

Foreword

A discussion of public policy and sustainability is always context-specific. This publication, *Interdisciplinary Approach to Public Policy and Sustainability*, covers recent research from eight developing countries including India, Turkey, Ecuador, Namibia, Portugal, Austria, Colombia, and Mexico. To maintain and promote sustainability in a country, an appropriate public policy is necessary. This publication discusses the connection between sustainability and public policy including economics of education, economics of natural resources, economics of energy, environmental policy and regulation, role of technology in sustainability, environmental challenges and policies, education and growth, economics of renewable resource and sustainable development goals. The global warming, depletion of renewable energy resources, the environmental degradation due to low environmental awareness and the impact they have on human health and quality of life have brought about a new era of public policy initiatives to promote social wellbeing. This publication discusses the areas of perils of economic growth, deprivation and displacement of marginalized sections, rural development, private health industry, public health administration, basic education, sources of renewable energy, sustainable entrepreneurship, role of women in sustainability and role of market in resource allocation. This publication discusses economic theory, policies and practices pertaining to environment, natural resources, health, and education against the backdrop of sustainability. The recent research in the area of private health industry, public health administration, basic education, sources of renewable energy, rural development, sustainable finance and entrepreneurship, role of women in sustainability, role of market in resource allocation, the perils of economic growth and development is presented. This publication discusses the issues faced by the marginalised section of the society especially those who can't afford comfort in the market system, injustice faced by women in paternalist feudal rural economies, and challenges faced by governments and local administration in order to achieve desired policy goals. A broad range of researchers in the areas of sustainability and public policy will find this publication very useful.

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