

Expression of concern: Urbanisation, renewable energy, and carbon dioxide emissions: a pathway to achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Sub-Saharan Africa

International
Journal of Energy
Sector
Management

1883

The publisher of the *International Journal of Energy Sector Management* is issuing an Expression of Concern for the following article: Abdulqadir IA (2024), “Urbanisation, renewable energy, and carbon dioxide emissions: a pathway to achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs) in sub-Saharan Africa”. *International Journal of Energy Sector Management*, Vol. 18 No. 2 pp. 248–270, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJESM-11-2022-0032>. An investigation by the publisher found that the review for this article featured multiple similarities to other reviews provided by the reviewer, indicative of the templated content, which raises concerns as to the integrity of the review process.

As a result of these concerns and as trust in the content is central to the publication process, the journal and publisher have taken the decision to publish an Expression of Concern. This decision has been informed by [COPE’s guidelines on Expressions of Concern](#) and [Emerald’s publishing ethics](#). Emerald’s publishing ethics policies emphasise that peer reviewers are responsible for the reviews they provide and accountable for their accuracy, rigour, and validity. The publisher of the journal sincerely apologizes to the readers and authors of this article, who were not found to be involved in any malpractice.

This matter has been investigated in line with the principles outlined by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE, www.publicationethics.org) and Emerald’s publishing ethics (<https://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/publish-with-us/ethics-integrity/research-publishing-ethics#integrity0032>).



International Journal of Energy
Sector Management
Vol. 20 No. 6, 2026
p. 1883
© Emerald Publishing Limited
1750-6220
DOI 10.1108/IJESM-06-2026-0071