



The Role of Science and Technology in Socio-Economic Sustainable Development

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Throughout history, science and technology have influenced the direction and pace of socio-economic development. Today, with dynamic advances of science and new technological applications, the impact of S&T on economic development, especially in advanced economies, is significant, leading to exponential growth of investment in R&D and innovation. Often, the main motivation behind these investments is the improvement of the competitiveness of the national economies. At the same time, the world is facing a number of global challenges. These include the impact of climate change, protection of biodiversity, digital and emerging technologies including artificial intelligence, sustainability of natural resources, food security, to distribution of global income and sustainable socio-economic development. The role of science and technology is essential in finding answers to these challenges. Yet, the key question is how to best support research, which will aim at these global challenges and provide input in sustainable socio-economic development.





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