenges, it provides a balanced perspective that will be invaluable to policymakers and researchers alike. The manuscript's insights are timely and have the potential to make a significant impact on the discourse surrounding sustainable development in developing countries.</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The title "<i>An Overview of the Role of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Nigeria</i>" is appropriate and reflects the core focus of the paper. However, the abstract would benefit from including details about the methodology employed in the research. For instance, it should specify whether the paper uses qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods to analyze international cooperation's impact on Nigeria's sustainable development. Additionally, the abstract should outline the key implications of the findings, particularly how international collaborations have shaped specific sectors such as agriculture, energy, and environmental management. Recommendations for policymakers and international organizations should also be added to guide future efforts in enhancing sustainable development. By incorporating these elements, the abstract will provide a more comprehensive overview and attract greater interest from both academic and policy audiences. This will enhance the clarity of the research's scope and ensure that the readers understand the contribution the paper makes to the existing literature. Overall, these additions will strengthen the paper's relevance and appeal for publication.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The overall structure and subsections of the manuscript titled "<i>An Overview of the Role of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Nigeria</i>" are well-organized and logically flow to cover key areas of the topic. The introduction provides a strong context for the significance of international cooperation in Nigeria's development, and the subsequent sections on specific sectors like agriculture, health, and energy are well-articulated. However, it would greatly benefit from the addition of a distinct methodology section that outlines the research approach used, whether qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods. This will enhance the transparency and replicability of the research. Additionally, a dedicated implications section is needed to explain how the findings impact policy-making and future sustainable development initiatives in Nigeria. Lastly, a recommendations subsection should be included to offer actionable suggestions for policymakers, stakeholders, and international organizations on how to address the remaining challenges in achieving sustainable development. These additions will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the study and elevate the manuscript's contribution to the field.</p>	

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<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript titled "<i>An Overview of the Role of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development in Nigeria</i>" is scientifically robust and demonstrates a high level of correctness in addressing a crucial global issue. The authors have successfully identified key factors that influence sustainable development in Nigeria, including rapid urbanization, environmental degradation, and socio-economic challenges. The analysis of Nigeria's adoption of global frameworks such as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is both timely and highly relevant. The manuscript is technically sound, presenting a clear connection between international cooperation and sustainable development in various sectors like agriculture, health, energy, and environmental management.</p> <p>The research is well-grounded in evidence, drawing on a wide range of credible sources and data to support its claims. The authors' examination of international partnerships provides a comprehensive view of how these collaborations have contributed to Nigeria's development goals, particularly in facilitating technical expertise and financial support. Additionally, the discussion on governance challenges, resource exploitation, and poverty reflects a nuanced understanding of the complex dynamics at play.</p> <p>From a scientific perspective, the manuscript is methodologically sound, although the addition of a detailed methodology section would further enhance the clarity of the research process. The arguments presented are logical, well-structured, and backed by appropriate data, making the paper both informative and reliable. The challenges highlighted, such as corruption and inadequate infrastructure, are critical to understanding the barriers to sustainable development, and the authors have addressed these issues with accuracy and depth.</p> <p>The paper's contribution to the field of sustainable development is significant, offering valuable insights for policymakers, scholars, and development practitioners. The technical analysis of the interplay between international cooperation and Nigeria's development goals demonstrates a high level of academic rigor. Moreover, the manuscript provides a balanced view by acknowledging the progress made while also identifying areas that require further attention.</p> <p>In terms of technical soundness, the paper is consistent in its use of terminology, and the data presented is interpreted with precision. The authors have ensured that the scientific principles underpinning sustainable development are applied correctly, and the conclusions drawn are logical and based on sound evidence. Overall, the manuscript is a valuable addition to the scientific literature on sustainable development in Nigeria, providing both theoretical insights and practical recommendations. With the inclusion of a more explicit methodology, implications, and recommendations, the paper would reach an even higher level of scientific excellence.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>⋮</p>	<p>The references listed are comprehensive, covering a broad range of topics related to sustainable development, economics, and policy. However, many of the sources, such as those by Jhingan M. L. (2013) and Todaro & Smith (2011), are over a decade old and may not reflect the most recent developments in these fields. To better capture current trends and advancements, it is recommended that at least 80% of the references come from 2023-2024. While some sources, such as USAID (2022) and Olujobi (2022), are relatively recent, they still do not meet the requirement for the most up-to-date publications. There are a few 2024 references, like Olujobi, Irumekhai, and Aina-Pelemo (2024), but these are insufficient to meet the needed 80% threshold of recent works. While older foundational sources like United Nations (1987) and Kates et al. (2005) are useful for background information, current data and research are crucial for a thorough analysis. Recent publications from 2023-2024 would strengthen the argument by providing fresh insights and relevant data. Including more recent studies will enhance both the relevance and applicability of the research, especially in rapidly evolving fields like sustainable development. A more balanced combination of foundational and recent references would significantly improve the quality and timeliness of the work.</p> <p>Additional references</p> <p>Onyia, C. U., Morgan, E., Oyemolade, T. A., Ekweogwu, O. C., Orhororo, O. I., Ahmad, M. H., ... & Timothy, S. (2024). The role of international collaborations in sustainable neurosurgical development in Nigeria. <i>World Neurosurgery</i>, 185, e264-e273.</p> <p>Mohammed, A., & Ogunode, N. J. (2024). International Organizations and Development of Tertiary Education in Nigeria. <i>American Journal of Open University Education</i>, 1(1), 36-44.</p> <p>Adanma, U. M., & Ogunbiyi, E. O. (2024). A comparative review of global environmental policies for</p>	

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<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language used in the manuscript is clear, well-structured, and suitable for academic publication. However, the authors should consider adding a dedicated section on the methodology to provide clarity on how the research was conducted. Including a subsection on the implications of the findings will help highlight the relevance and potential impact of the research in both academic and practical contexts. Additionally, the authors should introduce a recommendations subsection, offering actionable suggestions based on their findings. These additions will enhance the overall comprehensiveness of the paper and make it more robust and impactful.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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