

The Relevance of Innovation Systems to Developing Countries (Innovation and the Development Agenda)

This chapter discusses the relevance of the innovation systems perspective to Sub-Saharan African countries. It argues that so far, the main concern has been the absorption and adoption of established practice. Efforts to adapt the innovation systems framework to reflect the realities of Sub-Saharan remain limited. In addition, it notes that little attention has been attached to deepening and expanding the specific core capabilities that are fundamental to innovation for development. The importance of addressing this issue is necessary not only to tackle existing challenges but also to orient innovation towards sustainable paths.

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