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The aim of the special issue (SI) is to reflect the theme of sustainable business environment: connecting business, strategies, energy, environment and sustainability and new models for evolving nations. The purpose of this special issue is to broaden discussions and find empirical evidences on the continuous improvements of business and sustainable development in different parts of the world, which extend the opportunities in the environment, globalisation, strategies, with new models to fill the gaps for a sustainable development.

Excellence in research is the key to benefiting academics, businesses, society and other relevant stakeholders at local, national, regional and international levels. The contents of the special issue disseminate information and encourage the creation of a leading learning organisation to cope with the demands of sustainable development throughout the world. This effort will build networks between research and publication, academic and society, the government and private sector, and across diverse interest groups in addressing the issues on environmental and sustainable advancement, recycling and environmental practices, the influence of cleaner production and resource efficiency, voluntary carbon reporting, urban water quality, energy performance standards environmental disclosure index and sustainable practices.

Therefore, this special issue enhances the depth of understanding about societal innovation under various sub-themes of environment and sustainable development. Further, it provides empirical evidences on innovation used in energy, environment and sustainability across the globe for sustainable development.

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