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# Developing a green building assessment tool for developing countries – Case of Jordan

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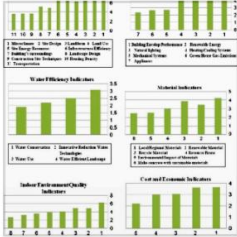
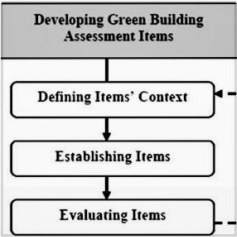
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## Abstract and Figures

The purpose of this research is to contribute to a better understanding of the concept of green building assessment tool and its role for achieving sustainable development through developing an effective green building assessment tool.

developing an effective green building rating system for residential units in Jordan in terms of the dimensions through which sustainable development tools are being produced and according to the local context. Developing such system is becoming necessary in the Developing World because of the considerable environmental, social and economical problems. Jordan as one of these countries is in need for this system, especially with poor resources and inefficient use. Therefore, this research studied international green building assessment tools such as LEED, CASBEE, BREEAM, GBTool, and others. Then defined new assessment items respecting the local conditions of Jordan and discussed them with (60) various stakeholders; 50% of them were experts of sustainable development. After selecting the assessment items they were weighted using the AHP method. The outcome of the research was a suggested green building assessment tool (SABA Green Building Assessment Rating System) – computer based program – that suits the Jordanian context in terms of environmental, social and economical perspectives.



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Low-impact construction site techniques	
Housing density (no. of units/area)	
Transportation	
Energy efficiency	
Building envelope performance	
Renewable energy	
Natural lighting/lighting	
Energy-efficient heating/cooling system	
Mechanical systems	
Green house gases emission	
Machinery/appliances	
Water efficiency	
Water reuse	
Water technologies/internal	
Water use	
Water efficiency	
Water use	
Material	
Local/regional materials	
Renewable material	
Recycle material	
Resource reuse	
Environmental impact of materials	
Indoor environment	
Occupant health and safety	
Indoor air quality performance	
Quality of life	
Increase ventilation efficiencies	
Thermal comfort	