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Addressing the Challenges of Sustainable Development in Transition Countries: Progress in Environmental Research and Climate-Resilient Development

Message from the Guest Editors

Attaining sustainability presents a significant challenge for numerous societies, particularly for transition countries. Developing economies often exhibit a significant dependence on natural resources, which renders them particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. Environmental pollution disturbs economic development, intensifies poverty and inequality across urban and rural landscapes, and plays a substantial role in climate change, which can lead to a greater frequency and severity of extreme weather events. Although transition countries have the lowest per capita contributions to global warming, they are among the most affected by climate change and pollution since they often lack the resources to shield their populations from the adverse effects. This Special Issue focuses on current challenges in research on environmental and climate change issues in developing countries, as well as their impact on health, ecosystems, and the economy. Contributors are invited to share their research on meeting the challenges of sustainable development in transition countries with a focus on environmental research advances and climate-resilient development.

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