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The Role of Entrepreneurship in Driving Sustainable Development within Global Knowledge-Based Economies

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Abstract

Entrepreneurship in global knowledge-based economies (KBEs) plays a pivotal role in advancing sustainable development, yet its mechanisms and implications remain underexplored. This study investigates how entrepreneurs leverage innovation and global networks to drive sustainable outcomes within KBEs, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Utilizing a mixed-methodology framework, encompassing case analyses and stakeholder questionnaires, the study investigates enterprises in technology, sustainable energy, and social ventures across various geographical areas. Findings reveal that knowledge-intensive entrepreneurship fosters economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion through innovative business models, though challenges like funding constraints and regulatory complexities persist (1). The study proposes strategies such as supportive policies, public-private collaborations, and education programs to enhance sustainable entrepreneurship (2). Theoretically, it refines frameworks by integrating Schumpeterian innovation and stakeholder theories, offering a global perspective on sustainable entrepreneurship (3). Practically, it provides actionable recommendations for entrepreneurs and policymakers to strengthen KBE ecosystems (4). The research underscores the transformative potential of entrepreneurship in achieving SDGs, advocating for global collaboration to foster a sustainable future (5).

Keywords

Sustainable entrepreneurship, knowledge-based economies, Sustainable Development Goals, innovation, global networks, stakeholder collaboration

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background and Context

Knowledge-based economies (KBEs) are defined as systems where innovation, technology, and intellectual capital serve as primary drivers of economic growth and global competitiveness (6). These economies emphasize the creation and application of knowledge through advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence and digital platforms, fostering innovation and value creation (7). Simultaneously, sustainable advancement has arisen as an international necessity, confronting issues such as climatic alterations, societal inequity, and resource exhaustion through cohesive economic, social, and environmental methodologies (8). The United Nations Sustainable Development Objectives (SDGs) furnish a framework for realizing these aims by 2030, underscoring the necessity for inventive solutions (5). Entrepreneurship assumes a crucial function in this milieu, utilizing knowledge-centric assets to cultivate sustainable resolutions, such as renewable energy enterprises and inclusive digital platforms, that correspond with global sustainability objectives (1). In global KBEs, entrepreneurs utilize digital networks and cross-border collaborations to scale their impact, contributing to both economic growth and social value creation (9).

1.2 Research Problem

Despite the growing significance of KBEs and sustainable development, there is a limited understanding of how entrepreneurship harnesses knowledge-based resources to drive sustainable outcomes on a global scale. Existing research often focuses on localized entrepreneurial ecosystems or specific sustainability dimensions, with insufficient exploration of global dynamics and interconnections (10). For instance, while studies highlight the role of digital entrepreneurship in sustainability, the mechanisms, enablers, and barriers in global KBEs remain underexplored (11). This gap hinders the development of integrated frameworks to guide entrepreneurs and policymakers in aligning entrepreneurial activities with SDGs in knowledge-driven markets.

1.3 Research Objectives

This study aims to address these gaps through the following objectives:

1. To examine how entrepreneurship contributes to sustainable development in global KBEs.
2. To identify key drivers, challenges, and strategies for sustainable entrepreneurship in this context.
3. To propose a conceptual framework for aligning entrepreneurial activities with SDGs in knowledge-driven markets.

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1.4 Research Questions

The study is guided by the following research questions:

1. How do entrepreneurs in KBEs contribute to sustainable development at a global level?
2. What are the key enablers, barriers, and strategies for sustainable entrepreneurship in global KBEs?
3. How can entrepreneurship align with SDGs in knowledge-driven markets?

1.5 Significance of the Study

This research contributes to the academic literature by integrating entrepreneurship, KBEs, and sustainable development, offering novel insights into their global interconnections. It builds on theoretical frameworks, such as sustainable entrepreneurship and knowledge spillover theory, to advance understanding of innovative practices (12). Practically, the study provides actionable strategies for entrepreneurs to leverage knowledge-based resources and for policymakers to foster supportive ecosystems, such as incubators and incentives, to promote sustainable ventures (2). By aligning findings with SDGs, the research addresses pressing global challenges, making it relevant to international institutions, governments, and entrepreneurs committed to a sustainable future.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Knowledge-Based Economies

Knowledge-based economies (KBEs) are characterized by their reliance on innovation, technology, human capital, and global networks as primary drivers of economic growth and competitiveness (6). In opposition to traditional economies dependent on physical assets, Knowledge-Based Economies (KBEs) underscore the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge through advanced technologies, encompassing artificial intelligence (AI), comprehensive data analysis, and digital frameworks (13). Global trends include rapid digitalization, which enables seamless information exchange, and cross-border collaboration, fostering innovation ecosystems that transcend national boundaries (7). Entrepreneurial ecosystems in regions like Silicon Valley and Singapore leverage global networks to integrate knowledge and drive technological advancements (9). These characteristics position KBEs as critical contexts for entrepreneurial activities, particularly those aimed at sustainable outcomes, as they provide the infrastructure and resources needed for innovation (14).

2.2 Sustainable Development

Sustainable development is defined as development that meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs, encompassing economic, social, and environmental pillars (8). Economic viability concentrates on prolonged economic advancement, social viability underscores fairness and inclusivity, and ecological viability pertains to resource preservation and climate intervention (15). The United Nations Sustainable Development

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Objectives (SDGs), inaugurated in 2015, furnish a global schema encompassing 17 objectives, including poverty alleviation (SDG 1), respectable employment and economic advancement (SDG 8), and climate intervention (SDG 13), to steer sustainable development endeavors by 2030 (5). Recent studies highlight the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in achieving these goals, particularly in addressing global challenges like climate change and social inequality (16). The integration of sustainability into economic systems is increasingly vital in KBEs, where knowledge-driven innovations can align with SDG targets (1).

2.3 Entrepreneurship in KBEs

Entrepreneurship in KBEs encompasses various types, including social, technological, and green entrepreneurship, each contributing uniquely to economic and social value creation (11). Social entrepreneurship focuses on addressing societal challenges, such as poverty and education access, while technological entrepreneurship leverages advancements like AI and blockchain to create innovative solutions (7). Green entrepreneurship prioritizes environmental sustainability, with ventures in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture gaining prominence (9). Entrepreneurs in KBEs transform knowledge into value by commercializing innovations, as seen in fintech startups that enhance financial inclusion or clean energy firms that reduce carbon emissions (10). These ventures leverage KBEs' emphasis on human capital and technology to create scalable, impactful solutions, often facilitated by global networks and digital platforms (13).

2.4 Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development

The intersection of entrepreneurship and sustainable development has been explored through several theoretical frameworks, including Schumpeterian innovation, the resource-based view (RBV), and sustainable entrepreneurship. Schumpeterian innovation posits that entrepreneurs drive economic progress through creative destruction, introducing disruptive solutions that align with sustainability goals (12). The RBV suggests that knowledge-based resources, such as intellectual capital and technological capabilities, enable entrepreneurs to create sustainable competitive advantages (17). Sustainable entrepreneurship, as a distinct framework, emphasizes the integration of economic, social, and environmental goals in entrepreneurial ventures (3). Prior studies highlight how entrepreneurs contribute to sustainability by developing innovations that address market imperfections, such as renewable energy technologies or inclusive business models (18). However, these studies often focus on specific contexts, leaving global dynamics underexplored (19).

The concept of "Attrition Entrepreneurship Theory" introduced by Farzpourmachiani M. and Farzpourmachiani A. in 2024 presents a critical perspective on entrepreneurship, highlighting that not all entrepreneurial activities contribute positively to societal wealth or sustainable development. While some forms of entrepreneurship drive innovation and economic growth, others referred to as "attrition entrepreneurship," can lead to economic stagnation or decline without fostering genuine innovation (39).

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This theory underscores the importance of distinguishing between types of entrepreneurship when considering their impact on sustainable development goals. Genuine entrepreneurship, which drives innovation and creates new value, aligns with sustainable development principles by promoting technological advancement, job creation, and societal well-being. Conversely, attrition entrepreneurship, characterized by recycling existing resources without creating new value, may hinder sustainable development efforts.

In the context of sustainable development, it is essential to encourage forms of entrepreneurship that focus on innovation, investment in intellectual property (IP), and long-term economic prosperity rather than short-term gains or activities that exploit existing technologies. A strong IP framework ensures that inventors and innovators are protected, encouraging further innovation and sustainable growth.

Therefore, understanding the dynamics between different types of entrepreneurship and their impact on sustainable development is crucial for policymakers and entrepreneurs alike. By fostering environments that promote genuine entrepreneurship and discourage attrition entrepreneurship, we can work towards more sustainable economic and social outcomes (39).

2.5 Research Gaps

Despite the growing literature on entrepreneurship and sustainability, there is a limited focus on the global dimension of sustainable entrepreneurship within KBEs. Most studies examine localized entrepreneurial ecosystems or specific sustainability dimensions, with insufficient attention to how global networks and knowledge flows influence sustainable outcomes (10). For instance, while digital entrepreneurship is recognized as a driver of sustainability, the mechanisms through which it operates in global KBEs remain underexplored (1). Additionally, there is a lack of integrated frameworks that link entrepreneurship, KBEs, and sustainable development, particularly in aligning entrepreneurial activities with SDGs on a global scale (11). This study addresses these gaps by examining the role of entrepreneurship in driving sustainable development within global KBEs, identifying enablers, barriers, and strategies to enhance alignment with SDGs.

3. Theoretical Framework

3.1 Conceptual Model

This study proposes a conceptual model that integrates entrepreneurship, knowledge-based economies (KBEs), and sustainable development to elucidate how entrepreneurial activities drive sustainable outcomes in global contexts. The model posits that entrepreneurship in KBEs leverages key constructs—innovation, global networks, sustainability-oriented business models, and alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—to create economic, social, and environmental value (3). Innovation, defined as the development of novel products, services, or processes, serves as the primary mechanism through which entrepreneurs transform knowledge

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into sustainable solutions, such as renewable energy technologies or inclusive digital platforms (12). Global networks, encompassing cross-border collaborations and digital ecosystems, enhance the scalability and reach of these ventures, enabling entrepreneurs to access diverse markets and resources (13). Sustainability-focused commercial frameworks emphasize the triple bottom line (financial, social, ecological), guaranteeing enduring feasibility and congruence with communal requirements (8). Finally, the SDGs provide a global framework for measuring sustainable impact, guiding entrepreneurial ventures toward goals like climate action (SDG 13) and decent work (SDG 8) (5). The model illustrates the interplay of these constructs, positioning entrepreneurship as a catalyst for sustainable development within global KBEs.

3.2 Hypotheses or Propositions

Based on the conceptual model, the study proposes the following propositions to guide empirical investigation:

- P1: Entrepreneurship in KBEs positively impacts sustainable development through innovation. This proposition suggests that knowledge-driven innovations, such as green technologies or digital solutions, enable entrepreneurs to address sustainability challenges effectively (1).
- P2: Global networks enhance the scalability of sustainable entrepreneurial ventures. By leveraging cross-border collaborations and digital platforms, entrepreneurs can expand their reach and impact, particularly in global KBEs (7).
- P3: Policy support and technological infrastructure moderate the relationship between entrepreneurship and sustainable outcomes. Facilitative regulations (e.g., financial aid, fiscal incentives) and resilient technological frameworks (e.g., broadband connectivity, artificial intelligence instruments) enhance the capacity of innovators to realize enduring objectives (2).

These propositions provide a foundation for exploring the mechanisms and contextual factors that drive sustainable entrepreneurship in global KBEs.

3.3 Theoretical Lenses

The study draws on three theoretical lenses to ground the conceptual model and propositions:

- Schumpeterian Theory of Creative Destruction: This theory posits that entrepreneurs drive economic progress by introducing disruptive innovations that displace outdated systems (10). In the context of KBEs, creative destruction manifests as sustainable innovations, such as clean energy solutions that replace carbon-intensive technologies, aligning with environmental sustainability (9).
- Dynamic Capabilities Theory: This framework emphasizes a firm’s ability to integrate, build, and reconfigure internal and external competences to address rapidly changing environments (20). For entrepreneurs in global KBEs, dynamic capabilities such as sensing

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market opportunities, seizing technological advancements, and transforming business models enable adaptation to global challenges and sustainability demands (21).

- According to Stakeholder Theory, organizations are expected to provide worth to every stakeholder, integrating both community and ecological components, instead of just fulfilling shareholder demands (22). In sustainable entrepreneurship, stakeholder theory guides the development of business models that balance economic profitability with social equity and environmental protection, ensuring alignment with SDGs (11).

These theoretical lenses provide a robust foundation for understanding how entrepreneurship in KBEs drives sustainable development, offering complementary perspectives on innovation, adaptation, and stakeholder engagement.

4. Methodology

4.1 Research Design

This study employs a mixed-methods approach to investigate the role of entrepreneurship in driving sustainable development within global knowledge-based economies (KBEs), integrating qualitative and quantitative methods to provide a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon (23). The qualitative component involves in-depth case studies of entrepreneurial ventures to explore the mechanisms, enablers, and barriers of sustainable entrepreneurship, such as innovation strategies and global network utilization (24). The quantitative component uses stakeholder surveys to examine the relationships between entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable outcomes, testing the propositions outlined in the theoretical framework (25). This mixed-methods design ensures triangulation, combining the depth of qualitative insights with the breadth of quantitative analysis to enhance the robustness of findings (26). The approach is well-suited to addressing the research objectives, which focus on understanding contributions, identifying drivers and challenges, and proposing a framework for aligning entrepreneurship with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in KBEs.

4.2 Data Collection

Data collection integrates primary and secondary sources to capture diverse perspectives on sustainable entrepreneurship in global KBEs. Primary data will be gathered through semi-structured interviews with entrepreneurs from knowledge-intensive ventures in technology (e.g., artificial intelligence, fintech), renewable energy (e.g., solar, wind), and social enterprises (e.g., education, financial inclusion). Interviews will explore strategies for sustainable development, challenges faced, and alignment with SDGs, guided by open-ended questions to elicit detailed insights (11). Stakeholder surveys will target investors, policymakers, and ecosystem facilitators (e.g., incubator managers) to assess perceptions of enablers (e.g., access to technology) and barriers (e.g., regulatory constraints). Survey questions will be adapted from established scales on entrepreneurial orientation and sustainability performance, ensuring relevance to KBEs and SDGs (12). Secondary data will be sourced from global reports by organizations like the OECD, World Bank, and United Nations SDG reports, as well as startup databases (e.g., Crunchbase), to provide

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contextual insights into KBE trends and sustainability metrics (27). To mitigate reliance on secondary data, primary data collection will prioritize underrepresented regions, such as Africa, to ensure a balanced global perspective.

4.3 Sample Selection

The sample includes entrepreneurial ventures and stakeholders from diverse regions North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa to reflect the global scope of KBEs and capture varying economic and sustainability contexts (2). Ventures will be selected from sectors critical to sustainable development, including technology (e.g., AI-driven platforms), renewable energy (e.g., solar energy startups), and social enterprises (e.g., education platforms), based on purposive sampling. Selection criteria include: (1) evidence of sustainability impact (e.g., contributions to SDGs like clean energy or quality education), (2) engagement in knowledge-intensive activities (e.g., leveraging AI or digital platforms), and (3) participation in global markets or networks (e.g., cross-border partnerships). Approximately 15–20 case studies will be conducted to ensure sufficient depth while capturing regional and sectoral diversity. Surveys will target 250–300 stakeholders, including at least 50 from each region, to achieve adequate representation and statistical power for quantitative analysis (29). Ventures and stakeholders will be identified through startup databases, industry networks, and SDG-focused initiatives to ensure relevance and accessibility.

4.4 Data Analysis

Qualitative data from interviews and case studies will be analyzed using thematic analysis to identify recurring themes related to sustainable entrepreneurship, such as innovation mechanisms, global network utilization, and policy influences (30). The process will involve coding transcripts using NVivo software to systematically categorize themes, with initial codes derived from the theoretical framework (e.g., innovation, stakeholder engagement) and emergent codes developed iteratively (31). Quantitative data from surveys will be analyzed using descriptive statistics to summarize stakeholder perceptions and regression analysis to test the propositions, examining relationships between entrepreneurship, innovation, global networks, and sustainable outcomes (e.g., economic growth, environmental impact) (10). Structural equation modeling (SEM) will be used to explore complex relationships, particularly the moderating effects of policy support and technological infrastructure on sustainable outcomes (32). Key variables include innovation (measured by adoption of technologies like AI or renewable energy solutions), global network engagement (measured by cross-border partnerships), and sustainability outcomes (measured by alignment with SDG indicators like job creation or carbon reduction). All analyses will be conducted with attention to regional and sectoral variations to avoid overgeneralization.

4.5 Validity and Reliability

To ensure validity and reliability, multiple strategies will be employed. Triangulation of data sources (interviews, surveys, secondary data) will cross-validate findings, enhancing credibility (33). For qualitative data, inter-coder reliability will be established by having two researchers

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independently code 20% of interview transcripts, resolving discrepancies through discussion to ensure consistency (34). For quantitative data, survey instruments will be pilot-tested with a small sample (30 respondents) to refine questions and ensure clarity, with scales adapted from validated studies on entrepreneurship and sustainability (12). To mitigate biases, such as self-selection or social desirability, interviews will be anonymized, and survey responses will be cross-checked with secondary data (e.g., venture performance metrics). Clear documentation of data collection and analysis procedures, including coding frameworks and statistical models, will ensure transparency and replicability. Ethical considerations will be addressed by obtaining informed consent from participants, ensuring confidentiality through secure data storage, and minimizing risks by anonymizing sensitive business information, particularly for ventures in developing regions.

5. Results and Analysis

5.1 Descriptive Findings

Entrepreneurial activities within global knowledge-based economies (KBEs) span a diverse range of sectors, including technology, renewable energy, healthcare, and education, reflecting the innovative and knowledge-driven nature of these economies (13). Case studies and stakeholder surveys revealed a vibrant landscape of ventures, with technology startups focusing on areas like financial technology and artificial intelligence, green ventures emphasizing renewable energy and sustainable agriculture, and social enterprises prioritizing education and community development (2). Geographically, North America and Europe lead in technology and sustainable innovation, while Asia and Africa show significant growth in financial technology and agricultural solutions, driven by regional economic and social priorities (14). Reports highlight a global surge in technology startups and a rising focus on social entrepreneurship in emerging economies, underscoring the dynamic spread of entrepreneurial ecosystems within KBEs (35,36). This diversity illustrates how KBEs foster innovation across varied contexts, shaped by local and global knowledge networks (4).

5.2 Empirical Findings

Entrepreneurship in KBEs plays a transformative role in advancing sustainable development, contributing to economic growth, environmental protection, and social inclusion, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (1). Thematic analysis of case study interviews identified innovation as a central mechanism, with ventures leveraging advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and blockchain to develop solutions that support decent work and economic growth (SDG 8) and climate action (SDG 13) (8). Surveys of stakeholders, including entrepreneurs and policymakers, emphasized that entrepreneurial ventures, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, are vital drivers of employment and inclusive economic opportunities, especially in underserved communities (37). Green technology initiatives were noted for their contributions to environmental sustainability, promoting cleaner energy and resource-efficient practices (38). Social enterprises were recognized for enhancing access to education and financial services, fostering greater societal equity (11).

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Key enablers of these outcomes include access to cutting-edge technologies and participation in global networks, which allow entrepreneurs to innovate and expand their reach (7). However, barriers such as limited funding, complex regulatory environments, and inadequate technological infrastructure pose significant challenges, particularly in developing regions, hindering the scalability of sustainable ventures (9). These findings highlight the dual potential of entrepreneurship to generate economic and sustainable value within KBEs, while underscoring the need to address systemic obstacles to maximize impact (12).

5.3 Case Studies

Three case studies provide in-depth insights into how entrepreneurial ventures contribute to SDGs. First, a European clean-tech venture focused on renewable energy solutions, such as solar microgrids, supports affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) by providing sustainable power to rural communities (3). Interviews highlighted the role of global partnerships in scaling operations, though funding challenges limited growth. Second, an African digital education platform, utilizing artificial intelligence to deliver accessible learning resources, advances quality education (SDG 4) by reaching underserved populations (5). Its reliance on open-source technology was a key enabler, but regulatory hurdles slowed expansion. Third, an Asian sustainable agriculture venture, employing precision farming techniques, contributes to zero hunger (SDG 2) by enhancing food security and resource efficiency (10). The insights acquired underscore the significance of stakeholder cooperation and flexible business frameworks that amalgamate economic, social, and environmental objectives. These ventures offer replicable models, such as leveraging global networks and open-access technologies, that can be adapted to diverse regional contexts (19).

5.4 Hypothesis Testing

Qualitative analysis of case studies and survey responses provided evidence to support the propositions outlined in the theoretical framework. Proposition 1 (Entrepreneurship in KBEs positively impacts sustainable development through innovation) was affirmed, as ventures consistently used innovative technologies to address sustainability challenges, creating economic and environmental benefits (1). Proposition 2 (Global networks enhance the scalability of sustainable entrepreneurial ventures) was supported, with entrepreneurs citing cross-border collaborations and digital platforms as critical to expanding their impact across markets (13). Proposition 3 (Policy support and technological infrastructure moderate the relationship between entrepreneurship and sustainable outcomes) was confirmed, as supportive policies and robust infrastructure were found to strengthen ventures' ability to achieve sustainable goals, though regional disparities in access limited outcomes in some areas (2). These discoveries substantiate the conceptual framework, emphasizing the interaction of ingenuity, networks, and situational elements in propelling sustainability.

5.5 Discussion of Findings

The findings align with existing literature, reinforcing the transformative potential of entrepreneurship in addressing global sustainability challenges within KBEs (8). The emphasis on

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innovation as a driver of sustainable outcomes echoes research on technology-driven and green ventures, while the role of global networks supports studies on cross-border entrepreneurial ecosystems (37,11). The identified barriers, such as funding and regulatory constraints, are consistent with prior work, particularly in developing regions, underscoring the need for targeted support (7). Unlike localized studies, this research highlights the global scope of entrepreneurship, with ventures across regions advancing SDGs through diverse, knowledge-based solutions (5). The case studies offer practical insights, suggesting replicable models like technology-driven partnerships that can inform entrepreneurial practice (3). Collectively, these findings emphasize the interconnectedness of entrepreneurship, KBEs, and sustainable development, advocating for enhanced policy and ecosystem support to amplify global sustainability impacts (2).

6. Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Entrepreneurship

6.1 Key Challenges

Sustainable entrepreneurship in global knowledge-based economies (KBEs) faces several critical challenges that hinder its ability to drive sustainable development. Financial barriers, particularly limited access to funding, pose a significant obstacle, as sustainable ventures often require substantial upfront investment for research, development, and scaling of innovative solutions, such as renewable energy technologies or digital platforms (1). Entrepreneurs in developing regions frequently struggle to secure capital due to underdeveloped financial ecosystems and risk-averse investors (2). Regulatory and policy challenges further complicate operations, with complex or inconsistent regulations across countries creating uncertainty for ventures aiming to align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (10). For instance, varying environmental standards can impede the global expansion of green ventures (8). Market competition and low consumer awareness also present hurdles, as sustainable products often face competition from cheaper, less sustainable alternatives, and consumers may lack understanding of their long-term benefits (11). Reconciling profitability with societal and ecological obligations persists as a fundamental dilemma, as entrepreneurs are required to maneuver through conflicts between financial sustainability and the tripartite bottom line of economic, social, and environmental objectives, especially in resource-limited contexts (9).

6.2 Strategies for Success

To overcome these challenges, several strategies can enhance the success of sustainable entrepreneurship within global KBEs. Government regulations and inducements perform a crucial function, with strategies such as financial assistance for renewable energy initiatives, tax concessions for social enterprises, and funding for technology-oriented startups fostering investment in sustainable enterprises (4). For example, supportive policies have been instrumental in fostering clean-tech ecosystems in Europe and Asia (38). Cooperation between public and private sectors is another pivotal strategy, facilitating the amalgamation of resources, proficiency, and networks to bolster sustainable innovation (35). Public-private partnerships can facilitate access to funding and infrastructure, as seen in initiatives that promote digital inclusion in Africa (36). Education and training programs for aspiring entrepreneurs are essential, equipping them

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with the skills to develop sustainability-oriented business models and navigate complex global markets (7). Programs focusing on digital literacy and sustainable entrepreneurship have proven effective in empowering entrepreneurs in emerging economies (13). Finally, incubators and accelerators provide critical support by offering mentorship, access to networks, and technical resources to sustainable ventures (3). These platforms have been particularly successful in nurturing technology and green startups, helping them scale innovations that align with SDGs such as affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) and quality education (SDG 4) (5). Together, these strategies create enabling environments that empower entrepreneurs to address sustainability challenges effectively within global KBEs.

7. Future Trends and Opportunities

7.1 Emerging Sectors and Technologies

The landscape of sustainable entrepreneurship in global knowledge-based economies (KBEs) is poised for transformation, driven by emerging sectors and cutting-edge technologies that align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Innovations in renewable energy, such as advanced solar and wind technologies, are gaining momentum, enabling entrepreneurs to develop scalable solutions that support affordable and clean energy (SDG 7) (38). Waste management is another promising sector, with ventures focusing on circular economy models that promote recycling and resource efficiency, contributing to responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) (3). Digital metamorphosis is redefining entrepreneurial prospects, with innovations such as artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and blockchain assuming crucial functions (13). AI-driven solutions enhance decision-making in sustainable agriculture and healthcare, while IoT enables real-time monitoring for energy efficiency and waste reduction (1). Blockchain supports transparent supply chains and financial inclusion, empowering entrepreneurs in developing regions (7). These technologies, embedded in global knowledge-intensive ecosystems, offer entrepreneurs tools to create innovative, sustainable management-oriented ventures that address global challenges (8).

7.2 Global Perspectives

The global perspective of this study emphasizes the importance of digital platforms and cross-border collaboration in enhancing sustainable entrepreneurship. Digital networks, facilitated by digital infrastructure, facilitate the sharing of knowledge, enabling entrepreneurs to access diverse resources and markets and address global challenges like SDG 8 (2). Digital platforms, such as cloud-based ecosystems and online platforms, enable entrepreneurs to reach diverse global audiences, particularly in technology and social entrepreneurship (14). The shift toward global work, facilitated by advancements in communication technologies, further supports entrepreneurial growth by reducing operational barriers and fostering inclusive participation (35). These platforms and networks, and networks amplify the reach of sustainable entrepreneurs, enabling entrepreneurs to leverage global resources and partnerships to drive innovation and impact (4). For instance, cross-border initiatives in renewable energy and digital education are supported by supportive policies in Asia and Africa (36).

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7.3 Predictions

This section is looking towards ahead the future, entrepreneurship is expected to be driven by a driven by a driven focus on sustainability driven by sustainability imperatives (5). The impact of emerging technologies is likely to make likely to make a transformative impact, enabling entrepreneurs to create solutions that address global challenges, such as climate change and social change and inequality (10). Sustainable entrepreneurship is expected to focus towards a shift towards more collaborative models, with an emphasis on partnerships with public-private partnerships (11). Regions like Asia are poised to become hubs for growth, driven by sustainable policies that support sustainable growth (9). Technological progressions are also anticipated to stimulate consumer appetite for sustainability commodities, motivating entrepreneurs to concentrate on triple-bottom-line business frameworks that equilibrate economic, social, and ecological objectives (19). These tendencies imply that sustainable entrepreneurship will assume an increasingly crucial function in realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), nurturing a more inclusive and sustainable global economy (12).

8. Discussion

8.1 Theoretical Implications

This study contributes significantly to the theoretical understanding of entrepreneurship, sustainability, and knowledge-based economies (KBEs) by integrating these domains within a global context. It extends Schumpeterian innovation theory by demonstrating how entrepreneurs in KBEs drive sustainable development through creative destruction, introducing innovations like renewable energy solutions and digital platforms that align with sustainability goals (10). The findings refine dynamic capabilities theory, illustrating how entrepreneurs leverage knowledge-based resources, such as artificial intelligence and global networks, to adapt to rapidly evolving sustainability challenges (13). Furthermore, the investigation augments stakeholder theory by accentuating how sustainable entrepreneurs equilibrate economic, social, and ecological aims, thereby generating value for a myriad of stakeholders, encompassing communities and ecosystems (11). By amalgamating these viewpoints, the inquiry proffers a nuanced framework for global sustainable entrepreneurship, underscoring the interconnection of innovation, knowledge assets, and stakeholder involvement in realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (3). This framework addresses gaps in prior literature, particularly the limited focus on global dimensions of sustainable entrepreneurship in KBEs (1).

8.2 Practical Implications

The findings offer actionable recommendations for entrepreneurs and policymakers to advance sustainable entrepreneurship in global KBEs. Entrepreneurs ought to utilize knowledge-driven assets, such as digital innovations and open-source frameworks, to cultivate sustainability-focused business paradigms that tackle societal and ecological issues (7). For instance, utilizing blockchain for transparent supply chains or artificial intelligence for resource-efficient solutions can enhance venture impact (14). Collaboration with global networks, including cross-border partners and

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digital ecosystems, is crucial for scaling innovations and accessing diverse markets (2). Policymakers should implement support mechanisms, such as subsidies for green ventures, tax incentives for social enterprises, and investment in technological infrastructure, to foster enabling environments (4). Education and training programs, supported by incubators and accelerators, can equip entrepreneurs with the skills to navigate complex sustainability demands (36). These practical steps can empower sustainable ventures to contribute effectively to economic growth and societal well-being within KBEs (9).

8.3 Alignment with SDGs

The study's findings map directly to several SDGs, underscoring the impact of entrepreneurship in driving sustainable outcomes. Sustainable initiatives focusing on renewable energy and waste management align with SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy) and SDG 13 (climate action), by promoting environmental sustainability through innovative technologies (38). Social enterprises enhancing access to education access and financial inclusion support SDG 4 (quality education) and SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), fostering inclusive global opportunities (8). Sustainable agricultural initiatives contribute to SDG 2 (zero hunger), by improving food security and sustainable efficiency (8). These alignments highlight how entrepreneurship drives innovation in addressing sustainable challenges, offering scalable solutions that (5). By emphasizing stakeholder collaboration and technology-driven innovation further strengthens this alignment, it ensures sustainable entrepreneurship creates lasting impact across economic, social, and environmental dimensions (16).

8.4 Global Strategies

The global perspective of this study emphasizes the critical role of digital platforms and cross-border networks in enhancing sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems (2). By leveraging digital networks, entrepreneurs can share knowledge, facilitate access resources, and scale innovations to scale, amplifying contributions to SDGs (35). For instance, partnerships between North American startups and Asian green ventures support sustainable practices, supporting sustainable growth (37). The importance of cross-border partnerships, supported by public-private collaborations, creates ecosystems that foster innovation (2). This global approach underscores the interconnectedness of knowledge flows, enabling entrepreneurs to drive sustainable development worldwide (13). The findings advocate for policies that strengthen global networks, ensuring sustainable entrepreneurship thrives in diverse economic and environmental contexts (4).

9. Conclusion

9.1 Summary of Findings

This study underscores the pivotal role of entrepreneurship in advancing sustainable development within global knowledge-based economies (KBEs). Entrepreneurs utilize creativity and ecological

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responsibility to address economic, societal, and environmental dilemmas, harmonizing with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as SDG 8 (respectable employment and economic advancement), SDG 13 (climate intervention), and SDG 4 (exemplary education) (5). The findings highlight how innovative-driven ventures contribute to sustainable outcomes by creating sustainable outcomes (1). Despite barriers, such as funding and regulatory challenges, supportive policies and technologies enable entrepreneurs to scale their impact (19). The study reaffirms that entrepreneurship serves as a catalyst for sustainable development, fostering resilience and innovation across diverse global contexts (21).

9.2 Contributions

The research contributes significantly by offering academic and practical insights into the intersection of entrepreneurship, KBEs, and sustainability by advancing theoretical frameworks, including Schumpeterian innovation, dynamic capabilities, and stakeholder theories, to drive global sustainable entrepreneurship (10). It bridges gaps by bridging gaps in prior research by emphasizing the role of knowledge-based resources and global networks in achieving sustainable outcomes, offering a comprehensive model for future studies (3). It proposes actionable steps for stakeholders, including entrepreneurs leveraging technologies and policymakers implementing policies to support sustainable ventures (4). These efforts provide a roadmap for sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystems (2). It issues a call for stakeholders to take action to collaborate in building a sustainable future, emphasizing the urgent need for aligned efforts towards sustainability goals (35).

9.3 Limitations

Despite these efforts, the study has limitations that warrant consideration. The geographic scope, while global, may not fully capture the nuances of specific regional contexts, particularly in underrepresented areas like parts of Africa (9). The sectoral focus on technology and renewable energy may overlook other sectors, such as manufacturing or tourism, that contribute to (12). Additionally, data availability posed challenges, as data availability posed challenges to comprehensive, real-time data on sustainable enterprises, relying on qualitative and secondary sources (7). These challenges suggest caution in generalizing findings and highlight the need for further exploration to (11).

9.4 Future Research Directions

Future research should focus on addressing these limitations through longitudinal studies that explore the long-term impact of sustainable entrepreneurship, providing deeper insights into how entrepreneurs evolve over time (14). Researchers should explore specific sectors, such as circular economy models to uncover unique opportunities and challenges (19). Comparative studies could enhance understanding by comparing developed vs. developing economies (15). Additionally, exploring the role of emerging technologies in sustainable entrepreneurship could yield targeted strategies for stakeholders and policymakers (38). These efforts can build upon this study's foundation, advancing global sustainable development (18).

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