Sustainable Development- A Bibliometric Perspective

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Abstract

Technological advancements have made our lives very easy. But at the same time it has also raised environmental concerns which has challenged and created various environmental problems. Over the last years the society has felt a pressing need for sustainable development and therefore the governmental organizations as well as non govermental organizations are emphasizing on Sustainable development. This paper tries to review the existing literature using bibliometric analysis on Sustainable development and rechristens concept of Sustainable development. This paper also aims at identifying various challenges that are being posed to Sustainable development.

Introduction

In the recent years there has been a humungous change in the ecology-development concerns. In no time the concept of Sustainable Development (SD) has created a big concern. It has now become a hotcake for national and international organizations. It has also got a solid support from the environmentalists, non governmental organizations across the world."Sustainable development is simply concerned withis development that is aimed at fulfilling the present needs ,without affecting the ability of upcoming generations to cater and satisfy their own requirements."

This paper adds to the existing literature in the following manner. Firstly, it determines the previous literature that analyses the concept of sustainable development for the society.

Secondly, this study adds on to the current discussion on the topic of sustainability of the world. Third, it also explains the issues and hurdles in the path of sustainable development and also offers probable solution in order to eradicate these hurdles and challenges that are being posed to sustainability and sustainable development in order to maximize social welfare. The paper is being organized and structured in the given manner. The second section of the paper communicates the conceptual and theoretical framework of sustainable development. The third section of this paper emphazises on the international research and developments on sustainability and sustainable development. The fourth section presents some areas for future research. The sixth section presents the conclusion of the study.

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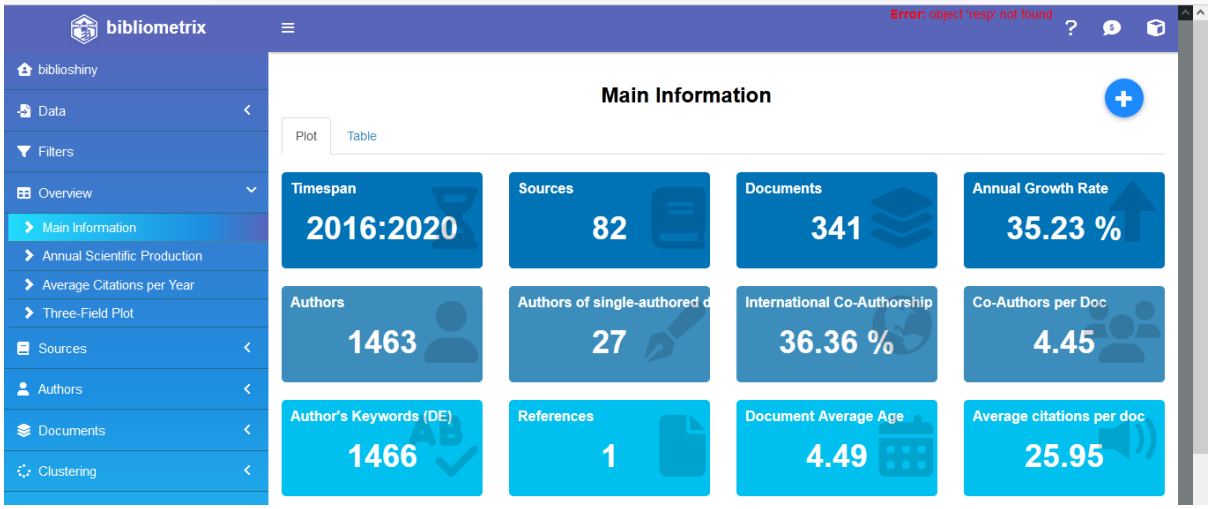

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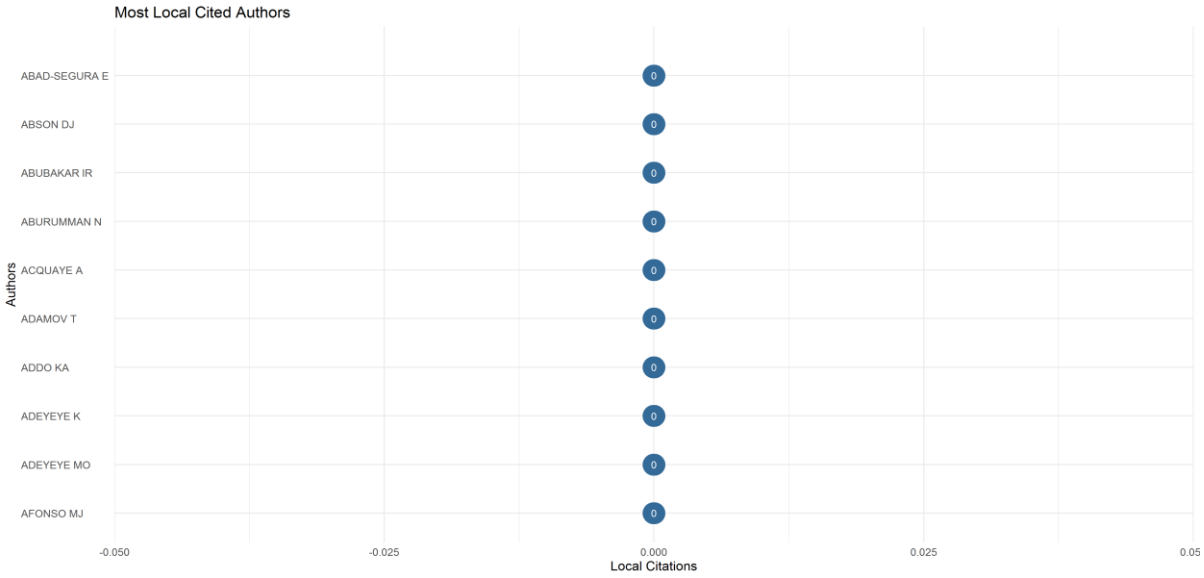

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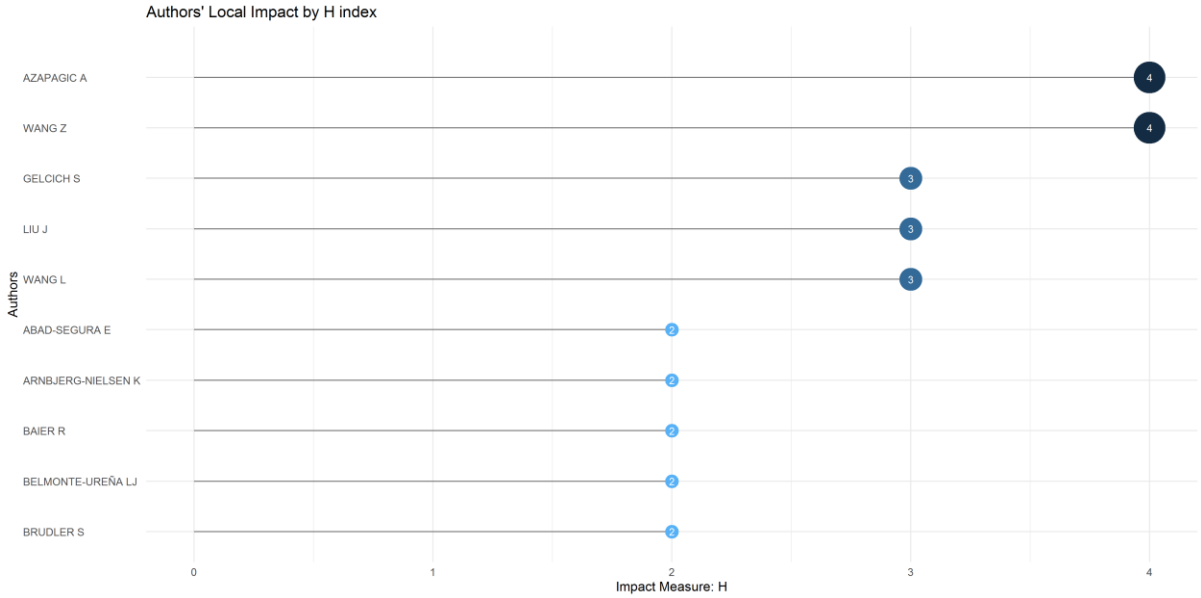

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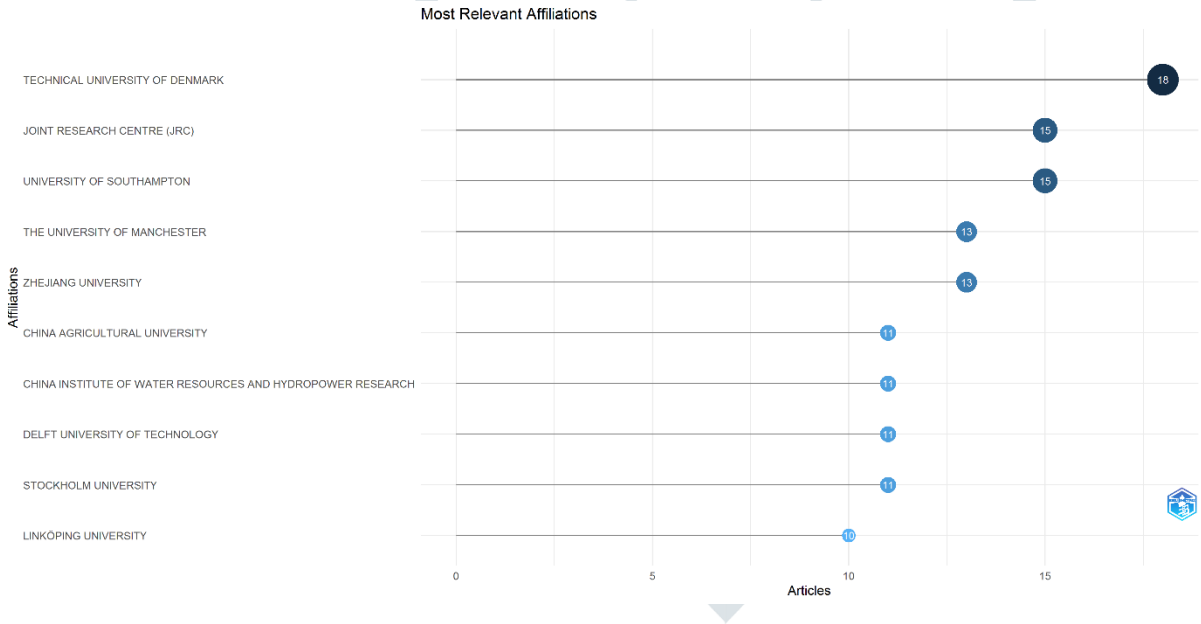

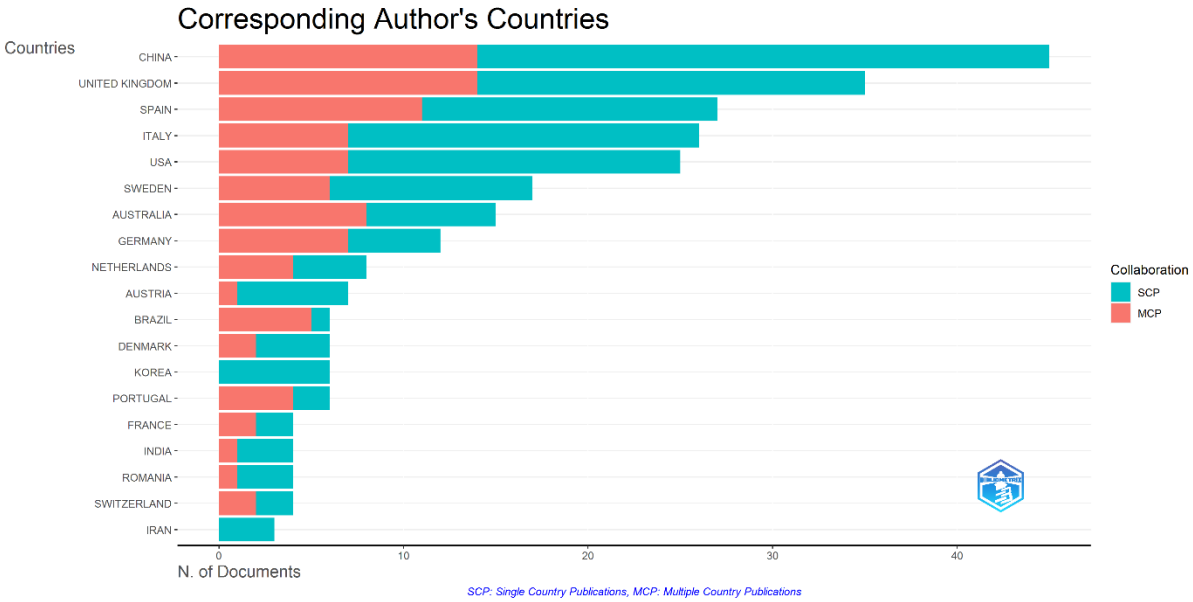

Concept of Sustainable Development

A 1987 United Nations report titled "Our Common Future," now more often known as the "Brundtland Report of the Global Commission on Environment and Development 1987," provided the first description of sustainable development. According to its definition, sustainable development is described as development that satisfies current demands without jeopardising the capacity of future generations to satiate their own needs (United Nations 1987). Sustainability definition is a difficult issue. The term "sustainable development" was originally used in a 1987 United Nations study titled "Our Common Future," which is now more commonly referred to as the "Brundtland Report of the Global Commission on Environment and Development 1987." Sustainable development, according to its definition, is development that satisfies present demands without endangering the ability of future generations to meet their own requirements (United Nations 1987). The problem of sustainability definition is complex.

Sustainable development is a guiding principle that attempts to achieve human development objectives while allowing natural systems to support essential ecosystem and natural resources for people. A community where living circumstances and resources satisfy human needs without jeopardising the integrity and stability of the natural system is the desired outcome. Sustainable development was described as "development that meets the requirements of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs" in the Brundtland Report of 1987. The modern definition of sustainable development emphasises the development of the economy, the advancement of society, and the preservation of the environment for future generations.

Objectives of the Study

The research has been conducted to achieve following objectives:

1. To understand the concept of Sustainable development.
2. To review the existing literature on sustainable development using bibliometric analysis.
3. To identify the key challenges to sustainable development.

Research Methodology

The study has been done using bibliometric analysis. For this the existing literature has been taken through various databases like Scopus, Pubmed etc.

Research Design- The research design is descriptive in nature.

Conclusions and Way ahead

Those who support SD must choose between the impulse to take firm positions on important issues and the need to win widespread political approval and support. This dilemma affects all political activity and social change initiatives. SD is being marketed as the inevitable result of objective scientific analysis, practically a historical necessity, that does not contradict the deeply ingrained normative notion of progress as economic growth. This is a lesson from ecodevelopment, which went towards the former. SD is an effort to have one's cake and eat it too, in other terms. There are various ways to modify the things that are wrong and need to be changed, thus it may be argued that this is in fact doable.

In reality, such articulation and definition are essential if SD is to avoid being either written off as another fad in development or coopted by forces hostile to changing the current quo. More specifically, advocates and analysts of SD must: (a) categorically reject any attempts (and temptations) to emphasise economic growth as a means of eradicating poverty and/or ensuring environmental sustainability; (b) acknowledge the internal contradictions and shortcomings of neoclassical economics, particularly as they relate to environmental and distributional issues; and (c) move away from complex mathematical models to more practical ones when conducting economic analyses.

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